



MINUTES
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 6th, 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, Wilbourne, and Hallman.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilmember Reeley.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden, Chief of Police Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, Police Captain Chris Manuel, Sergeant David Jordan, Investigator Arturo Contreras, Patrolman Lonnie Brooks Houser, 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.

- May 2nd, 2023 Regular Meeting
- May 15th, 2023 Work Session
- May 15th, 2023 Special Meeting

Council unanimously approved the consent agenda.

3. Employee Recognitions

A. Ceremonial Swearing In – PTL Brooks Houser, Springdale Police Department. PTL Houser was sworn in by Chief Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, with the assistance of PTL Houser’s wife.

4. New Business

A. Discussion and Consideration of **Ordinance O-23-04; AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A TOWN OPERATING BUDGET, ITS EXECUTION AND EFFECT, FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024. (1st Reading)** Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance at its first reading.

B. Agreement for Indigent Defense Attorney Services. Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Hallman, voted unanimously to approve the agreement for Indigent Defense Attorney Services with The Law Offices of Patrick C. Sharpe, LLC.

5. Reports

A. Town Council Report. Mayor Juston Ricard wished Administrator Ashley Watkins a happy birthday. He stated that the recent hot dog cook-out was a great time, and that he is glad to see Public Works Supervisor Kevin White has returned after a brief leave.

- B. **Police Chief Report.** Chief Richbourg reviewed his monthly report with Council, highlighting statistics, code enforcement activity, and speed trailer data. He reported on major crimes including motor vehicle break-ins and a domestic violence incident. He stated that the Police Department is now fully staffed. Councilmember Fecas reported that she recently attended Municipal Court, and observed the officer's diligence in patrolling for speeders, and other infractions. She complimented the courtesy they displayed during court, and stated that she is very proud of the work the Police Department is doing.
- C. **Public Works Report.** Supervisor Kevin White reviewed his monthly report with Council, highlighting current projects. He stated that the department is working on Summerfest prep, which includes pressure washing the sidewalks and cement pads in the park, and re-mulching. He stated there is a litter pick-up scheduled for the last week in June. He requested advanced notice of SCDOT removing the median near the performing arts center. Councilmember Hook stated that he would let Supervisor White know before it is done. Supervisor White reported that storm drains at Lemmond Drive and Hollydale Drive were repaired, with one remaining in disrepair at Exclusive Drive.
- D. **Town Administrator Report.** Administrator Watkins reminded everyone that Summerfest is scheduled for Saturday, June 24th and volunteers are needed. She stated that the Municipal Association Annual Meeting is coming up and she would be sending more information out about registration. Administrator Watkins stated the Citizen's Academy will be held the first Saturday in August. She concluded by reporting that audit field work began today and is going well.
- E. **Attorney Report.** No report.

6. Public Comment

No public comment was given.

7. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilbourne, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 pm.

Attest,

Juston Ricard, Mayor

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk