

— South Carolina —  
**SPRINGDALE**

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**MINUTES**

Town Council Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Jacob Wilkerson, Councilmembers Fecas, Reeley, Hook, Hallman and Wilbourne.

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden, Chief of Police Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, Police Captain Chris Manuel, Attorney Sierra Carini, Police Department Administrative Assistant Sheri Jonas, Patrolman Matthew Hagins, Patrolman Matthew Young, 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. Consent Agenda**

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

Council unanimously approved the agenda for the February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, the minutes for the January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Regular Meeting, and the minutes for the January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Work Session.

**III. Employee Recognitions**

- A. Springdale Police Department Employee of the Month, Patrolman Matthew Hagins. Chief Richbourg recognized Patrolman Hagins as Employee of the Month, citing his willingness to take on leadership roles through field training, and his outstanding work during special operations.

**IV. New Business**

- A. Discussion and Approval of **RESOLUTION 0-22-01; A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE APPOINTING REPRESENTATION AND AN ALTERNATE TO THE JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION.** Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Wilbourne, voted unanimously to appoint Mayor Juston Ricard as the representative, and Councilmember Cory Hook as an alternate to the Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission.
- B. Approval of Hospitality Tax Funds to pay AAA Well Drilling to install a well at the Splash Pad. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to approve the use of Hospitality Tax Funds to pay AAA Well Drilling for installation of a well for the splash pad.

- C. American Rescue Plan Act Funds – use of funds for construction of the Springdale Municipal Complex. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to approve the remaining funds not earmarked for premium pay pursuant to agenda item D, to be earmarked to the construction of the Springdale Municipal Complex. Councilmember Hallman stated that while he understands future opportunities for funding the sewer project exist, he does not want the project to be placed on the back burner.
- D. American Rescue Plan Act Funds – use of funds to provide Premium Pay to employees. Councilmember Hallman made a motion to look at one of the three options presented for premium pay for employees. Mayor Ricard stated that one option would need to be selected and the current motion would need to be amended to reflect one option of premium pay. Councilmember Hallman amended his motion to adopt option 1 for premium pay for employees, and the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson. There was discussion including alternate options for premium pay and what other municipalities have decided to do in reference to premium pay. Mayor Ricard, Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, and Councilmembers Hallman and Reeley voted in favor of the motion, with Councilmembers Fecas, Hook, and Wilbourne voting opposed. Ultimately, Councilmember Hallman cited the importance of taking care of the Town’s staff as his reasoning for making a motion to choose premium pay option 1.

**V. Reports**

- A. Town Council Report. Councilmember Reeley commend the police department for their diligence on a recent vandalism at his business property. He stated the officers who responded were prompt to the scene and very professional.
- B. Police Chief Report. Chief Richbourg reviewed the monthly report with Council, highlighting statistics, crimes, Code Enforcement activity, and speed trailer data. He stated that an individual on foot recently vandalized several locations along Platt Springs Road, and it is still under investigation. Chief Richbourg stated that he would send Council various report formats for speed trailer data for review.
- C. Public Works Report. Administrator Watkins stated that Public Works Supervisor Kevin White was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency. She stated that his report is included in the packet and briefly reviewed the main points. She stated that the department will be working on landscaping and sprinklers in the next couple of months, and that Supervisor White is waiting for an installation date for the garbage truck graphics. She concluded by stating the light pole behind the Town sign on Wattling Road will be removed soon.
- D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins expressed gratitude to Council on behalf of all Town staff for approving premium pay. She stated that the interview for the intern position had to be rescheduled to later this week. She informed Council that Murphy Express is moving forward with their plans to open a convenience store at the corner of Airport Boulevard and Boston Avenue and she is in the process of addressing the property. She stated that the Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on Tuesday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to hold a Public Hearing on the amended Commercial Parking Ordinance. Mayor Ricard has requested that Council hold a joint discussion with the Planning Commission at that same meeting to discuss the Comprehensive Plan.
- E. Attorney Report. No report. Attorney Carini provided an update on the lawsuit concerning the Town sign, stating that a hearing should be scheduled within the next month. She also provided an update on the abatement process concerning abandoned properties. She stated that a lien could be placed on the property when maintenance is done by the Town and it would be assessed as property tax.

**VI. Public Comment**

Public Comment was given by Springdale Resident Lisa Terrell.

**VII. Adjourn to Executive Session**

A. Discussion of Board Appointments

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

Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to appoint Paul Kiepert to the Planning Commission.

**IX. Adjourn**

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 pm.

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Juston Ricard, Mayor

Attest:

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Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk