MINUTES OF

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

CITY HALL

JUNE 20, 2022 – 6:15 PM

PRESENT	**MAYOR**	**TODD M. HARRELSON**
	COUNCIL	**JOAN S. GAUSE** **LEWIS C. HARDEE, JR.** **ANDREA L. COLEMAN** **CARROLL D. PADGETT, JR.** **MICHAEL E. SUGGS** **JAN P. VESCOVI**

CALL TO ORDER:
The meeting was called to order by Mayor Harrelson at 6:15 pm on Monday, June 20, 2022.

INVOCATION:
The invocation was given by Councilman Padgett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harrelson.

ROLL CALL:
The roll was called by City Clerk Massey.

FOIA:
Notice of the meeting with an agenda was publicly posted, published, and forwarded to the media no less than 24 hours prior to commencement.

BUSINESS:

A. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 04-22, AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LORIS, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023, ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

Administrator Young advised Council that the proposed budget contained no increase in millage but there was an increase in solid waste services. He advised that the rate schedule for water-sewer will be by a separate ordinance, tentatively in July. Administrator Young reiterated that the proposed budget options provided to Council were Option "A" [without the mechanic position] and Option "B" [with the mechanic position]. He added that there is an increase for sanitation services due to Jordan Waste increasing the fees in the City's contract.

Attorney Moss informed Council that budgets for surrounding municipalities and counties have included significant personnel changes regarding salaries and bonuses and added that Council may need to revisit that subject matter again midyear.

Motion made by Councilwoman Vescovi to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 04-22 Budget "A" for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; Seconded by Councilwoman Coleman. All members voted in favor; the Motion passed.

B. UPDATE ON THE CITY OF LORIS MASTER PLAN

Administrator Young stated that he attended a conference with the Main Street Program and understood that Loris was previously part of this program. He added that it was a beneficial conference to learn about the different municipalities throughout South Carolina. Administrator Young added that this program may be an essential resource in updating the City's Master Plan and believes that Loris could qualify for a $25,000 grant from the South Carolina Municipal Association should the City pursue the Master Plan study. He provided Council with materials received from the conference. Administrator Young advised that he wishes to work closely with the Municipal Association regarding the actual advertising; a draft of which was previously provided to Council but would need revision based on the information provided at the said conference. He understood that the Master Plan study will look to address the needs of the city as a whole and not just the downtown area. Administrator Young stated that the study would consist of input from several different groups and will provide the City with better insight based on the analysis of the study. He added that there are several opportunities with the growth within Loris and being proactive will help the City in the long run.

Councilwoman Vescovi thanked Administrator Young for attending the conference for the City. She stated that the City needed to be at the front-end concerning development, with a knowledge of various new housing developments within and around Loris. Councilwoman Vescovi commented that most citizens wish to retain the smalltown characteristics and appreciated his intentions to review the City's zoning ordinances in order to preserve the City's historical integrity. She questioned Administrator Young regarding the typical timeframe of the Master Plan; Administrator Young responded that generally a five-year plan is compiled but some areas may not require five years for completion, or some may need additional time.

C. COUNCIL WILL DISCUSS A PETITION OF ANNEXATION FOR A PARCEL OF LAND WITH TMS NO. 048-03-01-007 THAT IS LOCATED ALONG HWY 701

Clerk Massey advised Council regarding receipt of a landowner's petition for annexation for Council to discuss and forward to the Planning Commission. He stated that clarification was needed concerning whether the parcel was continuous, and to determine whether this submission would be considered a petition or pre-annexation. Clerk Massey added that letters were mailed to the surrounding businesses of the said parcel. Mayor Harrelson commented that there was ample interest in that area to be annexed into the city; Administrator Young added that he had spoken with a couple of those businesses. Clerk Massey stated that he would notify the City's attorney of the next Planning Commission meeting once a date was set.

Motion made by Councilman Padgett to accept the petition subject to the City's attorney verifying the contiguity of the property to land already within the City Limits of Loris; Seconded by Councilwoman Vescovi. All members voted in favor; the Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

PUBLIC AND PRESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Councilman Padgett for adjournment; Seconded by Councilman Hardee. All members voted in favor. There being no further business, the Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

ATTEST:

TODD K. MASSEY, II
CITY CLERK

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