

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting Tuesday, December 7th, 2021 at 6:00 pm

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

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Michael Bishop, Mayor Pro Tem Juston Ricard, Councilmembers Wilkerson, Fecas, Reeley, and Hallman.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilmember Hook

STAFF PRESENT: Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden, Police Captain Chris Manual, Attorney Sierra Carini, Public Works Supervisor Kevin White, Corporal Xavier Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant Sheri Jonas.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Agenda.
- B. Approval of Minutes.

Council unanimously approved the agenda for the December 7th, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, the minutes for the November 9th, 2021 Regular Meeting, and the minutes for the November 15th, 2021 Work Session.

III. Employee Recognitions

A. Springdale Police Department Employee of the Month, Corporal Xavier Rodriguez. Captain Manuel recognized Corporal Rodriguez as Employee of the Month. Captain Manual informed Council that Corporal Rodriguez had recently been promoted to Corporal due to his hard work, diligence and initiative. He finished by stating Corporal Rodriguez planned and executed the recent coat drive and identified numerous families to participate in the Badge to Blessings program.

IV. New Business

- A. **ORDINANCE O-21-15**; AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A REVISED BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUSINESS LICENSE STANDARDIZATION ACT (2020 ACT NO. 176) (1st Reading). Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance at its first reading.
- B. **ORDINANCE O-21-16**; AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING THE SPRINGDALE ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 4: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS; SECTION 4.3.5 COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (1st Reading). Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Hallman, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance at its first reading.

- C. Town Calendar. Councilmember Wilkerson made a motion to approve the calendar with the following amendment: move the July Regular Meeting from July 5th, 2022 to July 12th, 2022. Councilmember Fecas seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
- D. Possible Cancellation of December Work Session. Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to cancel the December Work Session.

V. Reports

- A. Town Council Report. Councilmember Fecas stated that it was a good day for Springdale, with the groundbreaking for the Lexington School District Two District Offices and Performing Arts Center taking place earlier in the day. Councilmember Wilkerson stated that it was a great day and the new facilities open up many future opportunities for Springdale. Mayor Bishop stated that it was nice to be included in the event. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated that it has been a great joy working with Mayor Bishop. Councilmember Reeley stated that Mayor Bishop has been a wonderful Mayor and he is proud to have served on Council with him. He also stated that he has received some complaints from residents concerning noise nuisances and would like to discuss the noise ordinance during January's Work Session. Councilmember Hallman complimented Mayor Bishop's character, work ethic, and integrity. He stated he appreciates the Mayor as a friend and thanked him for always putting the Town first. Councilmember Wilkerson complimented the Mayor's work ethic and integrity in his service to the Town of Springdale. Mayor Bishop thanked his fellow Councilmembers for their kind words. He stated that he became aware of a force main that may be coming through Town that could be controversial, and that he would provide updates to Council as available.
- B. Police Chief Report. Captain Manual reviewed the report with Council in Chief Richbourg's absence. He highlighted major crimes, traffic enforcement and Code Enforcement statistics. Captain Manuel stated that the two new speed trailers awarded by a grant have been delivered, and training on how to use them will be take place soon. Councilmember Fecas thanked Administrative Assistant Sheri Jonas for her efforts in applying for grants.
- C. Public Works Report. Public Works Supervisor Kevin White reviewed his report with Council, highlighting current and upcoming projects. Supervisor White stated that the park is decorated for the holiday season and Tree Lighting. He stated that the park bathroom is almost complete, except for a repair to the bathroom light. He reported that he is still working on graphics for the garbage trucks. He concluded by reporting to Council that price estimates for a well in the park have gone up immensely. Mayor Bishop stated that he would reach out to a colleague to inquire about options for a well.
- D. Town Administrator Report. Municipal Clerk Eden reported in the absence of Administrator Watkins. She thanked the Public Works Department and Councilmember Fecas for their help with the rain barrel event. She reported that all hands have been on deck preparing for the Tree Lighting and that Christmas party invitations have been mailed out.
- E. Attorney Report. No report.

VI. Public Comment

No public comment was given.

VII. Adjourn to Executive Session

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:26 pm.

VIII. Return to Open Session – Action may be taken regarding matters discussed in Executive Session.

Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to return to open session at 6:28 pm. Mayor Bishop stated that no action was taken during Executive Session.

IX. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 pm.

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