

MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL - ZOOM
AUGUST 10, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT

MAYOR

TODD M. HARRELSON

COUNCIL

LEWIS C. HARDEE, JR.
TERRENCE T. HARDEE
CARROLL D. PADGETT, JR.
MICHAEL E. SUGGS
JAN P. VESCOVI

ABSENT

JOAN S. GAUSE

NEWS MEDIA present were Mrs. Jen Boyd Causey, writer for Tabor-Loris Tribune, Mr. Scott Harper, writer for The Loris Scene, and Ms. Annie Rigby, writer for The Loris Times.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Harrelson.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Councilman Lewis Hardee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harrelson.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called by Amanda F. Causey.

FOIA:

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

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor Harrelson thanked the city departments for a job well done during the recent preparations for approaching Hurricane Isaias. Advised the city was prepared and suffered no damages.

Advised he spoke with Scott Montgomery of McLeod and was advised that the Loris facility has returned to normal operations.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Recreation:

Mr. Brandon Harrelson advised that registration is now open for football and cheer. Advised that football is scheduled to be tackle but may need to be modified to non-contact due to COVID. Advised that if a child was signed up for a spring sport, and did not request a refund, those fees paid can be applied to the football/cheer registration.

Advised that Santee Cooper donated the parking lot lights that were recently installed at Watson Park. Advised that there are two new basketball goals that were donated by BSN Sports. Advised that Coastal Asphalt donated the asphalt to resurface to create the basketball court. Advised Watson Park is now available for rent and there will be COVID guidelines in place. Advised the PARD Grant playground renovations will soon begin.

Advised there are tournaments scheduled for the next two weekends.

Public Works:

Mr. Harrelson thanked the Public Works Department for the hard work in preparations for the storm.

Code Enforcement:

Advised the ally ways are currently being cleaned up. Advised the ally between Duncan and Main St. has a new water line installed.

Advised the asbestos report on the old high school has been received. Advised there is very little asbestos in the roof. Advised that he has reached out to obtain demolition estimates to provide council with an idea of associated costs.

Attorney Moss advised, for the purpose of clarification, our efforts to seek out costs associated with demolition does not in any way mean that the city feels they are obligated to pay the costs. It is simply to assist council with an understanding of the expenses the owner could possibly incur.

Administration:

Mr. Brandon Harrelson advised that he is currently reviewing the current Employee Personnel Policy and will be submitting suggested changes to the Finance and Administration Committee for review.

Advised that Edmunds has agreed to defer rollout and payment until 2021. Attorney Moss advised that based on the contract and communications with Edmunds, we cannot cancel the contract. Mr. Harrelson advised that we would rollout the new software with the beginning of the 2021 fiscal year. Advised training would be implemented in the spring of 2021.

Police Department:

Chief Buley advised that an officer has provided a two week notice and the exit interview is available for review.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Hardee advised that the COVID calls have decreased significantly. Advised that though the department was prepared for the Isaias, they did not receive any storm related calls.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. APPROVAL OF BUDGET EXPENDITURES FOR VICTIMS ADVOCATE (SUBSET OF THE APPROVED GENERAL FUND BUDGET)

Mayor Harrelson read by title only.

Attorney Moss advised the budget is required by the state and at this time the Attorney General's office has determined that 48% of the expenses can be reimbursed from the Victims Advocate fund.

A motion to adopt the Budget Expenditures for the Victims Advocate was made by Councilman Lewis Hardee, seconded by Councilman Padgett. All members voted favorably.

PUBLIC AND PRESS COMMENTS

None:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilwoman Vescovi made a motion to go into executive session for personnel and contractual matters at 6:33 pm, seconded by Councilman Terrence Hardee.

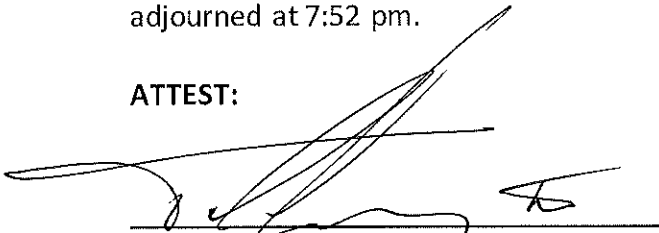
A motion was made by Councilwoman Vescovi at 7:48 pm to return from executive session, seconded by Councilman Terrence Hardee.

Mayor Harrelson advised there was no action taken on items discussed.

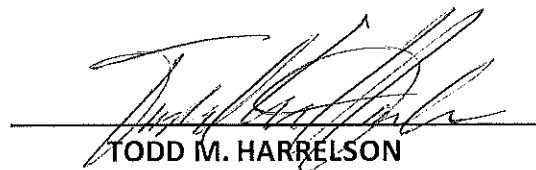
ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Terrence Hardee, seconded by Councilman Lewis Hardee to adjourn. All Members voted favorably. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

ATTEST:



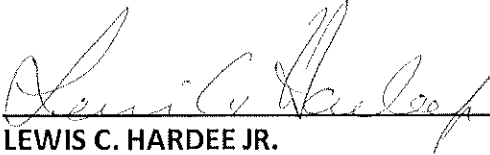
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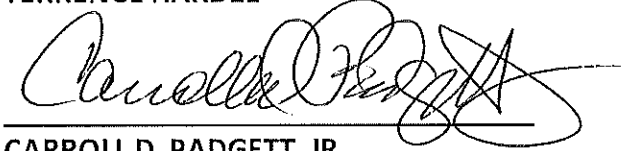
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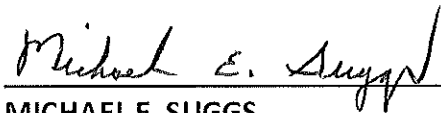
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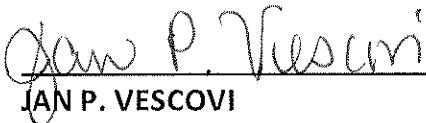
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