

— South Carolina —
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 4th, 2022 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 Juston Ricard, Councilmembers Wilkerson, Fecas, Reeley, Hook, Hallman and Wilbourne.

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden, Police Captain Chris Manuel, Attorney Ward Bradley, Attorney Sierra Carini, Public Works Supervisor Kevin White, Police Department Administrative Assistant Sheri Jonas, Patrolman Matthew Hagins, Patrolman Matthew Young, Investigator David Jordan, Code Enforcement Officer Ed DeVore, Administrative Specialist Pam Shepard, Public Works Driver Trevor Sharpe.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Oath of Office

- A. Juston Ricard, Mayor
- B. Kevin Reeley, Councilmember
- C. Tate Wilbourne, Councilmember
- D. Jacob Wilkerson, Councilmember

Judge Dooley issued the Oath of Office to each Councilmember, with the assistance of their families.

III. Nomination and Election of Mayor Pro Tempore

Council, on motion of Councilmember Hallman, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to elect Councilmember Wilkerson as Mayor Pro Tempore.

IV. Consent Agenda

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

Council unanimously approved the agenda for the January 4th, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, and the minutes for the December 7th, 2021 Regular Meeting.

V. Employee Recognitions

- A. Springdale Police Department Employee of the Month, Code Enforcement Officer Ed DeVore. Police Captain Manuel recognized Code Enforcement Officer DeVore as Employee of the Month, citing his initiative to learn how to operate the new speed trailers, and his continued notable efforts to work with citizens to bring and keep properties in compliance. He also stated that CE Officer

DeVore is a State Constable and has devoted his personal time for the last 10 years volunteering as Court Officer for the Springdale Municipal Court.

VI. Old 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) (2nd Reading). Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance at its second and final reading.

VII. Old Business

- A. **ORDINANCE O-21-07**; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SPRINGDALE ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 4: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS; SECTION 2: LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS (2nd Reading). Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, voted unanimously to approve the Ordinance at its second reading.

VIII. Reports

- A. Town Council Report. Councilmember Hallman stated that he enjoyed attending the Christmas party and thanked those who worked to make it a success. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson stated that it was great to see everyone who attended the meet and greet and that he looks forward to continuing his service to the Town. Councilmember Hook stated that the Christmas decorations looked great and that he was sorry to have missed the groundbreaking ceremony for the Lexington District Two development but he was glad it went well. Mayor Juston Ricard thanked everyone for coming to the meet and greet and Council meeting, and stated that he is looking forward to a great year.
- B. Police Chief Report. Police Captain Manuel reviewed the monthly report with Council, highlighting statistics, crimes, Code Enforcement activity, and speed trailer data. He provided an update on communications with Lexington County Dispatch, stating that the department is still working with them and is continuing to attend meetings. He stated that there has been a serious change in staffing, with the Director of Dispatch starting over from scratch with a new Command Staff and trainees. Captain Manuel stated that the department is still encountering issues which will be addressed appropriately.
- C. Public Works Report. Public Works Supervisor Kevin White reviewed his report with Council, highlighting current and upcoming projects. He stated his department is maintaining all areas, and that he is still searching for well diggers for the splash pad. Supervisor White provided Council with a graphic sample for the garbage trucks and stated that he would move forward with Council's approval. Council approved the graphic for the garbage truck. He stated that the light pole behind the Town monument sign on Watling Road will be moved. He inquired about feedback he received regarding the Town's Monument sign by the I-26 entrance ramp on Airport Blvd. Mayor Ricard stated that the sign needs some additional landscaping in order to put emphasis on it and help it stand out. Administrator Watkins stated that it blends in with its surroundings. Supervisor White stated that Public Works would take care of it.
- D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins reviewed her report with Council, and asked to add discussion of American Rescue Plan Act Funds and the Lexington County Penny Sales Tax projects to the next Work Session agenda. Council agreed to add these items to the Work Session agenda. She stated that Chief Richbourg's surgery has been rescheduled and she is not sure when he will return to work. However, he is still available by phone and email and Captain Manuel is available as well. Administrator Watkins stated that Town Calendars were recently mailed out.

Councilmember Fecas stated that the Public Works department employees are doing a great job, especially staying consistent during the holidays with all of the additional projects they take on. She expressed her gratitude, stating that Council appreciates their hard work.

E. Attorney Report. No report.

IX. Public Comment

Public Comment was given by Springdale Residents Mike and Lisa Terrell.

X. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Juston Ricard, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk