

**MINUTES OF  
CITY OF LORIS REGULAR MEETING  
LORIS PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING  
3909 WALNUT STREET  
LORIS, SC 29569  
MAY 1, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.**

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

**NEWS MEDIA present were Mrs. Joyce Graham, writer for Tabor-Loris Tribune and Ms. Jennifer Boyd, writer for The North Myrtle Beach Times.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**INVOCATION:**

**The invocation was given by Councilman Harrelson.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

**The roll was called by Clerk Kenya Wright.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular council meeting held on March 6, 2017 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Hardee, seconded by Councilman Dozier to approve the minutes as presented. All members voted favorably.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

##### MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor pro-temp Gause reported that the annual Municipal Association meeting is coming up on July 20<sup>th</sup> through July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

##### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Kempski reported that the City was not awarded the CDBG Grant. He informed that the City would reapply again next year.

Kempski also informed that DOT will soon begin work on Circle Drive, Stevens Street, Jenerette Street and Walnut Street. A start date has not been set.

Kempski advised that department heads would soon receive information in regards to the upcoming 2017-2018 budget.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### PERSONEL AND FINANCE

Chairperson Joan Gause reported that the Clerk Treasurer position was filled by Kenya Wright on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

#### BUSINESS:

##### **A. HIRING OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

Item was discussed in executive session.

##### **B. SPRING STREET SCHOOL CONTRACT**

Councilwoman Vescovi informed that the City's current budget would not allow for the upkeep of the school if purchased. Vescovi also informed that inaccurate information was reported and as to her knowledge Council was under the impression that the City was waiting to negotiate the contract and terms of purchase with the School District.

##### **C. LOCATION OF COAST RTA BUS STOPS**

Administrator Kempski advised that Coast RTA would soon move into the area and will be traveling to Conway and Myrtle Beach. In the near future, the City will provide a centralized bus stop area for those riding.

**D. DISCUSS APPOINTMENT OF 6-MEMBER GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE**

A six member committee has been selected and appointed. City employee members are Esau Johnson, serving a three year term, Tonsheka Neal, serving a two year term, Thomas Huffman , serving a two year term. Citizen members are James Bellamy, serving a one year term, Ken Grate, serving a one year term and Gwendolyn Gerald, serving a one year term.

**E. ORGANIZATION CHART**

Item was discussed in executive session.

**F. PRESENTATION REGARDING OLD LANDFILL PROPERTY BY MR. SAM JONES**

Mr. Jones was not present to speak.

**G. HOME CONSORTIUM INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

Horry County Community Development Manager Michael Dobson spoke about the Horry County Home Consortium Intergovernmental Agreement which allows local governments that would not ordinarily receive funding due to the size of the City to be able to join in and receive Federal Funds from the Government to assist in housing rehabilitation.

Councilman Hardee made a motion, seconded by Councilman Dozier to allow Administrator Kempski to sign the HOME CONSORTIUM INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT. All members voter favorably.

**H. REZONING TMS# 048-09-02-004 – BAYBORO ROAD**

A public hearing is set for Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. at the Loris Public Safety Building.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilman Vescovi made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hardee to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

After executive session, Council reconvened to open session upon a motion by Councilman Dozier, seconded by Councilman Suggs. All members voted favorably. Councilwoman Gause advised that in executive session Council discussed the hiring of a City Administrator and no action and no votes were taken.

Councilman Dozier made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hardee to remove Acting from the title of Damon Kempksi and appoint him as City Administrator with a salary of \$61,256. All members voted favorably.

**PUBLIC AND PRESS COMENTS:**

Lennell Black of 120 Fox Glen Drive discussed flooding issues to a drain stopped up on Fox Bay Road during construction.

Ms. Black also questioned if the City of Loris could consider adopting codes similar to Horry County in regards to tile size requirements.

Alex Juirgis of Holly Street spoke about canals and ditches being cleaned out. Councilwoman Gause advised that it would be looked into.

Katrina Watson of 4801 Azalea Drive discussed flooding issues behind her home.

William Dillenbeck of 4809 Circle Drive expressed his appreciation of the Spring Expo the following Saturday. Mr. Dillenbeck questioned the progress on the Bayboro Pump Station Grant matching funds from the City.

Joyce Graham, Writer for the Tabor-Loris Tribune inquired about the appointment of the six member grievance committee. Administrator Kempksi advised that it was a yearly appointment. She also requested that the City organizational chart be made available to the press.

After executive session Mrs. Graham requested salary of the newly appointed City Administrator. Mrs. Graham also inquired as to who would take over as the Recreation Director.

Jen Boyd, Writer for The North Myrtle Beach Times inquired about the confusion in regards to the Spring Street School Contract.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilman Dozier, seconded by Councilman Hardee to adjourn the meeting. All members voted favorably. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

ATTEST:

  
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KENYA WRIGHT  
CLERK

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HENRY L. NICHOLS  
MAYOR

LORIS COUNCIL MEMBERS

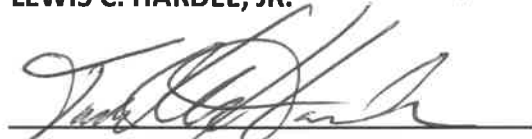
  
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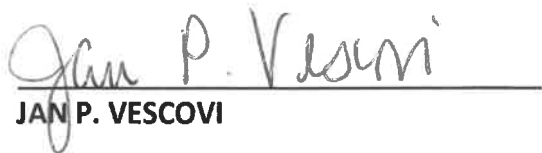
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