

**MINUTES OF
PUBLIC HEARING
LORIS PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
3909 WALNUT STREET
LORIS, SC 29569
JUNE 4, 2018 - 6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT

COUNCIL

**JOAN S. GAUSE
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 Hardee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Harrelson.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called by Clerk Kenya Wright.

BUSINESS:

A. PRESENTATION OF THE 2018-2019 GENERAL FUND AND WATER AND SEWER FUND BUDGET

Administrator Kempski gave a budget presentation on the 2018-2019 GENERAL FUND AND WATER AND SEWER FUND.

The advertisement for this hearing was published in the Wednesday, May 23rd, 2018 edition of The Loris Scene page A3.

The total projected revenue and expenditure for the GENERAL FUND AND WATER AND SEWER FUND FOR THE 2018-2019 budget cycle is \$5,094,919.00.

PUBLIC AND PRESS COMENTS:

- 1. Ms. Wendy Baruch of 4705 Walnut Street requested that public information flowed better to the citizens of Loris. She also questioned if Councilman Suggs would share information with the public as he did for the media.**
- 2. Ms. Annie Rigby Ezernack, writer for The Loris Times questioned why the Tabor-Loris Tribune received a copy of the budget workbook and no other media members were provided with a copy.**
- 3. Mr. Deuce Niven, writer for Tabor-Loris Tribune quested why 25 personnel pages were removed from the budget workbook that was delivered to the media. Mr. Niven also inquired as to if this budget was based on the previous or new waste contract and if the City had a prepared document as to why the lowest bid was not accepted.**
- 4. Mrs. Kimberly Rudelitch of 3806 Bryant Street questioned how raises were determined for employees across the board and what was being cut from the budget to make those increases. Mrs. Rudelitch advised that the City would have a high law enforcement turnover rate if salaries were not raised.**

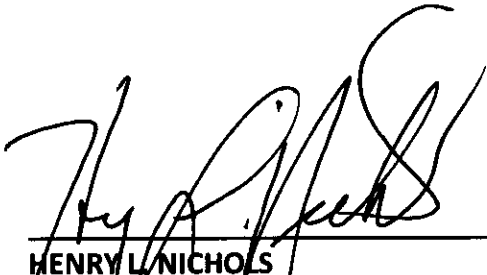
ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Hardee, seconded by Councilman Suggs to adjourn. All Members voted favorably. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

ATTEST:



KENYA WRIGHT
CLERK



HENRY L. NICHOLS
MAYOR

LORIS COUNCIL MEMBERS



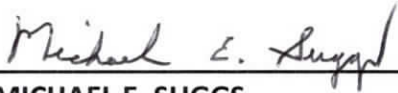
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