

**MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL - ZOOM
MAY 3, 2021 – 6:00 P.M**

PRESENT

MAYOR

TODD M. HARRELSON

COUNCIL

LEWIS C. HARDEE, JR.

CARROLL D PADGETT JR.

MICHAEL E. SUGGS

ABSENT

TERRENCE T. HARDEE

JAN P. VESCOVI

JOAN S. GAUSE

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Todd Harrelson.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Mayor Todd Harrelson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Interim Clerk Keith Massey II.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called by Interim Clerk Keith Massey II.

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.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Todd Harrelson

- A. Spoke with Scott Montgomery at McLeod Loris Hospital, they are pleased to report they only have one patient in care with Covid-19. Mr. Montgomery stated, they have seen a sharp decline in the number of Covid-19 cases they are treating with inpatient care. They have also seen a sharp decline in vaccinations. Younger people do not see the need to be vaccinated. McLeod Loris Hospital also has some great announcements coming soon, so stay tuned for those.
- B. Mrs. Samantha Norris with the Chamber of Commerce spoke of "The Big City Sale" that was this past Saturday which was a tremendous success. Samantha stated that she has taken a poll as to whether to continue with these sales, and there was a large calling from the public to continue these sales. The next one will be Saturday, July 10 at 9 am. We are trying to add a farmers' market as well and continue through the next several months. If you have not yet, please check out the Poppy Garden by the railroad tracks next to City Hall. It is a memorial for fallen men and women who have served in our military from Horry County. All the poppies were hand made. This goes in part with our Memorial event ceremony on May 29. We will have a golf cart parade, and a short ceremony afterwards.
- C. Mayor Harrelson stated, coffee with the mayor will continue Tuesday, May 11 at 9 am. In the Community Room at City Hall. Also, Thursday May 6 is the National Day of Prayer, let us not forget that. If we can get a picture, let it be put on the City's Facebook page.

Business:

Councilman Carroll D. Padgett, Jr., made a motion to enter into session, followed by a second by Councilman Lewis C. Hardee, Jr.

- A. Update from Interim Clerk Keith Massey II and Interim Treasurer Jenna Santiago. Interim Clerk Keith Massey II stated, water and sewer balance, general fund balance and referenced to each other. This is a trend line, a balance on hand per the dates. Trend lines going up is a good thing.
- B. Debts- Fire Impact, USDA funds are for paying those capital improvements or payments. Three police vehicles and the water and sewer Ford F-150 truck will all be paid off as of July 1. Interim Clerk Keith Massey II added Attorney Moss into the budget. We had no numbers on this, it may have been in the Mayor or Councils budget. If someone could shine some light on this, it would be a tremendous help to us. A line item that was spoken about at last meeting that was budgeted and passed for \$3000 is already at \$9000. As of now we have that issue resolved, it was a coding error, next time you get an update all line items will be corrected and up to date. Council asked if they could get an outline of monthly bills and payment for two months with a grand total? Petition for Ashwood Holding Johnathan Hardee Perrin Rd Lot 1. Houses beside of this lot are zoned and are 1.7 within the city. Applicant can withdraw their application if they do not get

the reading they want. May want to consider sending to planning commission for their recommendation before giving it a first reading. Mayor Harrelson asked for a motion to make this move to accept this for annexation, Councilman Padgett made the motion, receiving a second by Mayor Harrelson and Lewis C. Hardee, Jr. All were in favor passing this motion of annexation.

- C. South Carolina is calling for a standard business license change across the board. Changing the license year from July 1 through June 31 to April 1 through May 30 of each year. We have all the steps in writing to help us make this change. They will set up an online payment portal so renewals statewide for all municipalities can be made online. New businesses will have to come in office to get a new business license. They are giving us until 2022 to get all of this into place. We will get a model ordinance from MASC and adopt it at some point and adjust it in the budget. The budget the coming year will be two months short on revenue due to this change.

