



MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 3, 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 Hallman, Fecas, Wilbourne, Reeley, and Hook.

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ricard called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Councilmember Hallman 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
 - January 6, 2026 Regular Meeting
 - January 6, 2026 Work Session

The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

3. Presentations

- A. Ben Breazeale – Lumos Fiber. Mr. Breazeale stated Lumos Fiber is now jointly owned by T-Mobile Fiber. He provided an overview of amendments to the franchise agreement requested by Lumos. Council agreed to discuss further in executive session.

4. Reports

- A. Town Council Report. Council Fecas stated that the Lexington County Municipal Association met in January but had difficulty transacting business due to a lack of quorum. The Association decided to resume charging membership dues. Mayor Ricard and Councilmember Hallman have been assisting with Meals on Wheels. Mayor Ricard asked Chief Richbourg to hold a safety meeting at the senior center in West Columbia. Mayor Ricard thanked Councilmember Hook and Lexington County Recreation for their assistance in removing bamboo from behind Town Hall. Mayor Ricard concluded by encouraging everyone to ride through the Airport Boulevard corridor to observe the beautification project underway.
- B. Police Chief Report. Chief Richbourg reviewed his report with Council, highlighting major crimes and statistics. He informed Council that the current report management system used by the police department is now obsolete, and a new system will be implemented starting in March. This system will be more efficient and combine multiple programs into a single program.

- C. Public Works Report. Public Works Supervisor Kevin White reviewed his report with Council, highlighting ongoing and future projects. He stated median repairs will be addressed over the next few months. He thanked Council for their consideration of his staff during the recent ice storm.
- D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins discussed a recent meeting with John Hanson, Government Services Manager with the Central Midlands Council of Governments. She informed Council of the upcoming Board of Zoning Appeals meeting and upcoming schedule changes.
- E. Attorney Report. No report.

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Adjourn to Executive Session

Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:19 pm.

7. Executive Session

- A. Legal Advice
- B. Contractual Agreements

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

Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, voted unanimously to return to open session at 6:46 pm. No action was taken in executive session.

9. Adjourn.

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm.

Attest,

Juston Ricard, Mayor

Leeann Kelly, Municipal Clerk