

— South Carolina —
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 6th, 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, and Hook.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilmember Wilkerson

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden, Chief of Police Andrew Richbourg, Police Captain Chris Manuel, Attorney Sierra Carini, Public Works Supervisor Kevin White, Officer Matthew Young, Officer James Stone, and Officer Arturo Contreras.

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. March 2nd, 2021 Regular Meeting
 - ii. March 15th, 2021 Work Session

Council voted unanimously to approve the agenda for the April 6th, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, the minutes for the March 2nd, 2021 Regular Council Meeting and the minutes for the March 15th, 2021 Work Session.

III. Moment of Silence

- A. Proclamation P-21-01 calls for a Moment of Silence during the first Town Council Meeting of each April, in remembrance of Faye Marie Swetlik and all the beloved children in our community who have passed away, and in support of their bereaved loved ones. Council and all those present in the meeting observed a moment of silence.

IV. Employee Recognitions

- A. Swearing-in of Officer M. Young. Chief Richbourg issued the oath of office to Officer Young with the assistance of his family.
- B. Springdale Police Department Employee of the Month, Officer J. Stone. Chief Richbourg recognized Officer Stone as Employee of the Month, citing his proactive approach for narcotics and other criminal enforcement. Chief Richbourg announced that Officer Stone will be serving as the SRO for Wil Lou Gray after the position was vacated by SRO Spears.
- C. Life Saving Award, Officer A. Contreras. Chief Richbourg presented Officer Contreras with a Life Saving Award and a Life Saver Bar to be placed on his dress uniform for his efforts on March 1st,

2021 to revive a cardiac arrest patient and for saving her life. Chief Richbourg described the efforts of Officer Contreras and gave statistics on the success rate of CPR with cardiac arrest patients. Chief Richbourg described Officer Contreras' actions as phenomenal. Officer Contreras received a standing ovation from those present at the meeting.

V. Presentations

- A. Mr. John Andoh, Executive Director/CEO, Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority. Mr. Andoh reviewed the Transit Intergovernmental Agreement, providing details for a 25% increase in requested contributions from the Town of Springdale. Mr. Andoh discussed additional services offered by the Comet to citizens who are underserved by the present transit system, including the Volunteer Transportation Reimbursement Program (V-TRIP) and Taxi Voucher Pick Up Program (PUP). He stated both programs are available for people who are 65 and older and those with disabilities living outside The COMET service area but in the Columbia Urbanized Area.

VI. New Business

- A. Transit Intergovernmental Agreement, Fiscal Year 21-22. Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, seconded by Councilmember Hallman, voted unanimously to approve the Transit IGA as presented.
- B. Residential Rental Ordinance. There was a discussion of concerns and ideas for improvement concerning the residential rental registration program. Council agreed to keep the process as it is currently and to address the concerns during a Work Session before next year's registration begins.
- C. Approval to use A-Tax Funds to pay for Splash Pad water expenses from Fiscal Year 20-21. Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to approve the use of A-Tax funds to pay for splash pad water expenses from FY 20-21.
- D. SCDOT Invoice for Kitty Hawk Sidewalk. Administrator Watkins provided an update on the inquiry for more information concerning the charges on the Invoice. She stated that the amount on the change orders does not match the amount on the invoice. She has requested an itemized statement from DOT concerning the extra charges and as of the date of the meeting she has not received a response.
- E. Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School and the Town of Springdale for a Part-Time School Resource Officer. Chief Richbourg stated that Wil Lou Gray is requesting another part-time SRO. He stated that all expense for the SRO will be paid for by Wil Lou Gray. Chief Richbourg stated that SRO Spears who previously left that position will fill the part time position. Chief Richbourg stated that the agreement goes to the end of this fiscal year and will be revisited for the next fiscal year. Councilmember Fecas asked if the part time SRO could be utilized by the Police Department for other duties. Chief Richbourg stated that as a Class 1 Police Officer she could be utilized in case of an emergency or extenuating circumstances. Council unanimously approved the Agreement and MOU as presented.

