

— *South Carolina* —  
***SPRINGDALE***

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**MINUTES**

Town Council Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 Wilkerson, Fecas, Reeley, Hook and Hallman.

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden, Chief of Police Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, Police Captain Chris Manuel, Attorney Ward Bradley, Attorney Sierra Carini, Public Works Supervisor Kevin White, Sergeant Forest Gantt, SRO Xavier Rodriguez, Victim’s Advocate Sandy Harrelson, Patrolman Matthew Hagins, and Patrolman Matthew Young.

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Agenda.
- B. Approval of Minutes.

Council unanimously approved the agenda for the October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, the minutes for the September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Meeting, and the minutes for the September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Work Session.

**III. Employee Recognitions**

- A. Police Department Employee of the Month, Officer Matthew Young. Chief Richbourg recognized Officer Young as Employee of the Month, citing his willingness to go above and beyond without complaint and his willingness to assist his fellow officers. Chief Richbourg also presented Captain Manuel, Sergeant Gantt, SRO Rodriguez, Patrolman Hagins, and Victim’s Advocate Harrelson with a challenge coin from Governor Henry McMaster’s LEON (Law Enforcement Officers Naloxone) Program in recognition of their lifesaving efforts in administering Naloxone to reverse the effects of an overdose.

**IV. Presentations**

- A. Mr. Adam Cline, League of Women Voters of the Columbia Area, VOTE411. Mr. Cline presented the mission and resources made available by the League of Women Voters and VOTE411.org. The non-partisan league encourages constituents to vote in all municipal and general elections and to vote informed. Council thanked Mr. Cline for his presentation.

**V. New Business**

- A. **ORDINANCE O-21-07**; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SPRINGDALE ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 4: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS; SECTION 2: LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS (1<sup>st</sup> Reading). Administrator Watkins stated that the Planning Commission made a recommendation to approve the amendment on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance at its first reading.
- B. **ORDINANCE O-21-12MA**; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE ZONING ORDINANCE MAP; 3014 PLATT SPRINGS ROAD TMS 005638-02-022, REQUEST TO CHANGE ZONING FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-1 GENERAL COMMERCIAL (1<sup>st</sup> Reading). Administrator Watkins stated that the Planning Commission held two public hearings concerning the map amendment and the property owner did not appear at either. The Planning Commission made a recommendation to maintain the property's current zoning of R-1 Single Family Residential. No motion was made.
- C. Agreement for Indigent Defense Attorney Services. Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to approve the agreement between the Town of Springdale and E. Michael Pinilla of the Pinilla Law Firm, LLC for indigent defense services.
- D. SCDOT Invoice for completion of the Kitty Hawk Sidewalk. Mayor Bishop asked if the project was complete and Councilmember Hook stated that it is. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to pay the invoice in the amount of \$20,362.25 for the completed project.

**VI. Reports**

- A. Town Council Report. No report.
- B. Police Chief Report. Chief Richbourg reviewed his report with Council, highlighting major crimes, traffic enforcement and code enforcement statistics. He stated that the speed detection trailer was not operable for some time but is working now and is set up. Councilmember Fecas inquired about the other speed detection trailer and Chief Richbourg stated it does not record. He concluded his report by informing Council that the three officer candidates will start the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- C. Public Works Report. Public Works Supervisor Kevin White reviewed his report with Council, highlighting current and upcoming projects. He stated that the storage building has been cleaned out and the key was turned in. Supervisor White informed Council that the Public Works staff members have been working on maintaining the property at 945 Sightler Drive. He stated that the park bathroom renovation is 80% complete. Councilmember Fecas inquired about the branding for the garbage trucks. Council agreed to proceed with the rendering provided to them previously by email for the garbage truck design. Mayor Bishop asked Attorney Bradley if Memorial Design has made contact concerning the new Town sign. Attorney Bradley stated that the lawsuit has been filed and he is waiting for it to be served, but has not heard anything from the company.
- D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins stated that the Lexington School District Two Board of Trustees will hold a meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to approve the plans for the Performing Arts Center and District Offices. She stated the vacancy in the Administration department has been posted and she has received several applications. She discussed the Town's participation in the

Holiday Parade of Lights with Council. She stated that due to the timeframe and uncertainties stemming from the pandemic, she would rather not participate. The majority of Council agreed to forego participation in the parade. Mayor Bishop asked Council if they wish to proceed with the Town Christmas party. Council unanimously agreed to proceed with the Town Christmas party.

E. Attorney Report. No report.

**VII. Public Comment**

No public comment was given.

**VIII. Adjourn to Executive Session**

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters

Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:28 pm.

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

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to return to open session at 6:44 pm. Mayor Bishop stated that no action was taken during Executive Session.

**X. Adjourn**

Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm.

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Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

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Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk