MINUTES OF

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

LORIS PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING 3909 WALNUT STREET LORIS, SC 29569 JUNE 18, 2018 - 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT

MAYOR COUNCIL

HENRY L. NICHOLS
JOAN S. GAUSE
LEWIS C. HARDEE JR.
TERRENCE T. HARDEE
TODD M. HARRELSON
MICHAEL E. SUGGS
JAN P. VESCOVI

NEWS MEDIA present were Ms. Jen Boyd, writer for <u>Tabor-Loris Tribune</u>, Ms. Annie Rigby Ezernack, writer for <u>The Loris Times</u>, and Mr. Scott Harper writer for <u>The Loris Scene</u>.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nichols.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Councilman Terrence Hardee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nichols.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called by Clerk Kenya Wright.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MAYOR'S REPORT:

A. Code Enforcement Official Harrelson advised that Jordan Waste would begin distributing gray poly carts on June 25th for the new contract beginning July 1, 2018.

AWS will begin picking up pink poly carts on Tuesday and Wednesday June 26th and 27th. Commercial receptacles from Jordan Waste will be delivered as soon as AWS receptacles are removed. Waste rate changes have been mailed out to all residents. Residents may contact City Hall for any questions or concerns.

- B. Mayor Nichols advised that budget highlights were placed in packets for Council's review.
- C. Mayor Nichols advised that all committees would be updated and announced in the upcoming months.
- D. Mayor Nichols reported that a major drug bust was made on Maple Street and thanked all agencies involved.

BUSINESS:

A. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 05-18 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LORIS, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019, ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

Clerk Wright read the Ordinance by title only. A motion was made by Councilwoman Gause, Seconded by Councilman Terrence Hardee to give second reading of Ordinance Number 05-18 as presented. Mayor Nichols, Councilwoman Gause, Councilman Terrence Hardee, Councilman Harrelson and Councilwoman Vescovi voted favorably. Councilman Lewis Hardee and Councilman Suggs opposed.

B. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 06-18 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SANITATION/DISPOSAL FEE STRUCTURE

Clerk Wright read the Ordinance by title only. A motion was made by Councilman Harrelson Seconded by Councilman Terrence Hardee to give second reading of Ordinance Number 06-18 as presented. Mayor Nichols, Councilwoman Gause, Councilman Terrence Hardee and Councilman Harrelson voted favorably. Councilman Lewis Hardee and Councilman Suggs opposed. Councilwoman Vescovi recused herself from the vote due to her relationship with the company.

C. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 07-18 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND RATES FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES

Mayor Nichols advised that First reading for Ordinance 07-18 would be tabled at this time.

PUBLIC AND PRESS COMENTS:

A. Mr. William Dillenbeck of 4809 Circle Drive questioned why no public discussion was called for prior to making a motion by Council. Mr. Dillenbeck questioned last year's employee Christmas bonuses and employee raises recently passed in the budget. He feels this year's budget was overextended. Mr. Dillenbeck also advised that the town looks better than it ever has and thanked Brandon Harrelson for all his hard work.

B. Mr. Maurice Jones of 4525 Canal Street questioned the amount of money spent by the City. Mr. Jones also questioned who completed evaluations for the City Administrator, Code Enforcement Official and other City employees.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Lewis Hardee, seconded by Councilwoman Gause to adjourn. All Members voted favorably. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 P.M.

ATTEST:

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CLERK

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