

**MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
LORIS PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
3909 WALNUT STREET
LORIS, SC 29569
JULY 2, 2018 - 7:00 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 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 Mayor Nichols.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Councilman Lewis Hardee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Loris Recreation 10U softball team.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called by Clerk Kenya Wright.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MINUTES:

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- A. Mayor Nichols presented all committees and their newly selected members. Community members are advised to submit a resume for future appointment of citizens to these committees. Committees will be required to give quarterly updates throughout the year.
- B. Clerk Wright advised of classes to be taken during the upcoming 2018 annual MASC training in Hilton Head, South Carolina.
- C. Mrs. Samantha Norris with the Chamber of Commerce gave an update. Mess Fest has been rescheduled to August 4th and Bog-Off is scheduled for October 20th, 2018. Warrick McZeke will be the headlining performer following Silk Groove.
- D. Sent condolences to Councilman Paul Prince for the recent passing of his wife.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- A. Administrator Kempski revealed the newly taken photo of vehicles and equipment purchased during the 2017-2018 budget cycle. All vehicles were obtained through grant or financing.
- B. Introduced new Recreation Director Tome Cocke.
Mr. Cocke, originally from Virginia moved to South Carolina eight years ago. Mr. Cocke graduated from Coastal Carolina and completed several other programs dealing with parks and recreation and had officiated several games throughout the state.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- A. Mr. Harrelson advised that Jordan Waste has officially taken over the waste contract for the City. Overall the transition has gone very well. City residents wishing to obtain an additional poly cart or make changes to their account can contact City Hall. Residents living outside City limits can obtain a poly cart by contacting Jordan Waste directly.
- B. Mr. Harrelson advised that corrected water quality reports will be mailed out to all residents the beginning next week.
- C. Advised that the Water and Sewer department started smoke testing throughout the City and found several issues that have begun to be addressed.
- D. Mr. Harrelson thanked the entire Public Works Department for all their hard work throughout the last few months.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- A. Interim Chief Buley advised that he recently completed training as a DARE instructor for the DARE program. Buley is looking forward to bringing this program back to the City.

BUSINESS:

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

By request of the Mayor, a brief overview of ordinance 07-18 was given by Mr. Brandon Harrelson.

Clerk Wright read the Ordinance by title only. A motion was made by Councilwoman Vescovi, Seconded by Councilman Harrelson to give first reading of Ordinance Number 07-18 as presented. Mayor Nichols and all members voted favorably.

B. APPROVE RESOLUTION 01-18- Mr. Esau Johnson

By request of the Mayor, a brief overview of ordinance 07-18 was given by Mr. Brandon Harrelson.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gause, Seconded by Councilman Harelson to approve Resolution 01-18 for Mr. Esau Johnson. Mayor Nichols and all members voted favorably.

After approval, Clerk Wright read the Resolution in its entirety.

PUBLIC AND PRESS COMENTS:

- A. Mr. Robert Rudelitch of 3806 Bryant Street advised that flags around town need to be replaced and requested that a City flag be placed at the Public Safety Department.
- B. Mr. William Dillenbeck of 4809 Circle Drive gave his condolences to Councilman Suggs for the recent passing of his father. Mr. Dillenbeck advised that the American Legion is currently looking for members and have a new commander Mr. John Fedelis.
- C. Mr. Alan Levinson of 5020 Forest Drive expressed his concern about the flooding on Forest Drive. Mr. Levenson also inquired about the City's policy on maintaining ditches and culverts throughout the City.
- D. Mr. Don Leibensperg of 325 Fox Bay Road questioned why the City could not rent a backhoe to get more ditches and culverts cleaned out. Mr. Leibensperg also thanked the City workers for all their work done throughout the City concerning drainage issues.
- D. Mr. Eliot Godfrey of 5052 Forest Drive expressed his concerns about the drainage issues throughout Forrest Drive. Mr. Godfrey would like Council to share the plan to address these issues at the next meeting.
- E. Ms. Jen Boyd, writer for Tabor-Loris Tribune requested the dates of the upcoming Hilton Head conference.
- F. Mr. Maurice Jones of 4525 Canal Street asked why there was no public and press comment portion of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman Harrelson, seconded by Councilman Hardee to go into executive session to discuss contractual and personnel matters.

Mayor Nichols advised that the City Administrator would make the final decision on the financial support to be given to the Loris Recreation 10U softball team as they advance on to the state tournament.

A motion was made by Councilman Suggs, Seconded by Councilman Harrelson to allow Mayor Nichols to sign the waste contract between the City and Jordan Waste once completed and reviewed by the City attorney.


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.

ATTEST:



KENYA WRIGHT
CLERK



HENRY L. NICHOLS
MAYOR

LORIS COUNCIL MEMBERS



JOAN S. GAUSE



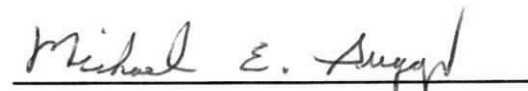
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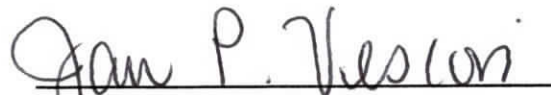
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