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SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020 at 6:00 pm
Council Chambers – Springdale Town Hall, 2915 Platt Springs Road

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, Chief of Police Andrew Richbourg, Attorney Ward Bradley, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden.

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 4th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
 - ii. February 19th, 2020 Work Session

Council unanimously approved the agenda for the March 3rd, 2020 Regular Meeting, the minutes for the February 4th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, and the minutes for the February 19th, 2020 Work Session.

III. Employee Recognitions

- A. New Employee – Public Works
 - i. Kevin White, Supervisor. Administrator Watkins introduced newly hired Public Works Supervisor, Kevin White. Council welcomed Mr. White to the Town of Springdale.
- B. Springdale Police Department Employee of the Month, February 2020
 - i. C. Manuel, Captain. Chief Richbourg recognized Captain Manuel as an employee of the month and presented him with citation bars for Certificate of Merit for rendering exceptional service and clearly distinguishing himself above duties of other employees thereby bringing favorable recognition and pride to the department for his work and service in the Faye Swetlik case. Chief Richbourg stated that Captain Manuel dedicated his life to the investigation and was told by several command staff members of Cayce DPS that the assistance from Captain Manuel was of great significance and that he should be proud to have him on his staff.
 - ii. B. Spears, SRO. Chief Richbourg recognized SRO Spears as an employee of the month, citing the completion of SRO School through the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

SRO Spears graduated on January 21st and earned her certification as an SRO. Chief Richbourg stated that the department has received multiple compliments from teachers at Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School who state she is a perfect fit for the school and that they appreciate her efforts. Chief Richbourg stated that SRO Spears is an asset to the Springdale Police Department and to Wil Lou Gray. Chief Richbourg presented SRO Spears with her SRO citation bar for her uniform. Pat Smith, Former Mayor of Springdale and current Director of Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School stated that SRO Spears has been terrific for the school and is a great representative of the Town of Springdale.

- iii. S. Harrelson, SRO. Chief Richbourg recognized SRO Harrelson as an employee of the month and presented her with a Certificate of Merit for rendering exceptional service and clearly distinguishing herself above duties of other employees thereby bringing favorable recognition and pride to the department for her work and service in the Faye Swetlik case. Chief Richbourg stated that SRO Harrelson dedicated her life to the investigation and was told by several command staff members of Cayce DPS that the assistance from SRO Harrelson was of great significance and that he should be proud to have her on his staff. Chief Richbourg stated that as the SRO of Springdale Elementary, SRO Harrelson interacted with Faye Swetlik on a daily basis. Chief Richbourg presented SRO Harrelson with a framed portrait of Faye drawn by Johnny Castro, Forensics Artist for Philadelphia PD.

IV. New Business

- A. Council Election of Mayor Pro Tempore. Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to nominate Councilmember Juston Ricard as Mayor Pro Tempore. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard abstained from voting. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard's term as Mayor Pro Tempore shall expire on March 3, 2022.
- B. Discussion and Consideration of Springdale Investment Corporation By-Laws. Administrator Watkins stated that Council is done with their edits of the by-laws and is waiting from guidance from Attorney Ward Bradley on a few items. Mayor Bishop requested clarification on the items in question at the next work session.

V. Reports

- A. Town Council Report. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard thanked Council for his nomination as Mayor Pro Tem and stated that he is extremely proud to be a part of Springdale. Councilmember Wilkerson thanked the Police Department for their assistance during the Cindy Roof Wilkerson 5k. Councilmember Fecas stated that updates are being requested from DHEC concerning the Parrish Pond dam and that Springdale will be hosting the next Lexington Municipal Association in May. Councilmember Hook stated that obtaining permanent speed detectors has been delayed and he will have more information for Council at the work session. Mayor Bishop stated that he reached out to the Chief of Staff at the Governor's Office concerning the Parrish Pond dam. Councilmember Fecas discussed correspondence with Mike Bagley of DOT concerning secondary gravel roads in disrepair and how decisions are made concerning what roads get repaired first. Councilmember Fecas thanked Mayor Bishop for his relationship with DOT which has been beneficial. Mayor Bishop suggested DOT should take into consideration if water lines are going in along those secondary roads to avoid repairs on the road twice.
- B. Police Chief Report. Chief Richbourg reviewed the monthly report and statistics with Council, highlighting major crimes within the Town. Chief Richbourg stated that the theft of catalytic converters has been a nationwide issue. Chief Richbourg reviewed statistics from the speed detection trailers, stating the average speed for Platt Springs Road was 43 mph. Councilmember Fecas

expressed her thoughts and concerns concerning speeding in Springdale and what could be done to stop it. Chief Richbourg stated that citations and public education has increased and that he would be glad to hire two additional officers who strictly work traffic if it was suitable to Council. Chief Richbourg announced that Springdale Police Department Administrative Assistant and Public Information Officer Diana Freedman will be leaving the department soon as she has accepted a position with the FBI. Chief Richbourg stated that the department has been fortunate to have Diana.

C. Public Works Report. No report.

D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins stated that she met with architect Gary Shaw and Kevin Key of Lyn-Rich Contracting who is working on a detailed value of engineering concerning the town hall complex project. She stated that she has approved the sketch plans for a Bear Branch subdivision, an R-4 zoning subdivision with 189 lots and that the next step would be a preliminary plat approval. Administrator Watkins stated that Joe Huggins with Homeworks of America sent a thank you card for the donation to the non-profit. She stated that website bids are in and can be reviewed either at a special meeting or work session. Mayor Bishop stated the bids could be discussed during work session. Administrator Watkins stated that the Summerfest meeting earlier this afternoon went well and the next meeting is scheduled for April 20th, 2020 at 4:30 pm. She discussed the changes to the business license bill and expressed that she is comfortable supporting the bill. The Municipal Association has also expressed support for the bill.

E. Attorney Report. Attorney Ward Bradley stated that he would provide clarification on the Springdale Non-Profit Corporation By-Laws at the next work session.

VI. Public Comment

No public comment was given.

VII. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk