

— South Carolina —
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 2nd, 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, Hallman, Reeley, Wilkerson and Hook.

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden, Chief of Police Andrew Richbourg, Police Captain Chris Manuel, Administrative Assistant Sheri Jonas, Officer Matt Hagins, Officer Arturo Contreras, Attorney Sierra Carini, Billing and Permit Clerk Jacquelyn Adams, Public Works Supervisor Kevin White.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Agenda.
- B. Approval of Minutes.
 - i. January 5th, 2021 Regular Meeting
 - ii. January 20th, 2021 Work Session

Council unanimously approved the agenda for the February 2nd, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, the minutes for the January 5th, 2021 Regular Council Meeting and the minutes for the January 20th, 2021 Work Session.

III. Employee Recognitions

- A. Employee of the Month
 - A. Contreras, Police Department. Chief Richbourg presented Officer Contreras as Employee of the Month and recognized him for his hard work and dedication to making positive impacts in the community.

IV. New Business

- A. Discussion of the Midlands Business Leadership Group (MLBG) DRAFT Intergovernmental Agreement for the Regional Gateways Project. There was a brief discussion of the project, including what municipalities are on board.
- B. Street Light Request – Sandalwood Drive. Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to deny the street light request. Council further stated that the financial responsibility of any street light installed at the request of a resident would belong to the resident.

- C. Discussion of Plat Approval for undeveloped property near Kirkwood Drive and Sandalwood Drive. Administrator Watkins gave background information and Attorney Sierra Carini explained the process of Administrator Watkins issuing a plat approval. Council agreed, on the advice of legal counsel, that they took no responsibility on the decision of property rights and the plat was only being reviewed for zoning conformity. Mayor Bishop, Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, Councilmembers Wilkerson, Reeley, Hallman and Hook were in favor of Administrator Watkins reviewing the plat for approval. Councilmember Fecas was not in favor of Administrator Watkins reviewing the plat for approval.

V. Reports

- A. Town Council Report. Councilmember Fecas discussed the recent Lexington Municipal Association meeting and outreach efforts of other municipalities to ensure seniors who need additional assistance receive their COVID-19 vaccine. She discussed the possibility of Springdale providing seniors in the community with transportation to or information about where and how to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Councilmember Hallman stated that it was a great gesture. Mayor Bishop and Councilmember Fecas discussed placing stickers or flyers on the garbage bins during trash collection. Administrator Watkins stated that while Town Hall does not have adequate staff to provide transportation to vaccine sites, information in written form could be distributed during garbage collection. Mayor Bishop asked Administrator Watkins to obtain quotes for the stickers or flyers and provide an update at Work Session.
- B. Police Chief Report. Chief Richbourg reviewed his report with Council. He stated that the SLED taskforce created to address widespread catalytic converter thefts is cracking down on recycling centers. He stated that recent crimes included a cluster of vehicle break-ins and according to video evidence, the perpetrators appear to be teenagers. Warrants have been issued in the case. Chief Richbourg stated that his officers continue to work hard and stats are up from the previous month.
- C. Public Works Report. Public Works Supervisor White reviewed his report with Council, discussing ongoing and future projects. He stated that borders and mulch have been added to the park and that he is looking for solutions to the drainage problem such as a french drain. Mayor Bishop asked if the old drainage pipes had been located and cleaned. Supervisor White stated that according to Lexington County, many years ago the drainage pipes were clogged so they were buried and no further work was done. He stated that tentatively, the park will open next week. Supervisor White thanked his team for their hard work on recent park projects, stating that Jacob Ricard has taken the lead on the majority of the projects and has done a great job. Mayor Bishop stated he contacted Memorial Design and left several messages regarding the new Town Sign that has not been delivered yet. Mayor Bishop stated that Supervisor White has been an asset to the Town and has brought a new level of professionalism to the Public Works Department.
- D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins gave an update on plans for the property Lexington School District Two purchased, stating that the property factors into their long term facilities improvement plan. She stated that in the District's 2030 plan, a swing elementary school to house students during the construction of other schools is mentioned and this may be what the property will be used for. She discussed a request from a resident to bring sewer service to Preston Street. After a brief discussion of budget items that have been negatively affected by COVID-19, Mayor Bishop stated it would be hard to justify spending the money on extending the sewer project at this time. Council did agree that Administrator Watkins could reach out to Cayce just to get a price for extending sewer service. Administrator Watkins reminded Council that State Ethics Reports are due by March 30th, 2021. Council agreed there would be no proposed Ordinance for 3%

raises for Council this year. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated that he has seen some activity on the Roof property. Administrator Watkins stated that the subdivision developer has obtained all permits to begin clearing land for infrastructure. She stated that she reminded the developer that all contractors must obtain a business license from the Town.

- E. Attorney Report. Attorney Sierra Carini gave an update on a letter written to the property management company of a property on Shampy Street at the request of a resident. She stated that the letter was sent on January 20th and the property management company was given 10 days to respond. At the time of the Council Meeting, no response had been received.

VI. Adjourn to Executive Session

- A. Discussion of Personnel Matter. Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:39 pm.

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

Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to return to open session at 7:06 pm. Mayor Bishop stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

VIII. Public Comment

No public comment was given.

IX. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 pm.

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk