

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

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**MINUTES**

Town Council Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00 pm

**VIRTUAL MEETING**

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, Attorney Sierra Carini, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden, Public Works Supervisor Kevin White.

**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. March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
  - ii. March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Special Meeting
  - iii. April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Work Session

Council unanimously approved the agenda for the May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, the minutes for the March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, the minutes for the March 25<sup>th</sup> Special Called Meeting, and the April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Work Session.

**III. Employee Recognitions**

- A. Springdale Police Department, Recognition of all Officers, April, 2020

Chief Richbourg stated he felt it was appropriate to recognize all of his officers as Officers of the Month for April due to their unwavering service, dedication and flexibility during the Covid-19 pandemic.

**IV. New Business**

- A. Discussion and Consideration of ORDINANCE O-20-03; AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A TOWN OPERATING BUDGET, ITS EXECUTION AND EFFECT, FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading). After a brief discussion, Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Fecas, voted unanimously to approve ORDINANCE O-20-03. Councilmembers Hallman and Hook expressed interest in learning more about the budget.

- B. Discussion and Consideration of ORDINANCE O-20-04; AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE NORMAL OPERATING PROCEDURES OF SPRINGDALE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS AND PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC MEETINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. (1<sup>st</sup> and Final Reading). Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance as presented.

## **V. Reports**

- A. Town Council Report. Councilmember Reeley asked if the Town should make a decision regarding the re-opening of restaurants and businesses closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Administrator Watkins stated that she will look into it but guidance has been issued at the state level. Councilmember Reeley asked if anyone had any news on the recent purchase of the Roof property. Administrator Watkins stated that Lexington County School District Two purchased the property and has not announced any plans for the property. Councilmember Fecas confirmed that the Lexington County Municipal Association meeting that was scheduled to take place at Springdale Town Hall on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 has been postponed. Councilmember Fecas suggested that plexiglass should be placed in the front lobbies of Town Hall and the Police Department. Administrator Watkins stated that she would look into having plexiglass installed.
- B. Police Chief Report. Chief Richbourg reviewed the monthly report and statistics with Council and discussed an animal complaint. Mayor Bishop asked Chief Richbourg if there has been an increase in calls for service for domestic complaints or an increase in traffic. Chief Richbourg stated that domestic complaints have not increased and while traffic has decreased, traffic citations have increased.
- C. Public Works Report. Public Works Supervisor Kevin White stated that his department has been extremely busy with collecting yard debris and working on projects. Mayor Bishop stated that the flowerbeds look great and asked Supervisor White to check the flowerbed in front of Carolina Buffet. Supervisor White stated that the Town signs have been landscaped and he is waiting to hear back from DOT concerning placement of a new Town sign. Councilmember Fecas suggested a feature wall using the fence behind the splash pad. Supervisor White stated that he would like to get the fence stained to prevent rot and paint can be added at a later time to Council's satisfaction. Council agreed it would be best to stain the fence and then discuss painting it.
- D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins stated that Springdale Summerfest and Golf Cart Parade has been cancelled for this year out of an abundance of caution. She requested that any Councilmembers who want to attend the Municipal Association's Annual Meeting reach out and let her know. Administrator Watkins stated that yard debris pick-up has been modified due to the extreme increase in the load and that residents were notified via social media and flyers. Mayor Bishop stated that other municipalities are also behind in yard debris pick-up due to more residents being home due to the pandemic.
- E. Attorney Report. Attorney Bradley stated that he looked into two items that were requested at the last meeting and asked Attorney Sierra Carini to discuss the two items, including the ownership of an easement in Town and the use of Hospitality Tax funds. Attorney Carini stated that the easement in question belongs to the City of West Columbia and the Town of Springdale has no responsibility. The property owner is responsible to maintain the property, such as mowing the grass. Mayor Bishop stated that a letter needs to be mailed to the homeowner to inform them that the easement is not the responsibility of the Town of Springdale. Attorney Carini discussed allowable uses for Hospitality Tax funds, stating that a tourism element would need to be included with the new Town

Hall if Hospitality Tax revenue is used for that building. Councilmember Fecas asked Attorney Ward Bradley to determine if Accommodations Tax applies to Air B&Bs. Administrator Watkins suggested drafting an ordinance to address Air B&B's in Town. Mayor Bishop discussed a retention pond on Silstar that is contributing to a mosquito infestation. Administrator Watkins requested advice from Attorney Ward Bradley concerning code enforcement for out of town property owners. Attorney Bradley stated that he would look into the ordinance to see if it is allowable to serve an out of town property owner by certified mail. Councilmember Fecas suggested contacting DHEC to enforce maintenance if mosquitos are the issue.

**VI. Public Comment**

No public comment was given.

**VII. Adjourn**

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 pm.

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Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

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Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk