



MINUTES
Town Council Work Session
Monday, August 19th, 2024 at 6:00 pm
2909 Platt Springs Road, Springdale, SC 29170

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

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Municipal Clerk Kelly, Chief of Police Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, Public Works Supervisor Kevin White, Police Captain Brian Lorick, Attorney Ward Bradley, and Attorney Sierra Carini.

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. A quorum was present.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda

The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

3. Discussion

- A. Ready, Set, Supply Initiative at Springdale Elementary - Darla Stone, Blue Cross Blue Shield. Darla Stone discussed holding a supply drive for Springdale Elementary School, Fulmer Middle School, Airport High School, and B.C High School. She stated she has reached out to Proctor & Gamble for donations. Council asked what the Town could do to support the drive, and Mrs. Stone stated that sharing information about the drive on social media would be helpful. Mrs. Stone is to create a list of items that are needed as well as messaging for social media. Councilmember Hallman suggested she approach area churches for assistance with the drive as well. Mrs. Stone plans to place supply drive boxes at the schools. Council thanked Mrs. Stone for her time.
- B. John Fechtel, Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering. John Fechtel stated that Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering is willing to survey both phases of the proposed sidewalk projects (Wattling to Silstar being Phase 1, Wattling to Empress being Phase 2), but only design Phase 1. He also suggested reaching out to Lexington County for an update on C-Funds as there may have been an increase in funding. He reported the Army Corps of Engineers have jurisdiction over the wetlands and the stream on the property behind the current Town Hall. He stated Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering is comfortable proposing a design that avoids those areas and the need for meetings/approval from the Army Corps of Engineers which could be of significant cost. Mayor Ricard stated that wetland identification was the first step and Council will revisit in a month or so to discuss in detail. Mayor Ricard asked if the wetlands were flagged. Mr. Fechtel stated that if they were not already flagged, they would come out and do so. Council thanked Mr. Fechtel for his time.
- C. Fencing at Felton C. Benton Park. Supervisor White reported that the fence posts are leaning but are not bent. Council agreed to repair and secure the fence until further plans are made for the park and municipal complex. Councilmember Fecas reported someone opened the drive-in gate at the back of the park and backed a vehicle in to unload items for a party. Supervisor White stated that he will make sure the fence is locked.

- D. Plans for Town-owned Property at Watling Road. Council discussed the split rail fence, including repairing what is down, adding an extra section, and securing the other end of the property with fencing. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson said he was under the impression that someone uses the old road to access a house, so securing the other end may not be possible. Council asked Public Works Supervisor White to see about access and if it can be closed off. Mayor Ricard also requested Supervisor White to revisit getting the pole moved from behind the town sign.
- E. September Work Session Council agreed to brainstorm ideas for the September work session. Topics include the town-owned properties on Watling Road and Kirkwood Drive, short- and long-term goals, and plans for the old town hall.
- F. September - Work Day for Municipal Complex. Council discussed some dates in September but did not set a date. Council agreed that a Friday afternoon would be best. Public Works Supervisor White is to work on compiling a list of projects. Council will need to approve a date.

4. Town Council Reports

- A. Elected Officials – Councilmember Fecas reminded everyone of L2PAC’s community open house on October 7th, 2024. She reflected on the recent Lexington 2 Teacher/Support Person of the Year ceremony.
- B. Sewer Expansion – Wilbourne. Mayor Ricard stated he and Councilmember Wilbourne met with American Engineering and Cayce concerning sewer on Jupiter Street and Woodfield Road. Council discussed the cost and scope of the proposed project, as well as pursuing funding opportunities. Councilmember Fecas asked for the figure in the earmarked fund for sewer projects. Municipal Clerk Kelly is to report back with that information.
- C. Cottages at Roof’s Pond – Wilkerson. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson reported 15-20 homes are in the process of construction but none seem to be in final inspection phases.
- D. Durham Drive Dam – Hook. No report.
- E. Town Parks – Wilkerson. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson reported the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission is scheduled to meet on September 1st, 2024. Three other municipalities are requesting funding. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson stated he intends to contact Lexington County Councilmembers before the meeting to garner support. Councilmember Wilkerson asked for the figure available in Hospitality Tax. Municipal Clerk Kelly is to report back with that information. Council agreed to inform the Commission that Springdale is willing to commit funds to the project, but a dollar amount has not been decided.
- F. Springdale Municipal Complex. No report.
- G. Community Relations – Fecas. Councilmember Fecas reported she is visiting small businesses in Town, and wants to work with staff to get addresses for those she is unfamiliar with. She reported unsatisfactory conditions at Dollar General, and requested code enforcement visit the store.
- H. Corridor Improvements. Council discussed an update on the Airport Boulevard Gateway Project from Michael Conley, Cayce Interim Deputy City Manager. He reports that the South Carolina Department of Transportation has issued encroachment permits, and they hope to have the bid out within the next several weeks. Mayor Ricard and Councilmember Hallman stated they are working on getting updates concerning no trespassing signs for the vacant lot beside Murphy where 18 wheelers have been parking.

5. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Juston Ricard, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Kelly, Municipal Clerk