

— South Carolina —
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 3rd, 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, Reeley, Hallman, Hook and Wilkerson.

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden, Chief of Police Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, Police Captain Chris Manuel, Attorney Sierra Carini, Police Department Administrative Assistant Sheri Jonas, Officer Matt Hagins, Officer Matt Young, and Officer Arturo Contreras.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum was present. Councilmember Hallman provided the invocation. 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 August 3rd, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, the minutes for the July 6th, 2021 Regular Meeting, the minutes for the July 19th, 2021 Work Session, the minutes for the July 19th, 2021 Special Meeting, and the minutes for the July 21st, 2021 Special Meeting.

III. Employee Recognitions

- A. Springdale Police department Employee of the Month, PTL. M. Hagins. Chief Richbourg recognized PTL. Hagins as Employee of the Month, citing his community oriented policing and his production at work. He assisted in the recent LEO Kids Camp and has been filling in for SRO duties at Wil Lou Gray. Chief Richbourg stated the police department has a great resource in PTL. Hagins.

IV. Presentations

- A. Financial Audit for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, The Hobbs Group, P.A. John Hobbs presented the audit findings for FY 2020-2021 and issued a clean, unmodified opinion with no findings or deficiencies. Mr. Hobbs stated that the Administration staff members were very responsive and efficient in meeting his requests.

V. Old Business

- A. Consideration of **ORDINANCE O-21-09; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE; SECTION 3.9 YARD & GARAGE SALES.** (2nd Reading) Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted to approve the ordinance at its second reading, with Councilmember Fecas voting opposed.

- B. Consideration of **ORDINANCE O-21-10**; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE ZONING ORDINANCE MAP; 3021 PLATT SPRINGS ROAD TMS 005633-03-002, REQUEST TO CHANGE ZONING FROM C-1 GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO R-3 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. (2nd Reading) Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance at its second reading.
- C. Consideration of **ORDINANCE O-21-11**; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE ZONING ORDINANCE MAP; 3025 PLATT SPRINGS ROAD TMS 005633-03-024, REQUEST TO CHANGE ZONING MAP FROM C-1 GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO R-3 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. (2nd Reading) Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance at its second reading.
- D. Consideration of **ORDINANCE O-12-13**; AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SALE, TRANSFER, AND/OR CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE AND IDENTIFIED AS TMS NUMBER 005638-02-046 TO JOSHUA AND ASHLEIGH HAIR. Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Hallman, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance at its second reading.

VI. New Business

- A. SCDOT Invoice for completion of the Kitty Hawk Sidewalk. Council, on motion of Councilmember Hook, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to move discussion of the SCDOT Invoice to a future meeting. After a brief discussion, Council decided to have Administrator Watkins reach out to SCDOT to schedule a walk-through of the project with Mayor Pro Tem Ricard and Councilmember Hook.
- B. Mayor Bishop's Request to us Town Funds to Attend the US Conference of Mayors 89th Annual Meeting in Austin, TX. Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted in favor of covering registration, hotel and flight expenses for the meeting. During discussion, Councilmember Fecas asked Mayor Bishop what his purpose was for attending the meeting. Mayor Bishop stated that he would like to attend the meeting to network and foster relationships with elected officials from bigger cities. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, Councilmembers Hook, Hallman, Reeley, and Wilkerson voted in favor of covering expenses for the meeting while Councilmember Fecas voted opposed.

VII. Reports

- A. Town Council Report. Councilmember Fecas stated that she reviewed the reports that Administrator Watkins sent on the Lexington School District Two property and that the site map would soon be online and available to the public. Councilmember Hook said peddlers came to his home and they did not have a business license. Councilmember Wilkerson stated that he enjoyed attending the Annual Municipal Association meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard thanked Chief Richbourg for his help with a situation and expressed gratitude to Supervisor White for the work the Public Works department is getting done. He finished by stating he would like to revisit the possibility of a design on the sides of the garbage trucks. Councilmember Reeley stated that the Springdale House would continue to operate. Councilmember Hallman stated that DOT recently completed storm water clean-up and tree trimming on his property. Mayor Bishop described a meeting with a developer about possible future plans for the Super 8 motel property.
- B. Police Chief Report. Chief Richbourg reviewed his monthly report with Council, stating that major crime stats remain low and other stats remain consistent. He stated that the department has been

shorthanded but three new police officer candidates have been hired and the department will be fully staffed on August 23rd. These new candidates will be required to attend the SC Criminal Justice Academy for certification. Chief Richbourg stated that speed trailer data was included in the report provided to Council. Councilmember Fecas inquired about what could be done about speeding. Chief Richbourg stated that the department will continue traffic enforcement and public education during traffic stops. Councilmember Fecas inquired about plans for National Night Out. Chief Richbourg stated National Night Out will be held in October and planning is underway.

- C. Public Works Report. Public Works Supervisor Kevin White stated that the department is currently maintaining projects and asked for design suggestions for the garbage trucks. There was discussion of a well for the splash pad and Supervisor White stated he will begin reaching out to companies in a couple of weeks for bids. Councilmember Wilkerson stated that he knows someone who may be of assistance with that project and will get the contact information to Supervisor White. Councilmember Hook stated that installing electronic valves to pulsate and alternate the water flow could help with water cost. Council agreed that would be something to look into.
- D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins stated that she has not heard from Memorial Design concerning the Town sign. She stated the abatement at 945 Sightler Drive is complete and she is working to determine how to place a lien on the property for the work that was done. She stated that Lexington School District Two will present site plans for the new district office and performing arts center to the public at their next board meeting. Administrator Watkins stated that the November 2nd, 2021 Council meeting falls on Election Day and if Council wishes to reschedule the meeting, they will need to put it up for vote during the September Council meeting. She concluded her report by notifying Council that Springdale will be hosting the Lexington County Storm water Consortium meeting on August 18th, 2021 and the splash pad will be closing on September 12, 2021
- E. Attorney Report. Attorney Carini stated a letter was sent to Memorial Design at the request of Council concerning the new Town sign and no response has been received. Mayor Bishop called for a special meeting to be scheduled after the upcoming Work Session to discuss litigation during executive session. Attorney Carini concluded by stating that she is researching the process to obtain a lien for 945 Sightler drive.

VIII. Adjourn to Executive Session

A. Discussion of Personnel Matter

Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:43 pm.

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

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

X. Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

XI. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, seconded by Councilmember Fecas, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm.

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk