

**MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
LORIS PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
3909 WALNUT STREET
LORIS, SC 29569
MAY 7, 2018 - 7:00 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 Mrs. Joyce Graham, 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.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- A. Reminded that the Special Election for one open seat on City Council would be held on Tuesday, May 29th.
- B. Mrs. Samantha Norris with the Chamber of Commerce thanked the City for assisting with the Annual Spring festival held on April 21st. Mrs. Norris also advised of the upcoming first annual Yard Sale and Mess Fest.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- A. Advised that a budget packet would be delivered to Councilmembers by midweek for review.
- B. Advised that a check for approximately \$23,000 for road maintenance along with a check for approximately \$10,000 for the recreation department were both delivered by County Councilman Paul Prince.
- C. Advised that all Ford vehicles have been delivered. The police department vehicles have been sent out to be equipped. All vehicles will be revealed as soon as they are completely equipped at the June Council meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Departmental reports were received as information.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- A. Introduced new police officers Niem Vaughn and Dashawn Gause. Both officer will attend the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy in November.

BUSINESS:

- A. **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-18 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF LORIS CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHANGING THE DATES FOR HOLDING MUNICIPAL PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS**

Clerk Wright read the Ordinance by title only. A motion was made by Councilwoman Vescovi, Seconded by Councilman Hardee to give second reading of Ordinance Number 04-18 as presented. All members voted favorably.

- B. **COAST RTA RIDER SURVEY PRESENTATION – MS. MICHELLE CANTY**

On behalf of Coast RTA Ms. Canty thanked the City for the bench installed at the Hills Grocery bus stop. Ms. Canty also presented Council with a Ridership Survey including the months of August 2017 through March 2018.

C. OPENING OF SOLID WASTE BIDS

Sealed bids for solid waste collection were opened and announced by company name only.

PUBLIC AND PRESS COMMENTS:

1. Mrs. Joyce Graham, writer for the Tabor-Loris Tribune announced that she would be retiring and would be replaced by Ms. Jen Boyd. Mrs. Graham sent well wishes to all.
2. Ms. Jen Boyd, writer for the Tabor-Loris Tribune inquired as of a date that the City Attorney's contract would expire. Ms. Boyd also inquired about the start date for the DOT paving project.
3. Ms. Sherry Williams of 4526 Canal Street expressed concerns about the potholes and roots of trees within her neighborhood causing damage to the streets.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gause, seconded by Councilman Hardee to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters.

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

Councilman Harrelson advised that no action would be taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gause, seconded by Councilman Hardee to adjourn. All Members voted favorably. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

ATTEST:




KENYA WRIGHT
CLERK

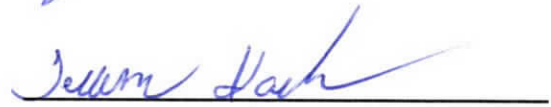


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MAYOR

LORIS COUNCIL MEMBERS



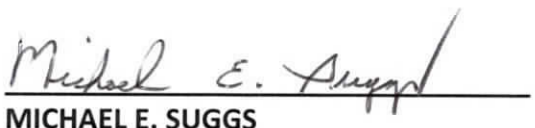
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