



MINUTES

Town Council Work Session
Monday, January 22nd, 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. A quorum was present.

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

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

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.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda

The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

3. Discussion

A. 1978 Agreement with County of Lexington. Lexington County Councilmember Debbie Summers attended the meeting and provided an update on County Council’s recent work, and the 1978 agreement. She informed Council of an annexation bill that is worrisome, and urged them to look into it. Councilmember Summers reassured Council that Lexington County would continue to support and maintain existing and new county-owned roads in Springdale. The only change will be the width requirements of roads to accommodate public safety vehicles.

B. Christmas Party Recap. Mayor Ricard expressed his satisfaction with the Christmas party. Administrator Watkins reported that she received a lot of positive feedback and looks forward to having future events at the new municipal complex.

C. Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission. No update.

D. Springdale Business Spotlight. Councilmember Fecas proposed a local business initiative to positively promote Springdale businesses. Council agreed to promote businesses in Mayor Ricard’s newsletter, and on social media. Council discussed ideas for interaction with local business representatives, to include inviting them to Council meetings.

E. 2024 Strategic Planning. Council agreed to begin brainstorming for a strategic planning session in March. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson proposed another tour of the Town in early Spring.

4. Town Council Reports

A. Elected Officials – Councilmember Fecas informed Council she is attending an upcoming Municipal Association training session on budgeting and municipal finance.

- B. Sewer Expansion – Wilbourne. No update.
- C. Cottages at Roof’s Pond – Wilkerson. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson reported that curbing and asphalt are being installed for phase two. Councilmember Fecas asked how many houses were pre-sale in phase two. Mayor Ricard stated he would call and ask. Administrator Watkins shared an email she received from a Cottages resident who was touched by the Police Department’s Santa Claus tour.
- D. Platt Springs Road Corridor – Reeley. Councilmember Reeley stated that the median in front of the L2PAC has been removed.
- E. Durham Drive Dam – Hook. Administrator Watkins reported that preliminary engineering is complete, and SC Department of Transportation is weighing options to move forward on repairs.
- F. Town Events – Ricard. Administrator Watkins reported Summerfest planning will begin soon.
- G. Town Parks – Wilkerson. No update.
- H. Springdale Municipal Complex. Mayor Ricard reported that preliminary site work is not completed, and this item will be revisited in March.
- I. Community Relations – Fecas. Councilmember Fecas suggested hosting another neighborhood hot-dog event in April. Lexington County Councilmember Debbie Summers suggested it would be beneficial if Springdale could have representation at the Chamber of Commerce’s breakfasts and board meetings. Council agreed to work towards attending the meetings.

5. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 pm.

Juston Ricard, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Kelly, Municipal Clerk