

**MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
LORIS PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
3909 WALNUT STREET
LORIS, SC 29569
JUNE 4, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.**

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

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Councilman Harrelson.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Councilman Lewis Hardee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Harrelson.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called by Clerk Kenya Wright.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on April 2nd, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Terrence Hardee, seconded by Councilwoman Gause to approve the minutes as presented. All members voted favorably.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- A. Mrs. Samantha Norris with the Chamber of Commerce advised that both the Loris fair and community yard sale both turned out well. The fair should be returning in October and the community yard sale will definitely be a reoccurring event. The Chambers first Mess Fest will be coming up in late July. This year's 39th annual Bog- off festival will be adding a professional's division in the chicken bog contest.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- A. All previously leased Ford vehicles have arrived and are in the process of having graphics added.
- B. A Recreation Director has been selected with a start date of approximately 2 weeks.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Departmental reports were received as information.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- A. Mr. Harrelson advised that smoke testing would begin no later than the end of the week to address infiltration issues throughout the City. Residents may see smoke coming from lines around the City but should not be alarmed as this is part of the testing procedures.

BUSINESS:

- A. FIRST 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 Councilman Terrence Hardee, Seconded by Councilwoman Gause to give first reading of Ordinance Number 05-18 as presented. Councilwoman Gause, Councilman Terrence Hardee,

Councilman Harrelson and Councilwoman Vescovi voted favorably. Councilman Lewis Hardee and Councilman Suggs opposed.

B. FIRST 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 Councilwoman Gause, Seconded by Councilman Terrence Hardee to give second reading of Ordinance Number 06-18 as presented. Councilwoman Gause, Councilman Terrence Hardee, Councilman Harrelson and Councilwoman Vescovi voted favorably. Councilman Lewis Hardee and Councilman Suggs opposed.

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

Clerk Wright read the Ordinance by title only. A motion was made by Councilman Lewis Hardee, Seconded by Councilman Terrence Hardee to table Ordinance Number 07-18. All members voted favorably.

PUBLIC AND PRESS COMENTS:

1. Mr. Scott Harper writer for The Loris Scene questioned why no discussion was called for before the second reading of the budget ordinance. Mr. Harper also asked if Councilman Lewis Hardee and Councilman Suggs supported the raises in the budget and why the budget packet was not released until a few days ago. Mr. Harper questioned why the Council meeting was not rescheduled due to falling on the same date of the Loris High School graduation.
2. Ms. Sherry Williams of 4526 Canal Street expressed concerns about a property located at 4516 Canal Street.
3. Mr. Elliott Godfrey of 5052 Forest Drive expressed concerns of recent flooding on Forest Drive. Mr. Godfrey would like clarification on work done in the area and expected completion dates of work scheduled to be met.
4. Mr. Alan Levinson of 5020 Forest Drive expressed concerns of flooding throughout Forest Drive and believes the flooding is due to a manmade situation.
5. Mr. Deuce Niven, writer for Tabor-Loris Tribune questioned if any members of Council would like to expand on the budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gause, seconded by Councilman Terrence Hardee to go into executive session to discuss contractual and personnel matters. All members voted favorably.

Upon return, a motion was made by Councilman Lewis Hardee, seconded by Councilman Suggs to go back into regular session. Councilman Harrelson advised that no action would be taken.

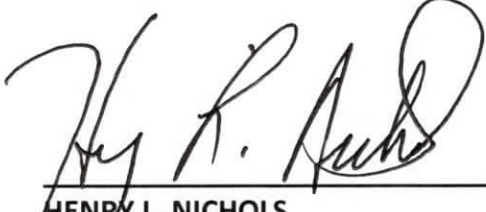
ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Terrence Hardee, seconded by Councilwoman Gause to adjourn. All Members voted favorably. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

ATTEST:



KENYA WRIGHT
CLERK



HENRY L. NICHOLS
MAYOR

LORIS COUNCIL MEMBERS



JOAN S. GAUSE



LEWIS C. HARDEE JR.



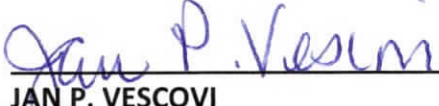
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