



# MINUTES

**Town Council Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, April 7, 2026 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 Fecas, Wilbourne, Reeley, and Hook.

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Councilmember Steve Hallman.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leeann Kelly, Chief of Police Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, Public Works Supervisor Kevin White, Police Department Administrative Assistant Sheri Jonas, Investigator Lonnie Houser, Attorney Ward Bradley, and Attorney Sierra Carini Hartley.

## **1. Call to Order**

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

## **2. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes
  - March 3, 2026 Regular Meeting
  - March 16, 2026 Work Session
  - March 16, 2026 Special Meeting

The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

## **3. Moment of Silence**

- A. Proclamation P-21-01 Observes a Moment of Silence During the 1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting in April of Each Year in Remembrance of Children in our Community who have Passed Away and in Support of Their Bereaved Loved Ones. Council, and everyone in attendance observed a moment of silence.

## **4. Presentations**

- A. Spotlight on Springdale – West Columbia Animal Clinic. Mayor Ricard recognized the West Columbia Animal Clinic for their contributions to the community.
- B. Springdale Police Department 2025 Officer of the Year – Lonnie Houser. Chief Richbourg recognized Investigator Houser as the 2025 Officer of the Year. Investigator Houser’s family was present.
- C. Springdale Police Department Officer of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter – Lonnie Houser. Chief Richbourg recognized Investigator Houser as the Officer of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter due to a recent successful investigation.

**5. Old Business**

A. **Amendment of Ordinance O-24-02; AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE AND LUMOS FIBER OF SOUTH CAROLINA, LLC GRANTING A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE FOR THE USE OF PUBLIC STREETS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR FACILITIES FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE.** (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading). Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilbourne, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.

**6. Reports**

A. Town Council Report. No report.

B. Police Chief Report. Chief Richbourg discussed software program changes and stated he is working on something to report code enforcement statistics.

C. Public Works Report. Supervisor White reviewed his report with Council, overviewing current and upcoming projects. He reported the medians have been completed by the landscaping company.

D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins provided an update on the C-Funds grant. She shared the Comet’s rider report. Councilmember Fecas requested additional information on charges for the Comet bus. Chief Richbourg invited Council to attend the Lexington County Law Enforcement Memorial Service on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Ricard will be speaking during the event.

E. Attorney Report. No report.

**7. Public Comment**

Public comment was provided by Debra Temples.

**8. Adjourn to Executive Session**

Council, on motion of Councilmember Hook, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:22 pm.

**9. Executive Session**

- A. Legal Advice
- B. Personnel Matters

**10. 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 Fecas, voted unanimously to return to open session at 6:58 pm. No action was taken in executive session.

**11. Adjourn.**

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 pm.

Attest,

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Juston Ricard, Mayor

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Leeann Kelly, Municipal Clerk