



MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 4th, 2023 at 6:00 pm
2915 Platt Springs Road, Springdale, SC 29170

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 Hook, Fecas, Reeley, Wilbourne, and Hallman (attended via Zoom).

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden, Chief of Police Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, Police Captain Chris Manuel, Police Department Administrative Assistant Sheri Jonas, Sergeant David Jordan, Code Enforcement Officer Ed DeVore, SRO Matthew Young, Public Works Supervisor Kevin White, Attorney Ward Bradley, and Attorney Sierra Carini.

1. 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.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda.

B. Approval of Minutes.

- March 7th, 2023 Regular Meeting
- March 20th, 2023 Work Session

Council unanimously approved the consent agenda.

3. Moment of Silence

A. **Proclamation P-21-01** observes a moment of silence during the 1st 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 all of those in attendance observed a moment of silence.

4. Employee Recognitions

A. Springdale Police Department Employee of the Quarter, SRO Matthew Young.

B. Retirement of Ed DeVore as a South Carolina State Constable.

Chief Richbourg recognized SRO Young as Employee of the quarter, citing his hard work and dedication to the students of Springdale Elementary School. Chief Richbourg recognized Code Enforcement Officer Ed DeVore for serving as the municipal court officer on a volunteer basis for 13 years, and for his commitment as a South Carolina State Constable. Chief Richbourg reported that during the Police Department’s awards banquet on March 31st, 2023, Corporal Rodriguez was given a community service award, Patrolman Jeffcoat was awarded Rookie of the Year, and Sergeant Jordan was awarded Officer of the Year.

5. New Business

A. Discussion and Consideration of **Ordinance O-23-02; AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ADOPT THE 2023 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.** (1st Reading) Mayor Ricard thanked the Planning Commission for their hard work and dedication in updating the Comprehensive Plan. Council, on

motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance at its first reading.

6. Reports

- A. Town Council Report. Councilmember Hook stated that the parking spots for the park at Lee Circle have been striped, as well as the handicap accessible parking spot near the fence at the front of Town Hall. Handicap signage was also hung. Councilmember Hallman thanked Mayor Ricard and Administrator Watkins for planning to attend a meeting with Murphy representatives on his behalf due to him being out of Town.
- B. Police Chief Report. Chief Richbourg reviewed his monthly report with Council, highlighting statistics, code enforcement activity, major crimes, and speed trailer data. He stated that there were three major crimes, two are still being investigated and the other resulted in an arrest.
- C. Public Works Report. Supervisor White reviewed his monthly report with Council, highlighting current and ongoing projects. He stated that broken sprinklers have been repaired in the park. He thanked Councilmember Fecas for her help with the litter pick-up which resulted in 12 bags of litter removed from Platt Springs Road. Councilmember Hook mentioned that the median in front of the Performing Arts Center (L2PAC) will be removed due to a turning lane for traffic entering the facility. Council discussed asking for the median to be relocated rather than just removed.
- D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins reminded Council that the hot dogs in the park event is scheduled for April 21st at 6:00 pm, and to bring a chair. She thanked Councilmember Fecas for assisting with the litter pick-up. She concluded her report by announcing Town Hall will be closed for Good Friday on April 7th.
- E. Attorney Report. Attorney Bradley stated that he sent Ashley a message regarding what was needed to identify the owner of the dam on Durham Drive.

7. Public Comment

Public Comment was given by Timothy Blystone and Ellin Baskin.

8. Adjourn to Executive Session

Council, on motion of Councilmember Hook, seconded by Councilmember Wilbourne, adjourned to Executive Session at 6:27 pm.

9. Executive Session

- A. Discussion of a Proposed Sale or Purchase of Property
- B. Receipt of Legal Advice

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

Council returned to open session at 6:55 pm. Mayor Ricard stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

11. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Hook, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Attest,

Juston Ricard, Mayor Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk