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SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Work Session
Monday, October 18th, 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 Fecas, Hook, and Reeley.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilmember Jacob Wilkerson.

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

I. Call to Order

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

II. Consent Agenda

Council unanimously approved the October 18th, 2021 Work Session Agenda.

III. Items for Discussion

A. Commercial Parking Ordinance. Administrator Watkins stated that she and Chief Richbourg worked with Attorneys Bradley and Carini in order to draft a Commercial Parking Ordinance at Council’s request. There was a discussion on how to effectively regulate the parking of commercial vehicles in residential areas. As a result of that discussion, the following amendments were requested to the draft ordinance:

Item A.2: ~~“The commercial vehicle shall be parked off of the street and behind the front setback.~~
“The commercial vehicle shall be parked off of the street. One commercial vehicle may be parked on a paved, non-permeable driveway. Any other commercial vehicle must be parked behind the front setback.”

Item C: ~~“A commercial vehicle is any commercial truck marked with a sign, letter, identification numbers or emblem advertising or associating it in any way with a commercial enterprise other than those which identify the vehicle maker or dealer. This includes but is not limited to semi-trucks, tractor trailers, dump trucks, wreckers, delivery vans, cherry pickers, trucks for commercial use, commercial trailers and construction equipment. This specifically excludes vehicles owned and operated by residents of the dwelling unit for purposes of employment or occupation, emergency vehicles, utility repair vehicles, Lexington County school buses, and construction vehicles during actual construction of structures on the premises.”~~

B. Signs for Parrish Plantation Dam. There was a discussion of how to notify residents of the dangers of accessing the pond dam. Administrator Watkins stated that Wade Caughman mentioned placing trespassing signs on the property but has not done so as of the date of this meeting. Councilmember

Fecas stated that a previous Parrish Plantation HOA member verified that no notice has been sent to residents regarding the dam. Administrator Watkins stated that a notice can be sent to residents from Chief Richbourg informing them of the danger the dam poses. Council agreed that a notice should be sent and that the letter from DHEC concerning the dam should be included with the notice. Councilmember Fecas stated that it is a priority of the Town to ensure public safety. Administrator Watkins stated that she requested a copy of the DHEC permit for the work on the dam but DHEC's response was that the permit would need to be requested under FOIA.

IV. Town Council Reports

- A. Parrish Plantation. Councilmember Reeley stated that work is being done on the Huffstetler Pond dam.
- B. DOT. Mayor Bishop stated that he talked with Resident Maintenance Engineer Mike Bagley concerning 340 Wattling Road. He stated that the work order has been issued but projects are being pushed back due to Covid-19 and staffing issues.
- C. Elected Officials. No report.

Administrator Watkins stated that the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for October 19th, 2021 was canceled due to lack of business for the agenda. She stated that she is waiting to hear from the Central Midlands Council of Governments concerning assistance with the comprehensive plan. Administrator Watkins stated that the funds from the American Rescue Plan Act have been received and that discussions should take place soon on how to allocate the funds. Administrator Watkins stated that she will continue to research ideas and will resend information to Council concerning the allowable uses for the funds. Council agreed to have a discussion concerning the American Rescue Plan Act funds at the next Work Session. Councilmember Fecas discussed correspondence that could be considered sequential/ electronic meetings and stated that she will meet with Administrator Watkins concerning this soon.

V. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk