



**MINUTES OF
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023 –
6:00 PM**

PRESENT

MAYOR

TODD M. HARRELSON

COUNCIL

**JOAN 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 6:01pm on Monday, July 24, 2023.

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was given by Mayor Harrelson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harrelson.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called by City Clerk Graham.

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.

PUBLIC AND PRESS: None

MINUTES: Councilman Suggs stated that additional revisions were needed.

- A. JULY11, 2022- REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
- B. AUGUST 1, 2022- REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
- C. JUNE 5, 2023- REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

ORDINANCES:

- A. **1st READING – ORDINANCE 10-23- AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ELECTIONS OF THE CITY OF LORIS, SPECIFICALLY TO ESTABLISH THE TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO THE COUNTY ELECTIONS COMMISSION OF HORRY COUNTY-** Attorney Moss stated that Council previously passed the Ordinance 06-23 transferring authority to conduct elections to Horry County. The Horry County attorney reviewed the Ordinance and asked that an inter-governmental agreement be included in the language of the ordinance. The change required a new ordinance number and two readings. In the interest of time, Attorney Moss asked that Council make a motion to approve the first reading. Councilwoman Gause made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 10-23. Councilwoman Vescovi seconded the motion. Councilwoman Gause, Councilwoman Coleman, Councilwoman Vescovi, and Mayor Harrelson voted in favor of passing the ordinance. Councilman Hardee, Councilman Padgett, and Councilman Suggs voted no. Motion passed.
- B. **2nd READING-ORDINANCE 08-23, AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LORIS, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, ENDING JUNE 30, 2024-** Administrator Young gave an overview of the General Fund. There will be no millage increase in this fiscal year. The budget is around \$40,000 less than last year. Horry County will continue to collect 1.5% Hospitality Tax and the city collects .5%. This amount is estimated to be \$320,000 for the year. Tara Coe, Interim Treasurer, gave the current amounts in each of the City accounts. The Water and Sewer account includes trash payments that need to be transferred to the General Fund. The full budget will be reviewed in Executive Session.
- C. **2nd READING-ORDINANCE 09-23, AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF LORIS, SOUTH CAROLINA, WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, ENDING JUNE 30, 2024-** Administrator Young stated that some fees and charges had been increased as discussed in Executive Session. Water and Sewer generates around \$150,000 per month and the city pays Grand Strand Water and Sewer \$80,000 per month. Further discussion in Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. DISCUSSION ON CONTRACTUAL MATTERS AND PROPERTY MATTERS

B. PERSONNEL MATTERS

C. LITIGATION- OLD LORIS HIGH SCHOOL

Motion made by Councilwoman Vescovi to enter Executive Session; Seconded by Councilwoman Gause. All members voted in favor of entering Executive Session.

Motion made by Councilwoman Vescovi to exit Executive Session; Seconded by Councilman Hardee. All members voted in favor of exiting Executive Session.

Mayor Harrelson stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

Councilman Padgett made a motion approve Ordinance 08-23 that adopts a Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Councilman Hardee seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Councilman Padgett made a motion to approve Ordinance 09-23 that adopts a schedule of fees and charges for the City of Loris water and sewer system for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Councilwoman Vescovi seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Councilman Padgett for adjournment; Seconded by Councilwoman Coleman. All members voted in favor. There being no further business, the Council Meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

**BRANDY GRAHAM
CITY CLERK**

**TODD M. HARRELSON
MAYOR**

LORIS COUNCIL MEMBERS

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