

**MINUTES OF  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
LORIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
901 SC-9 BUSINESS  
LORIS, SC 29569  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 - 6:00 P.M.**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>MAYOR COUNCIL</b>	<b>HENRY L. NICHOLS JOAN S. GAUSE LEWIS C. HARDEE JR. TODD M. HARRELSON JAN P. VESCOVI MICHAEL E. SUGGS</b>
<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>TERRENCE T. HARDEE</b>

**NEWS MEDIA present were Ms. Jen Boyd, writer for Tabor-Loris Tribune 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 Mayor Nichols.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Council Members, City Officials and Department Heads gave updates and information in connection to hurricane Florence.**

Administrator Kempski advised that Horry County EOC was currently operating on an Opcon 1.

Thanked all employees and citizens for their actions and for going above and beyond to ensure safety within the City.

Advised that FEMA would be staged in Loris starting on Tuesday, September 25, 2018.

Thanked Horry County Schools for giving the City a location to hold our City Council meeting and for opening as an emergency shelter during the storm with little notification. Thanked Clerk Wright for her efforts in keeping community members updated via social media with what was going on throughout the City and what resources were available.

Building Official Brandon Harreslon advised that a portion of City Hall, specifically the records room was damaged during the hurricane. The insurance adjuster along with structural engineers have been contacted.

Advised that City Administrative offices have been relocated to the Public Safety building located at 3909 Walnut Street.

Advised that the Water and Sewer departments have two sewer lines that need to be repaired due to damages from the storm. No lines are leaking but do require immediate repair. There are no present issues with the drinking water within the City and none are expected to arise.

Advised that the Bayboro Pump station sustained damage during the storm and parts to repair the station have been ordered and overnighted.

Advised that the Public Works department is diligently working to clean out ditches, unclog drains and repair roads that were washed out during the storm.

Advised that leaf and limb would be picked up as soon as possible followed by all bulk items.

Advised that Railroad Avenue is now closed due to damages to the bridge during the storm.

Hwy 45 bridge which was previously closed has been inspected by DOT and now open.

Advised that data was collected after the storm to begin a much-needed drainage study.

Requested approval to move forward with the study.

Council requests that Mr. Harreslon along with Administrator Kempski research the cost of this type of study to be presented to Council at a later date.

Chief Gary Buley advised that officers were out patrolling before, during and after the storm to ensure the safety of citizens and businesses of Loris. Feels that all departments came together and worked as a team to get the job done.

Recreation Director Tom Cocke advised that coaches have been selected for Fall youth sports. Practices and games will begin as soon as Horry County Schools resume. Advised that the Recreation department did not experience any major damage from the hurricane and business would be back to usual as soon as the flooding recedes.

Bob Rutelitch with the Fire Department advised that several calls were answered during and after the storm. The call volume was equal to an entire month.

Mayor Nichols and all of Council thanked all City employees for the hard work done in preparation, during and after the storm.

Mayor Nichols advised that Governor McMaster called to find out the needs of the City in connection to damages from the storm.

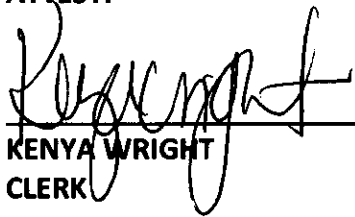
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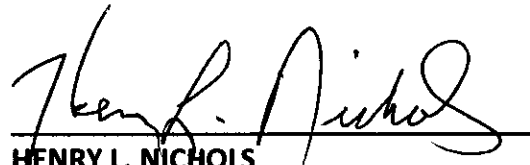
1. Butch Boucher of 115 Fox Glen Drive thanked the City for all their hard work and efforts in preparation for hurricane Florence.
2. Ms. Lenell Black of 120 Fox Glen thanked the City for the preparation and continued work throughout the City. Advised that the Veterans Affairs Office in Conway is having a Disaster Relief program for all Veterans that ends on Tuesday, September 25, 2018.
3. Mr. Scotty Jacobs of 4341 Willow Street thanked Loris Police Department for their efforts during hurricane Florence. Also thanked Councilman Harrelson for being out and visible during the hurricane. Mr. Jacobs also shared information for disaster relief throughout the area.
4. Mr. Ben Golden of 146 Lions Paw Court advised that his home flooded during hurricane Florence and feels that the City has let the community down due to the lack of drainage.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

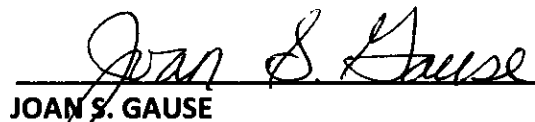
A motion was made by Councilwoman Gause, seconded by Councilman Lewis Hardee to adjourn. All Members voted favorably. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

**ATTEST:**

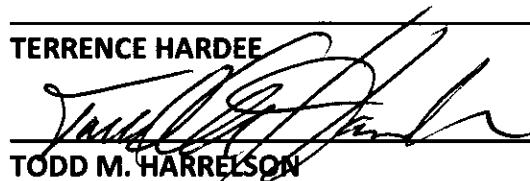
  
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CLERK

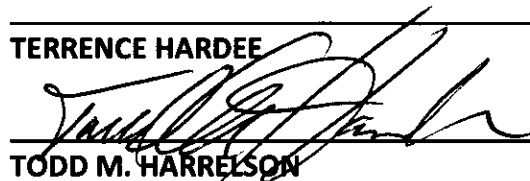
  
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