VII. Reports

- A. Town Council Report. Councilmember Fecas requested an update from Attorney Carini concerning correspondence with DHEC. Attorney Carini did not have an update to provide but stated she will confirm with Attorney Bradley. Councilmember Fecas stated that Lexington School District Two Superintendent Dr. Nicolas Wade has purchased a home and is in the process of moving into Town. Councilmember Hook discussed ideas to honor the service of long standing board and commission

members. Mayor Bishop stated that names could go into the newsletter for recognition but Administrative staff should obtain permission from those individuals to do so. Councilmember Reeley discussed a conversation he had with a Springdale officer who was very complimentary of the leadership of the Police Department and the way operations are handled. Councilmember Reeley stated that the officer's compliments speak volumes and thanked Chief Richbourg for his leadership within the Town.

- B. Police Chief Report. Chief Richbourg reviewed his report with Council, highlighting major crimes and statistics. He stated that tickets for misdemeanor drug charges and General Sessions Court charges are up significantly. He discussed ongoing issues with the motels, stating that one motel owner is very cooperative. He and Captain Manuel recently met with the other motel owner concerning issues and working together to combat crime that takes place there. Chief Richbourg stated that legislation regarding the theft of catalytic converters has been brought forth due to the work of the task force. He concluded his report by informing Council of the DEA sponsored drug take-back event that will be held on April 24th, 2021.
- C. Public Works Report. Supervisor White reviewed his report with Council, discussing drainage in the park and landscaping for the medians and Town signs. He stated that Memorial Design is still building the new Town sign. W.P. Law is coming out this week to look at putting in a well to supply water for the splash pad. There was a discussion of a cesspool, dead pipe and conduit at the park on Pond Drive. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard suggested having someone come out to verify the line is dead and if it is, dig it back and get it underground. Supervisor White stated that the Public Works department has a new hire named Justin Lewis, he is doing a good job, is very energetic and is interested in pursuing his CDL. Supervisor White discussed a stump in the park with Mayor Bishop and stated it will be removed this week. Councilmember Hook stated that he has observed Supervisor White in the park and other areas of Town working side by side with his staff and thanked him for taking hands on approach with his leadership of the Public Works Department.
- D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins stated that the bid closing date for Town Hall renovations has been pushed back to April 8th due to contractors requesting more time to submit bids. She stated that the financial auditors have asked for an extension and will begin the audit on April 15th. She discussed upcoming Town meetings and the upcoming MASC Annual Meeting. She stated that Springdale's Municipal Court was randomly chosen for an audit pursuant to the 2019-2020 Appropriation Act and Brown CPA will be conducting the audit beginning on April 7th. Administrator Watkins discussed funds from the American Rescue Act and stated she is waiting for more information.
- E. Attorney Report. No report.

VIII. Adjourn to Executive Session

- A. Discussion of Board Appointments and Reappointments
- B. Discussion of Legal Advice

- IX. Return to Open Session – Action may be taken regarding matters discussed in Executive Session.** Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to return to open session at 7:29 pm. Mayor Bishop stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, seconded by Councilmember Fecas, voted unanimously to make the following appointments/reappointments:

Retroactively reappoint Jeff Hendrix to the Planning Commission for a term beginning on January 17, 2021 and ending on January 17, 2025.

Appoint John Huffman to fill a vacant term on the Planning Commission beginning on April 6, 2021 and ending on November 7, 2021.

Appoint Vance Vollmer to the Planning Commission for a term beginning on April 6, 2021 and ending on April 6, 2025.

Retroactively reappoint Joseph Kennedy to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term beginning on February 2, 2020 and ending on February 2, 2024.

Retroactively reappoint Richard Gadsden to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term beginning on February 2, 2020 and ending on February 2, 2024.

Appoint Paul Kiepert to fill a vacant term on the Planning Commission for a term beginning on April 6, 2021 and ending on April 6, 2025.

Retroactively reappoint Lee Ann Murray to the Design Review Board for a term beginning on February 23, 2021 and ending on February 23, 2025.

Retroactively reappoint Lucas Erwin to the Design Review Board for a term beginning on February 2, 2020 and ending on February 2, 2024.

Retroactively reappoint Ronnie Wilbourne to the Design Review Board for a term beginning on February 2, 2020 and ending on February 2, 2024.

X. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

XI. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm.

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk