



MINUTES
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 6:00 pm
2915 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 Fecas, Wilbourne, Reeley, Hook, and Hallman (joined via Zoom)

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Administrator Ashley Watkins, Chief of Police Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, Police Department Administrative Assistant Sheri Jonas, Master Police Officer Cody Day, Investigator Brooks Houser, Police Captain Brian Lorick, Patrolman Wesley Hilton, 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

B. Approval of Minutes

- March 5th, 2024 Regular Meeting
- March 18th, 2024 Work Session
- March 18th, 2024 Special Meeting

The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

3. Moment of Silence

A. Proclamation P-21-01 Observes a Moment of Silence During the 1st Council Meeting in April of Each Year in Remembrance of Children in our Community who have Passed Away and in Support of Their Bereaved Loved Ones. Council and those in attendance observed a moment of silence.

4. Employee Recognition

A. Springdale Police Department Employee of the 1st Quarter 2024, Investigator Brooks Houser

B. Formal Swearing-In of Officer Wesley Hilton, Springdale Police Department

C. Formal Swearing-In of Captain Brian Lorick, Springdale Police Department

Chief Richbourg recognized Investigator Brooks Houser as Employee of the 1st Quarter 2024. He issued the oath of office to Officer Wesley Hilton, and Captain Brian Lorick, with the assistance of their family members.

5. New Business

A. **Ordinance O-24-02; AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE AND LUMOS FIBER OF SOUTH CAROLINA, LLC GRANTING A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE FOR THE USE OF PUBLIC STREETS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR FACILITIES FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE (1st Reading)**

Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Fecas, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance at its first reading.

- B. **Resolution R-24-01;** A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEXINGTON COUNTY DELEGATION TO ESTABLISH A NEW COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WITH A MAJORITY OF APPOINTEES TO THE COMMITTEE FROM LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES AND TRANSFERRING THE AUTHORITY OF LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE NEW COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.
- C. Termination of the Supportive Municipal Judge Agreement with the Town of Springdale and the County of Lexington. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson made a motion to terminate the agreement. Councilmember Fecas recused herself from the vote because she had not read the information. The vote passed with Mayor Ricard, and Councilmembers Reeley, Hook, Wilkerson, and Hallman voting in favor. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson voted opposed.
- D. Town Council Work Session for April 2024. Postponed until after executive session.

6. Reports

- A. Town Council Report. No report.
- B. Police Chief Report. Chief Richbourg reviewed his monthly report with Council, highlighting major crimes, statistics, code enforcement activity, and speed trailer data.
- C. Public Works Report. Supervisor White reported ongoing and upcoming projects including ground maintenance, fence repairs, and the sink hole in the park. He reported that two Public Works employees recently resigned, and the open positions have been posted.
- D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins reported that the Airport Inn & Suites hearing has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 15th, 2024. She reported that the L2PAC ribbon cutting is scheduled for May 1st at 11:00 am.
- E. Attorney Report. No report.

7. Public Comment

Public Comment was given by Ellin Baskin, Bunhap Hat, and Christopher Sickle.

8. Adjourn to Executive Session

- A. Receipt of Legal Advice
- B. Discussion of Contractual Agreements
- C. Appointment of Associate Municipal Judge

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to adjourn to executive session at 6:32 pm.

9. Executive Session

- 10. **Return to Open Session – Action may be taken regarding matters discussed in Executive Session.** Council returned to open session at 7:13 pm, with no action taken in executive session.

Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, voted unanimously to appoint Judge Scott Whittle as the Associate Municipal Judge. Administrator Watkins issued the Oath of Office to Judge Whittle.

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilbourne, voted unanimously to resume agenda item 5(D):

5(D) Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Fecas, voted unanimously to cancel the work session for April 15th due to a public hearing being held in the first portion of May.

11. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Hook, seconded by Councilmember Fecas, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm.

Attest,

Juston Ricard, Mayor

Leeann Kelly, Municipal Clerk