



MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 4th, 2024 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 Fecas, Wilbourne, Reeley, Hook, and Hallman (joined via phone).

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leeann Kelly, Chief of Police Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, Police Captain Brian Lorick, Sergeant David Jordan, Police Department Administrative Assistant Sheri Jonas, Attorney Ward Bradley, and Attorney Sierra Carini.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ricard called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, Councilmember Reeley 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

- May 7, 2024 Regular Meeting
- May 20, 2024 Work Session
- May 20, 2024 Special Meeting
- May 22, 2024 Special Meeting (Hearing)

The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

3. Presentations

A. Chad Owens – Parrish Plantation Homeowner’s Association. Mr. Owens requested assistance from the Town to maintain the roads in the development. He discussed safety of the roads, and issues with silt from stormwater. Council is to set a date to meet with the Parrish Plantation HOA to discuss ways to move forward.

4. Discussion

A. Lexington County Road Maintenance Agreement. Lexington County Councilmember Debbie Summers was in attendance. Councilmember Summers has advised municipalities to work together to draft one agreement for all municipalities concerning road maintenance. Mayor Ricard discussed a letter addressed to Lexington County Council from the mayors of Lexington County municipalities desiring one agreement for all. Council agreed to have Mayor Ricard sign the letter.

5. Old Business

A. **Ordinance O-24-02; AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE AND LUMOS FIBER OF SOUTH CAROLINA, LLC GRANTING A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE FOR THE USE OF PUBLIC STREETS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR FACILITIES FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE. (2nd Reading)**

Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Fecas, voted unanimously to table this item until the July Council meeting.

6. New Business

- A. **Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance O-24-03; AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A TOWN OPERATING BUDGET, ITS EXECUTION AND EFFECT, FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025. (1st Reading)** Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Fecas, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Fecas requested an explanation of the increase in salaries for the Police Department. Administrator Watkins stated Lexington School District Two and Wil Lou Gray are adding new SRO positions and will reimburse the Town for the salaries.
- B. **Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance O-24-04; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE ZONING MAP; FOR TMS# 005633-03-002 TO BE REZONED FROM R-3 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-1 GENERAL COMMERCIAL (1st Reading)** Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.

7. Reports

- A. Town Council Report. Mayor Ricard wished Councilmember Reeley a happy birthday. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson welcomed Lexington County Council candidate Todd Cockrell and Lexington County Councilmember Debbie Summers.
- B. Police Chief Report. Chief Richbourg reviewed his monthly report with Council, highlighting statistics, code enforcement activity, and speed trailer data. He discussed significant crimes, including a vehicle theft that was later recovered, and a burglary. He reported Victim's Advocate Sandy Harrelson and Master Police Officer Justin Jeffcoat have resigned. Newly hired Patrolman Chad Walker will be sworn in during the next Council meeting. He stated the department is hiring for a victim's advocate. Chief Richbourg thanked Council for their support during the recent administrative hearing.
- C. Public Works Report. Supervisor White reported ongoing and upcoming projects including grounds maintenance and Summerfest prep. He informed Council that the fans in the park are inoperable and will be repaired.
- D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins reported that two Public Works employees have resigned. Two new hires will begin work on June 10th. She informed Council of the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting scheduled for June 11th, at 6:00 pm. She reminded everyone of Summerfest on June 22nd, at 7:00 pm. She reported that the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission will reach out concerning assistance with the park after the budget is prepared. She concluded her report by stating the splash pad is up and running.
- E. Attorney Report. Attorney Bradley reported that the order to revoke the business license of Airport Inn & Suites has been approved pending one typo. After the order is signed by all of Council, it will be delivered to Attorney Pete Balthazor and Attorney Tem Miles.

8. Public Comment

Public Comment was given by Ellin Baskin.

9. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm.

Attest,

Juston Ricard, Mayor

Leeann Kelly, Municipal Clerk