

MINUTES OF
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL - ZOOM
JUNE 16, 2020 – 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT
TODD M. HARRELSON

MAYOR

COUNCIL

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

NEWS MEDIA present via ZOOM 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 Councilwoman Gause.

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 commencement. It was confirmed with 6 different individuals, to include Scott Harper and Jen Boyd, that the ZOOM meeting was auditable.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor Harrelson advised that Attorney Moss was awaiting feedback for the ordinance pertaining to the separation of clerk and treasurer.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

A. DISCUSSION OF THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT VAC TRUCK

Mr. Brandon Harrelson explained that the current VAC truck was not dependable and was again in need of costly repairs. He presented Council with three (3) replacement options for consideration:

- a. 2018 Vactor – few PTO Hours-less than 5000 miles – hydro-excavating capability - \$325,000 – 5/6/7-year payment option
- b. 2017 Vactor –7,500 miles, 72 hours PTO - \$274,000 – hydro-excavating capability - 5/6-year option
- c. 2015 Vactor – 66,000 miles, PTO under 1,000 - \$225,000 payments deferred for one year

All proposed trucks come with a 6-month parts warranty.

Mr. Harrelson advised that the prices reflect the \$25,000 trade in allowance for the current vac truck. Mr. Harrelson advised that the finance company is a member of Sourcewell.

Attorney Moss advised if council agreed that the existing circumstances with the vac truck presented an emergency situation; they are legal to make the purchase.

Councilman Lewis Hardee advised that the circumstances presented defines an emergent situation.

A motion was made by Councilman Padgett to declare an emergency situation revolving around the need for a replacement vac truck, seconded by Councilman Lewis Hardee.

A motion was made by Councilman Lewis Hardee to purchase the 2017 Vactor Truck and finance the vehicle for 6 years, seconded by Councilwoman Gause.

All members voted favorably.

B. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 07-20 AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LORIS, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021, ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

Amanda Causey read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Harrelson advised that the budget is not finalized, and changes will be made.

Councilman Padgett requested a second look at the revenues. Also advised that he did not see the debt associated with the Public Safety Building.

Councilman Padgett requested clarification of the salary amount provided for Planning & Zoning. Mr. Drozdak advised that the additional salary was for an additional employee that would assist Brandon Harrelson with planning & zoning, code enforcement, and beautification projects.

Mr. Dennis Drozdak advised that the revenue item for the tournaments was adjusted to reflect a reduction after estimating the number of tournaments to be reduced by half.

Councilwoman Vescovi made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 07-20, an ordinance to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021, seconded by Councilwoman Gause.

All members voted favorably.

PUBLIC AND PRESS COMMENTS:

Mr. Scott Harper, writer with The Loris Scene, requested a copy of the budget. Mr. Nick Papantonis, journalist for WPDE, asked how the tournament reduction impacted the budget. Councilwoman Vescovi advised that due to the uncertainty with COVID, the decision was made to reduce the projected tournaments and associated revenues by half.

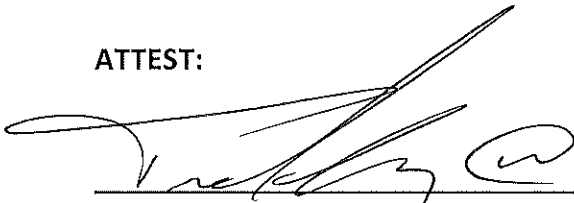
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Padgett made a motion to enter executive session for personnel and contractual matters, seconded by Councilman Terrence Hardee at 6:18 PM. A motion was made by Councilman Lewis Hardee to return from executive session, seconded by Councilman Terrence Hardee at 6:41 PM. Mayor Harrelson announced that no action was taken in executive session.

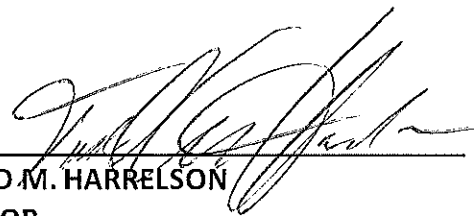
ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Vescovi, seconded by Councilman Terrence Hardee to adjourn. All Members voted favorably. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 P.M.

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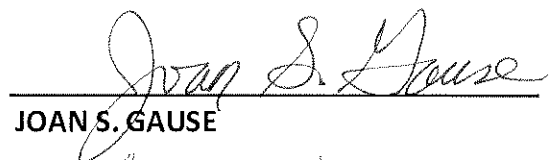


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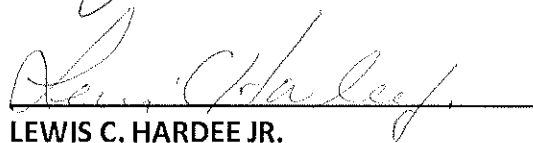


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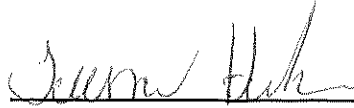
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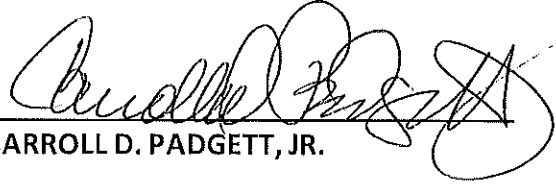
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