



MINUTES

Town Council Work Session
Monday, September 16th, 2024 at 6:00 pm
2909 Platt Springs Road, Springdale, SC 29170

The media and public were duly notified of the date, time, and place of this meeting.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Juston Ricard, Mayor Pro Tem Jacob Wilkerson, Councilmembers Hallman, Fecas, Hook and Wilbourne.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilmember Kevin Reeley

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leeann Kelly, Chief of Police Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, Public Works Supervisor Kevin White, Attorney Ward Bradley, and Attorney Sierra Carini.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ricard called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Councilmember Hallman provided the invocation, and Mayor Ricard led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda

The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

3. Discussion

- A. Central Midlands Council of Governments Government Services – John Hanson, Government Services Manager. Mr. Hanson discussed the position of Government Services Manager, which was created to facilitate better communication between municipalities and the Central Midlands Council of Governments.
- B. Plans for Vacant Town Hall and Police Department. Council discussed plans for the old town hall building, including demolishing it and expanding the park. Administrator Watkins stated she felt like it would be best to have the Public Works office area and the new municipal complex parking lot completed before work is done to the old town hall and park. Council agreed to get the cost to finish the Public Works area, pave the current municipal complex parking lot, and demolish the old town hall before further discussion.
- C. Plans for Town-owned Kirkwood Drive Property. Council agreed that they are amenable to selling a strip of the Kirkwood Drive property to the neighboring property owner for current market value. This would allow him to access to the side of his property and backyard. Mayor Ricard is to contact the property owner. Council agreed to brainstorm ideas for the future of the property.
- D. Plans for Town-owned Wattling Road Property. After a brief discussion, Council agreed to have Public Works Supervisor White follow up with a few contractors on quotes for moving the security light from behind the town sign. Further plans for the property will be discussed once the quotes come back.
- E. Short-term Goals. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson reported that the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission is willing to assist with funds for park projects, but needs a wish list including prices. He is to meet with Administrator Watkins to come up with a list. Councilmember Fecas discussed interest in reviewing the master plan and the potential for funding during an upcoming

meeting. Councilmember Wilbourne stated that a local business owner has inquired about façade grants for business revitalization. Mayor Ricard is to speak with the business owner. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson stated that other municipalities have cancelled agreements with fiber internet provider Lumos. After a brief discussion, Council asked Attorney Bradley if anything could be done with Springdale's agreement. Attorney Bradley stated the agreement has not been accepted and signed by Lumos, therefore an agreement does not exist. He stated he would review the agreement to see what the options are and would report back.

- F. Long-term Goals. Council agreed that sewer and municipal complex improvements are long-term goals.

4. Town Council Reports

- A. Elected Officials – Councilmember Hook reported tractor trailers are still parking on the vacant lot beside Murphy. Mayor Ricard discussed an upcoming meeting with Infrastructure Consulting and Engineering concerning the Wattling Road sidewalk project. Councilmember Fecas discussed a legislative advocacy meeting sponsored by the Municipal Association of South Carolina she plans to attend.
- B. Sewer Expansion – Wilbourne. No report.
- C. Cottages at Roof's Pond – Wilkerson. No report.
- D. Durham Drive Dam – Hook. No report.
- E. Town Parks – Wilkerson. No further to report after discussion from Item 3.
- F. Springdale Municipal Complex. Nothing further to report after discussion from Item 3.
- G. Community Relations – Fecas. Councilmember Fecas discussed the community open house at the L2PAC on October 7th from 5-7 pm. She stated district staff would be forwarding a flyer to be shared on social media.
- H. Corridor Improvements. No report.

Staff and Council discussed upcoming events, including participation in local Christmas parades, and the Town Christmas party.

5. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm.

Juston Ricard, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Kelly, Municipal Clerk