Departmental Reports:

Public Works: Ricky Bellamy

Issue with Grand Strand Water and Fox Bay has been resolved, it is in Loris's jurisdiction. The crew is working on another project on Woodrow Lane. We are working hard to bring the sewer numbers down; the Public Works crew is doing an excellent job getting the work done. We found one big leak and fixed it, but we are still working hard. Working towards getting flow monitors to see which of the two branches is or is not flowing, and if it is how much is it flowing? We can learn a lot from these meters, we just need to get them installed.

Code Enforcement: Andy Bell

Mr. Bell stated, he started February 20, 2021, since then we have approved or issued 35 building permits, six zoning violations, posted four unsafe structures. One I am in contact with the individual now, one has been torn down on Chestnut Street, it was falling in but is now gone. I am working on the other two, there are a lot that are still in bad shape. I am in contact now with a company that would like to put an Urgent Care at 4520 Broad Street, hope to have all the permits in place by June fifth or applied for by then. The new veterinarian's office has been Certificate of Occupancy and Dr. Ray's new office will soon be Certificate of Occupancy just waiting on some paperwork. There's site work going on at McLeod Loris Hospital for a modular unit, no details on that just yet. Also spoke with some people about building homes on Franklin Street,

Recreation Department: Mayor Harrelson

Things are running more smoothly now. Had a hiccup with an umpire shortage that caused us to miss one game. Chief Buley and Officer Sackett, both have been to training and recently been certified to be umpires for our Recreation Department. People are calling now to schedule tournaments and games.

Police Department: Mayor Harrelson

Chief Buley gave his report in the packet. He has gone out to the Rec Dept to help umpire a game, that is why he is not here. The only other thing outside of his report was they have identified the breaking and entering suspects and warrants have been issued. They have not been arrested yet.

Fire Department: Interim Clerk Keith Massey II

Jerry Hardee and Assistant Chief Kent Wright Both absent. Reported calls are up, mostly auto accidents. No Covid-19 calls are coming in at this time.

Public and Press:

Mrs. Kimberly Rudelitch Loris resident at 3886 Bryant St. Asked, when will Council discuss hiring for the budgeted police officers that are open?

Mayor Harrelson responds, Chief Buley stated at this time we have enough officers to keep our citizens safe.

Mrs. Rudelitch asked, Mayor Harrelson if he can quote Chief Buley with saying that response?

Mayor Harrelson replied, yes, I can.

Ms. Annie Rigby, writer for the **Loris Times**, have you posted the jobs that need to be filled?


Interim Clerk Keith Massey II responded, yes. All job openings are posted on the city website, the City Facebook page and Instagram. Ms. Hannah, writer with **The Loris Scene** wrote about job opening in her last article as well as Mrs. Jen Boyd Causey, writer for the **Tabor-Loris**

Tribune. The City's website also has the job descriptions and an application along with Interim Clerk Keith's email address so the applicant can send everything directly to me.

ADJOURNMENT:

A call to adjourn was made by Mayor Harrelson, a motion was made by Councilman Carroll D. Padgett, J. Seconded by Lewis C. Hardee, Jr. All voted favorably to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm

ATTEST:



Todd K. Massey II
Interim City Clerk



TODD M. HARRELSON
MAYOR

LORIS COUNCIL MEMBERS

_____ABSENT_____

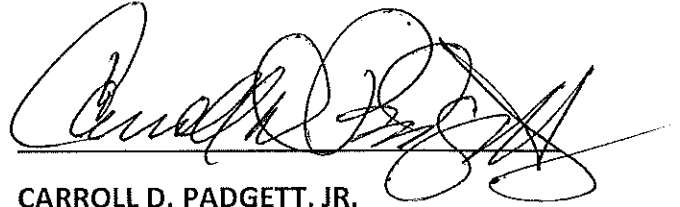
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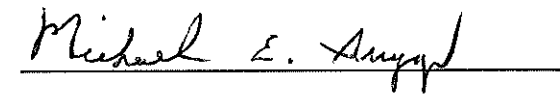
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