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SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 2nd, 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, Hallman, Reeley, Wilkerson and Hook.

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden, Chief of Police Andrew Richbourg, Police Captain Chris Manuel, Attorney Sierra Carini, Public Works Supervisor Kevin White, Sergeant Forrest Gantt, Officer James Stone, and Officer Denver Rogers.

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.
 - i. February 2nd, 2021 Regular Meeting
 - ii. February 17th, 2021 Work Session

Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to move Public Comment to item III, and approved the agenda as amended for the March 2nd, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, the minutes for the February 2nd, 2021 Regular Council Meeting and the minutes for the February 17th, 2021 Work Session.

III. Public Comment

Public Comment was given by Bill Jordan of 823 Seay Drive and Jack Sox of 997 Pinedale Road.

IV. Employee Recognitions

- A. Employee of the Month, Springdale Police Department
 - i. Officer C. Wilhelm. Officer Wilhelm was on a call for service and was unable to attend the meeting. Chief Richbourg recognized Officer Wilhelm as Employee of the Month, citing his hard work and dedication. Chief Richbourg stated that Officer Wilhelm has completed multiple traffic stops that have prevented narcotics from being trafficked and that he maintains excellent stats.
- B. Employee Service Awards
 - i. Sergeant F. Gantt, 5-year Service Award. Chief Richbourg presented Sergeant Gantt with his 5-year service plaque and pin. He stated that Sergeant Gantt has been an asset to the Department and will continue to move up the ranks and do great things in his career.

- C. Employee Swearing-in
 - i. Officer J. Stone, Police Department. Chief Richbourg issued the Oath of Office to Officer Stone. His daughter assisted in the pinning of his badge.
 - ii. Officer D. Rogers, Police Department. Chief Richbourg issued the Oath of Office to Officer Rogers. His wife assisted in the pinning of his badge.

V. New Business

- A. Discussion of Lexington School District Two Property on Platt Springs Road. Administrator Watkins stated that she reached out to Nicolas Wade, Superintendent of Lexington School District Two to get an update on plans for the property that was purchased on Platt Springs Road. She stated that Superintendent Wade was not able to provide any additional information other than what was provided at the February Council meeting. Administrator Watkins stated that she invited Superintendent Wade and Chief Operations Officer Don Icenhower to attend the Council Meeting but they were unable to do so due to previous obligations. Administrator Watkins stated that if anyone has any specific questions for Superintendent Wade, she would pass them on to him.
- B. Consideration of Proclamation P-21-01; A Proclamation by the Town of Springdale to Observe a Moment of Silence during the first Council Meeting in April each year in remembrance of Children in our community who have passed away and in support of their bereaved loved ones. Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to approve the Proclamation as presented.
- C. Consideration of Ordinance O-21-02; An Emergency Ordinance to temporarily suspend the Normal Operating Procedures of Springdale Town Council. Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance at its first and final reading.
- D. Additional Funding Request from SCDOT for Kitty Hawk Sidewalk Project. Councilmembers Wilkerson and Hallman stated that clarification and further information is needed on this item. After a brief discussion, Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to move discussion on this item to the next meeting.

VI. Reports

- A. Town Council Report. Councilmember Fecas discussed correspondence with Attorney Ward Bradley concerning DHEC's response to the issues with Parrish Pond. Council agreed to Councilmember Fecas' request that Attorney Bradley write a letter to DHEC requesting clarification of their response to the emergency order to prevent loss of life and property and for them to conduct an audit on the level of the water in the pond. Councilmember Hallman discussed obtaining figures for extending sewer service throughout the entire Town. Administrator Watkins stated that she would reach out to the City of Cayce and research what it would cost.
- B. Police Chief Report. Chief Richbourg reviewed his report with Council. He stated that the nuisance property on Shampy Street has been served with an eviction notice. Chief Richbourg stated that Court will resume in April and Jury trials will resume in May. He stated that while stats have increased, it shows that the officers are being proactive and working hard, and is not a reflection of increased crime. He completed his report by stating that theft of catalytic converters continues to be an issue statewide and the SLED task force is continuing to work towards a solution.
- C. Public Works Report. Public Works Supervisor White reviewed his report with Council, discussing ongoing and future projects. He stated that the park is very close to completion and the fence

between Town Hall and the park should be completed soon. He concluded by stating his team would be working on medians in the near future. Mayor Bishop gave an update on the production of the new Town sign, stating that Memorial Design was pushed behind due to COVID-19 exposures, but that they would be working on completing the sign.

- D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins reminded Council that Statement of Economic Interest Forms are due at the end of the month. She stated that COVID-19 Vaccination signs have been placed around Town. She stated the Rental Registration Program letters have been sent out and there have been a lot of phone calls in response. Mayor Bishop requested a copy of the letter sent out to be forwarded to Council. She stated that she will be meeting with Mayor Bishop and Mayor Pro Tem Ricard to discuss the Annual Budget. Administrator Watkins asked Council if they wanted to proceed with Summerfest. Council agreed to discuss Summerfest at the upcoming Work Session. She stated that she met with Architect Gary Shaw, and he will start advertising the bids for the Town Hall building soon. He has a pre-bid meeting scheduled for March 11th, 2021 and a closed bid meeting scheduled for April 1st, 2021. She concluded her report by stating Debbie Dennis is leaving the Planning Commission which will leave a vacancy. She plans to advertise on social media for openings on the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. She requested that if Council knows of an interested applicant, to send them her way. Councilmember Wilkerson discussed changing the speed limit on Old Barnwell Road.
- E. Attorney Report. Attorney Bradley stated that he will contact DHEC regarding Parrish Pond at Council's request.

VII. Adjourn to Executive Session

- A. Discussion of Personnel Matter. Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Hallman, voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:55 pm.

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

- Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to return to open session at 7:54 pm. Mayor Bishop stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

IX. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk