

**MINUTES OF
CITY OF LORIS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
3909 WALNUT STREET
LORIS, SC 29569
MARCH 6, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.**

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

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 Nichols.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Mayor Nichols.

Mayor Nichols informed that Councilwoman Gause's husband, Mr. Amos Gause suddenly passed away. Mayor Nichols asked that everyone keep the Gause family along with Mr. Lacy Hardee, Fire Chief Jerry Hardee, Police Chief Karen Shepherd and Mr. Elisha Hinson in prayer.

A member of Mt. Vernon Boy Scout Troop 822 asks that his father also be remembered in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mt. Vernon Boy Scout Troop 822.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called by Clerk Kenya Wright.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular council meeting held on December 5, 2016 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Dozier, seconded by Councilman Hardee to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Nichols and all members voted favorably.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. City Attorney Mike Battle would not be present due to surgery. Also, Acting City Administrator Kempski would not be present as he is under the weather.
2. DHEC and CDBG grant applications are in the process of being completed. Waccamaw Council of Government's will assist the City during the application process.
3. The City will be reaching out to Horry County to seek assistance in cleaning out ditches and debris removal. Administrator Kempski along with Councilman Harrelson are asked to identify equipment needed to do so.
4. City Attorney Mike Battle will update the City at a later date in regards to liabilities and such for Senior, High School and College volunteers within City Hall.
5. Samantha Norris with the Loris Chamber of Commerce introduced Ms. Loris Bog-Off Teen Deegan Hudson who put on a ventriloquist act for Council and the public. Mrs. Hudson is very proud to represent the City of Loris. Mrs. Norris also gave an update of the upcoming Chamber events: March 7th is IHOP National Pancake day. Ms. Hudson will make an appearance at the IHOP on 501 to receive donations for the Children's Miracle Network. Mrs. America Service Day is on April 8th. The Chamber will collect items such as toiletries to be distributed to homebound seniors at the Courtyard on Main from 9 A.M. – 12 P.M. the Chamber will collect items such as toiletries to be distributed to homebound seniors. An Easter Egg hunt will be held at the Loris Nature Park at 3:00 P.M. on April 9th. The 8th annual Loris Spring Festival and Outdoor Expo will be held downtown on April 22nd from 9 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
6. The Community Prayer breakfast will be held at Loris First Baptist Church on March 14, 2017 at 7 A.M.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Recreation committee held a meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at the Loris City Hall conference room. Councilman Suggs advised that an opening ceremony for Watson park will be held on March 28, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

Heniford field bathroom project is pending approval of the PARD Grant applied for. The committee discussed upcoming workshops, camps along with goals and improvement to be made.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Councilman Dozier spoke on the Drug and Gang prevention community meeting that was held at the Public Safety Building on February 13, 2017. Many Churches and Organizations were present. The Police Department also held a Gang Prevention Workshop at the Public Safety Building on February 23, 2017. Horry County Police Department will hold an open forum on Drug and Gang activity in the community on March 14, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at Loris Middle School. Another Community Outreach meeting would be scheduled in the upcoming weeks.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

The department head reports were received as information.

BUSINESS:

A. Enforcement of Ordinance regarding individual pump stations

Councilman Harrelson makes a recommendation to discuss amending the ordinance in the next committee meeting.

B. Completion of Audit (trial balance)

Administrator Kempki continues to work with the auditor in regard to completing the audit.

C. Spring Street School Contract

Attorney Battle will discuss with Council at a later date due to his absence.

D. Future of Water and Sewer (study by Hanna Engineering)

Hanna Engineering will provide the City with recommendations in regards to grant writers. Hanna Engineering can also perform a study for the City on the Water and Sewer System to access how much the system is worth. They will also project an estimated future income of the system if the City keeps the water and sewer system.

E. City drainage issues

Mayor advises that drainage issues have been previously discussed.

F. Surveying for City ditches and drainage

Hanna Engineering can survey all ditches throughout the City and provided the City with estimated cost to clean and maintain the ditches to eliminate some drainage issues.

G. City Grant Writer

Administrator Kempski will discuss with Council at a later date due to his absence.

H. Second reading of Ordinance 01-17 – Re: Easement to GSWSA

Ordinance Number 01-17 Granting Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority Easement was presented for second reading. Clerk Kenya Wright read the ordinance by title only. A motion was made by Councilman Hardee, seconded by Councilman Dozier to adopt Ordinance Number 01-17 as presented. Mayor Nichols and 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 and contractual matters. Mayor Nichols and all members voted favorably.

After the executive session, Council reconvened to open session upon a motion by Councilwoman Vescovi, seconded by Councilman Hardee. Mayor Nichols and all members voted favorably.

Mayor Nichols announced that personnel and contractual matters were discussed and that no action and no votes were taken.

PUBLIC AND PRESS COMMENTS:

Mr. Alan Levinson of 5020 Forest Drive has questions and concerns for Council in regard to Easement letters grating the City access. Mr. Levinson also expressed his concern about the upcoming hurricane season and the fact that drainage issues are still a huge concern to residents.

Mr. Bill Dillenbeck of Circle Drive inquired about debris in the creek behind his home.

Mrs. Joyce Graham, writer for the Tabor-Loris Tribune, inquired about the audit hold up.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Hardee, seconded by Councilman Dozier to adjourn. Mayor Nichols and all Members voted favorably. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 P.M.


ATTEST:



KENYA WRIGHT
CLERK

HENRY L. NICHOLS
MAYOR


LORIS COUNCIL MEMBERS

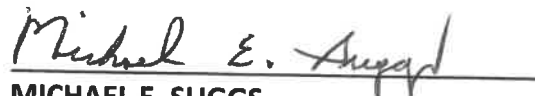


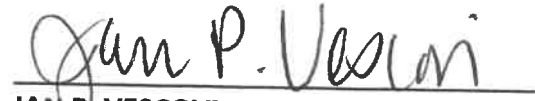
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