

**MINUTES OF  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
LORIS PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING  
3909 WALNUT STREET  
LORIS, SC 29569  
AUGUST 6, 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 Mayor Nichols.**

**Mayor Nichols asked that everyone remember County Councilman Paul Prince and Senator Greg Hembree in prayer.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the Public Hearing held on June 4, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilwoman Gause, seconded by Councilman Harrelson to approve the minutes as presented. All members voted favorably.

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 4, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Lewis Hardee, seconded by Councilman Terrence Hardee to approve the minutes as presented. All members voted favorably.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- A. Advised of classes that were taken during the 2018 annual MASC conference held in Hilton Head, South Carolina.
- B. Advised that open enrollment for City employees would begin on October 1 and end on October 31. During open enrollment employees can review and make and necessary changes including adding additional life insurance to their policy.
- C. Advised that the City's 10-year plan would be discussed in the upcoming months. Mr. Harrelson advised that he would be of assistance along with college students from Coastal Carolina in the upcoming months with the City's 10-yr plan.
- D. Mrs. Samantha Norris with the Chamber of Commerce introduced teen Ms. McKenzie Jewett, Ms. Loris Bog-Off who recently attended the Ms. South Carolina pageant. Mess Fest has been rescheduled to August 18. The Ms. Bog-Off pageant is scheduled for September 29 and the Bog-Off is scheduled for October 20, 2018.
- E. Horry Councilman Paul Prince felt that good things were now happening in the City of Loris and advised that he would be available to give any assistance as needed.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Administrator Kempski was not present.

- A. Mr. Harrelson advised that the City's first Meet with the City has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 14, 2018 from 10-11AM at the Public Safety Building.
- B. Mr. Harrelson advised that the City's first monthly news letter would go out to all residents towards the end of the week.

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT:**

- A. Recreation Director Tom Cocke advised that Fall registration for football, cheerleading and soccer would begin on Monday, August 20 and run through Friday, August 31.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

A. Mr. Harrelson advised that leaf and limb will no longer be picked up in trash bags. All leaf and limb debris must be placed loosely curbside or in biodegradable bags.

**BUSINESS:**

**A. SECOND 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 Councilwoman Vescovi to give second reading of Ordinance Number 07-18 as presented. Mayor Nichols and all members voted favorably.

**B. RESOLUTION 02-18 – HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY**

Per request Mr. Harrelson explained Resolution 02-18 – Horry County Solid Waste Authority.

Clerk Wright read the Resolution by title only. A motion was made by Councilman Suggs, Seconded by Councilman Lewis Hardee to approve Resolution 02-18 as presented. Mayor Nichols and all members voted favorably.

**C. FIRE SERVICE CONTRACT**

A recommendation was made by Fire Chief Jerry Hardee to not accept the fire contract and to renegotiate with Horry County.

Mr. Harrelson advised that the call area has been reduced along with the contract amount and a renegotiation had already been done. Mr. Harrelson advised that the recommendation from Administrator Kempinski was to accept and sign the contract as presented. A motion was made by Councilman Harrelson, Seconded by Councilwoman Gause to allow Administrator Kempinski to approve the Fire Contract between the City of Loris and Horry County. Mayor Nichols, Councilwoman Gause, Councilman Lewis Hardee, Councilman Terrence Hardee, Councilman Harrelson and Councilwoman Vescovi voted favorably. Councilman Suggs opposed.

**D. BUCK CREEK FOUNDATION PRESENTATION**

Mr. Dale Holt and Mrs. Lori Suggs gave a presentation on the goals of Buck Creek Foundation, a nonprofit organization that intends to impact our community by fostering independence in the lives of individuals with autism and intellectual disabilities.

**PUBLIC AND PRESS COMMENTS:**

- A. Ms. Wendy Baruch of 4705 Walnut Street inquired as to why chicken farms were allowed within the City.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

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

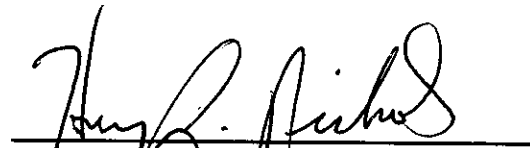
Mayor Nichols advised that no action was taken in executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

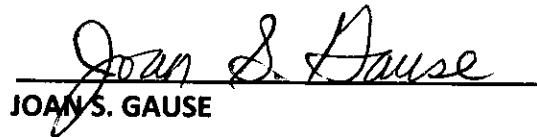
A motion was made by Councilman Lewis Hardee, seconded by Councilwoman Gause to adjourn. All Members voted favorably. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

**ATTEST:**

  
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KENYA WRIGHT  
CLERK


  
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HENRY L. NICHOLS  
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