

**MINUTES OF  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
LORIS PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING  
3909 WALNUT STREET  
LORIS, SC 29569  
SEPTEMBER 5th, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.**

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nichols.**

**INVOCATION:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nichols.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the Public Hearing held on June 5th, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Dozier, seconded by Councilwoman Vescovi to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Nichols and all members voted favorably.

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on June 5th, 2017 7:00 P.M. were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Hardee, seconded by Councilwoman Dozier to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Nichols and all members voted favorably.

The minutes of the Budget Workshop held on July 10th, 2017 7:30 P.M. were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilwoman Vescovi, seconded by Councilwoman Gause to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Nichols and all members voted favorably.

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 11th, 2017 7:00 P.M. were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilwoman Gause, seconded by Councilman Hardee to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Nichols and all members voted favorably.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- A. Mrs. Samantha Norris with the Chamber of Commerce gave an update on upcoming events. The annual Bog-Off festival will be held on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 with a concert to follow at 5:30 P.M. Mrs. Norris also advised that the vendor application deadline is October 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Mayor Nichols inquired as to ways that the City could cut back on employee overtime during the Bog-Off festival.  
Councilwoman Vescovi expressed her appreciation for the Loris flags placed throughout downtown on games days. Many compliments have been made.
- B. Mayor Nichols request that Administrator Kempinski draft and organizational chart to be reviewed by Council in the October Council meeting.
- C. All committees will be reviewed in October to ensure the correct type and number of members are on each committee.
- D. Mayor Nichols request that Administrator Kempinski begin personnel evaluations to be placed in each employees' file.
- E. The monthly prayer breakfast will be held on Tuesday, September, 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 A.M. sponsored by Loris Second Baptist Church.

- F. The City's current auditing firm requests that the City hire an accountant to complete the audit.  
Councilwoman Vescovi inquired if the City had received that request in writing. Mayor Nichols advised that a letter has been drafted and addressed to the Mayor and is expected to be received at any time.  
Councilman Suggs request a current amount charged to date to the City by the auditing firm.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

- A. Policy and procedural manuals are currently out for review by Attorney Britain and should be in October packets for Council's review.
- B. City staff are working to improve drainage throughout the City in preparation for the expected hurricane. An emergency service plan is in place with each department if the need shall arise. The City will have personnel at the EOC if deemed necessary.
- C. No bids were received in regards to Public works uniforms. Due to no bids received, a proposed package has been drawn up by the existing contract holder that will be presented to the City at a later date.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

Departmental reports were received as information.

**A. CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Mr. Harrelson advised that numerous repairs would have to be made to bring the front area of the Watson Park building up to code costing the City several thousands of dollars. Mayor Nichols ask that Mr. Harrelson notify the individual requesting to turn the facility into a daycare that the City would not be able to grant her request.

**BUSINESS:**

- A. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 05-17 – AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LORIS, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018, ENDING JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

Mayor Nichols read the Ordinance by title only. A motion was made by Councilman Hardee, Seconded by Councilwoman Gause to give second reading of Ordinance Number 05-17 as presented. Mayor Nichols and all members voted favorably.

**B. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 06-17 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UNIFIED ZONING ORDINANCE; CONDITIONAL USE REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF LORIS.**

Mayor Nichols read the Ordinance by title only. A motion was made by Councilman Dozier, Seconded by Councilwoman Gause to give second reading of Ordinance Number 06-17 as presented. Mayor Nichols and all members voted favorably.

**C. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 07-17 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF LORIS; ARTICLE II - NUISANCES**

Mayor Nichols read the Ordinance by title only. A motion was made by Councilwoman Vescovi, Seconded by Councilwoman Gause to give first reading of Ordinance Number 07-17 as presented. Mayor Nichols and all members voted favorably.

**D. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 08-17 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BUILDING REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF LORIS; ARTICLE III - UNSAFE / UNFIT BUILDINGS**

Mayor Nichols read the Ordinance by title only. A motion was made by Councilwoman Gause, Seconded by Councilwoman Vescovi to give first reading of Ordinance Number 08-17 as presented. Mayor Nichols and all members voted favorably.

**E. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS – PEST CONTROL**

Clerk Kenya Wright opened each bid received reading the company name and address only as requested by the Mayor.

Mayor Nichols advised that bids would be turned over to Administrator Kempski for review. Bids will be available for public and press review at a later date.

**F. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS – PUBLIC WORKS UNIFORMS**

No bids were received.

**G. MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN HORRY COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF LORIS**

Councilman Dozier made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Vescovi to accept the Mutual Aid agreement between Horry County Police Department and the City of Loris to be signed by Administrator Kempski.

**H. HUMAN RESOURCES CONTRACTOR FOR CITY VACENCIES**

Mayor Nichols request that the City consider hiring an individual to assist in the hiring of vacant key positions within the City which include Public Works and the Recreation Department.

### **PUBLIC AND PRESS COMENTS:**

Mrs. Lennell Black of 120 Fox Glen Drive expressed concerns about flooding issues in her area with the upcoming storms.

Mayor Nichols responded that funds would be available now that the City budget has been approved to begin addressing drainage issues.

Mr. Harrelson responded that he continues to work with DOT to address these issues along with several other projects within the City.

Mayor Nichols advised that a public briefing would be held to give residents an update as the storms nears.

Mrs. Martha Smith of 4327 Walnut Street expressed concerns about oversized trucks driving through town and questioned the enforcement of the trucks prohibited signs.

Lieutenant Buley advised that the Loris Police Department was responsible for enforcement.

Mrs. Smith also suggested the City reroute the trucks.

Councilwoman Vescovi advised that multiple individuals with the City have made an attempt to reroute the truck route without success.

Mrs. Janice Hinson of 5006 Forest Drive thanked Mayor Nichols and Councilwoman Gause for attending the MASC annual meeting and Mayor Nichols for attending the Miss South Carolina Pageant. Mrs. Hinson also thanked Councilman Harrelson for his assistance with the drainage issues throughout the City. Mrs. Hinson also advised that a friend was willing to do free grant writing for the City if interested.

Mayor Nichols advised that Administrator Kempfski along with Clerk Wright attended the annual MASC meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gause, seconded by Councilman Hardee to go into executive session to discuss administrative, personnel and legal matters.

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

Mayor Nichols advised that Administrator Kempfski would hire a contracted accountant to expedite the completion of the audit. No other actions were taken.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**


A motion was made by Councilman Hardee, seconded by Councilwoman Gause to adjourn.

Mayor Nichols and all Members voted favorably. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

ATTEST:

  
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KENYA WRIGHT  
CLERK


  
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HENRY L. NICHOLS  
MAYOR


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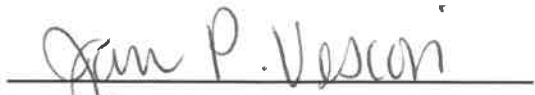
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