

**MINUTES OF
CITY OF LORIS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
LORIS PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
3909 WALNUT STREET
LORIS, SC 29569
APRIL 3, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT	COUNCIL	MICHAEL DOZIER JOAN S. GAUSE LEWIS C. HARDEE, JR. TODD M. HARRELSON MICHAEL E. SUGGS JAN P. VESCOVI
ABSENT	MAYOR	HENRY L. NICHOLS

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tempore Joan Gause.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Councilman Dozier. Councilman Dozier asked that everyone remember the family of Mr. Carl Harris and family of Mr. Elisha Hinson who both recently passed away. He also asks that everyone keep Mayor Nichols in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called by Clerk Kenya Wright.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1 . Mr. Wilbur Graham, executive director of the Kingston Lake Association addressed Council. Mr. Graham shared information about the center along with available opportunities of use for the community.

2. April's Prayer Breakfast has been canceled by the sponsoring church.

3. Mrs. Samantha Norris with the Chamber of Commerce announced that Saturday, April 8th is Ms. America Service day, where items will be taken up for homebound senior citizens. The annual Chamber Easter Egg hunt will be held on Sunday, April 9th at 3:00 P.M. Also, on Saturday, April 8th the Chamber along with the Women's Coalition will host a small city cleanup day. An additional cleanup day will be held to prepare for the Loris Outdoor Expo.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- A. Planning Commission Chairperson, Linda Morrison made a recommendation to change TMS# 048-09-02-004 zoning from R-1.4-detached, single-family dwellings to R-2-medium density residential district owned by and designated as: Bridgewater Associates, LLC located at Bayboro Road.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

The department head reports were received as information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONEL AND FINANCE

Chairperson Joan Gause reported that the finance and personnel committee met and conducted phone interviews for the Clerk/Treasurer position. In person interviews will follow in the upcoming weeks.

BUSINESS:

A. Bayboro Pump Station

Hanna Engineering has reviewed all bids for the Bayboro Pump Station. The lowest bidder is Greenwall Construction. The City was awarded a Rural Infrastructure Grant for \$389,000. Hanna Engineer recommends that the City move forward with the base bid and all 3 alternates. The City would be responsible for approximately \$100,000 in addition to the grant amount awarded.

Acting Administrator made a recommendation to accept the bids along with all 3 alternates and move forward with the Bayboro Pump Station Project.

Councilman Dozier made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hardee to accept and award the bid from Greenwall Construction Inc for the base bids along with alternates 1, 2 &3 and move forward with the Bayboro Pump Station project. All members voted favorably.

B. Proclamation for Peace Officers' Memorial Day

Lt. Gary Buley briefed Council on the request from the COPS organization. COPS request that the City lower flags on May 15th in remembrance of all fallen officers.

Councilman Dozier made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hardee to adopt the proclamation to recognize May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day. All members voted favorably.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Vescovi, seconded by Councilman Hardee to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters along with an update from Attorney Battle on legal matters. All members voted favorably.

After the executive session, Council reconvened to open session upon a motion by Councilman Hardee, seconded by Councilman Dozier. All members voted favorably.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gause announced that no action was taken. Council discussed legal and personnel matters. Council also scheduled a special council meeting at City Hall for April 20th to address personnel.

A motion was made by Councilman Hardee, seconded by Councilman Dozier to hold a special council meeting at City Hall on April 20th at 6:00 PM to discuss personnel. All members voted favorably.

PUBLIC AND PRESS COMMENTS:

Ms. Lenell Black of 120 Fox Glenn Drive expressed her concerns about work being done on lots on Fox Bay.

Mr. William Dillenbeck of 4809 Circle Drive expressed concerns about a ditch between Circle Drive and Forrest Drive that has become clogged with vegetation and debris.

Mr. Alan Levinson of 5020 Forrest Drive expressed concerns about the upcoming hurricane season and drainage issues in his area of Forrest Drive and Rogers Road.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Dozier, seconded by Councilman Hardee to adjourn. All Members voted favorably. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.


ATTEST:



KENYA WRIGHT
CLERK


HENRY L. NICHOLS
MAYOR

LORIS COUNCIL MEMBERS

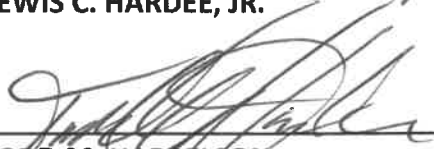


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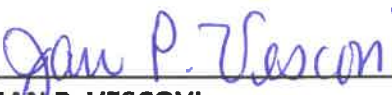
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