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SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting

May 7, 2019 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 Ricard, Councilmembers Fecas, Hallman, Peters, Reeley, and Wilkerson

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Public Works Supervisor Scott Bolser, Police Chief Kevin Cornett, Attorney Ward Bradley, Municipal Clerk Leann Eden.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. A quorum was present. Councilmember Hallman provided the invocation. Mayor Bishop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Consent Agenda

Council voted unanimously to approve the May 7, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda, the minutes for the April 2, 2019 Regular Meeting and the April 15, 2019 Work Session.

III. Special Recognitions

Councilmember Fecas read a prepared statement in recognition of the Board and Commission members.

- A. Town of Springdale Design Review Board. Mayor Bishop introduced members of the Design Review Board and presented them with a plaque in recognition of their service to the town.
- B. Town of Springdale Planning Commission. Mayor Bishop introduced members of the Planning Commission and presented them with a plaque in recognition of their service to the town.
- C. Town of Springdale Zoning Board of Appeals. Mayor Bishop introduced members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and presented them with a plaque in recognition of their service to the town.

IV. Old Business

- A. Discussion and Consideration of **ORDINANCE O-19-06**; An Ordinance Amending the Town of Springdale Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8, Article III; Fireworks: Section 8-54, Prohibited Acts. (2nd Reading). On motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, Council voted to approve the ordinance as amended by a majority vote, with Councilmembers Reeley and Hallman opposed.

V. New Business

- A. Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance 0-19-07; An Ordinance To Provide For The Adoption Of A Town Operating Budget, Its Execution and Effect, For The Fiscal Period July 1, 2019 Through June 30, 2020 (1st Reading). Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Peters voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.

- B. Supportive Municipal Judge Agreement for Bond and Other Judicial Duties with the County of Lexington. Administrator Watkins stated that the agreement with Lexington County needs to be updated as it has not been updated since 2003. She stated the agreement provides for a back-up Judge to the Associate Judge. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Reeley voted unanimously to approve the agreement with Lexington County.
- C. Supportive Municipal Judge Agreement with the County of Lexington, assigning Magistrates to serve as supportive Municipal Judges. Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard voted unanimously to approve the agreement with Lexington County.
- D. Lease Agreement between the South Carolina Department of Transportation and the Town of Springdale for property located at 600 Cherokee Lane. Mayor Bishop stated that the Police Department is planning to use the property as a training area. Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard voted unanimously to approve the lease agreement with SCDOT. Councilmember Wilkerson asked Chief Cornett for an update on the property. Police Chief Cornett stated that once the agreement is signed, a physical agility course will be built inside as well as walls to be used for building clearing training. Councilmember Wilkerson asked how long it would be before the project is in operation. Chief Cornett stated that some of the wood needed for the build is in bulk storage and as soon as the rest of the materials are obtained, the project will be started. Mayor Bishop asked if the insurance policy currently in place would cover the use of this project. Administrator Watkins stated that it would. Mayor Bishop stated that this lease is for a period of two years and will be at no cost to the town. Councilmember Fecas inquired about offering the training property for use by adjacent agencies. Chief Cornett stated that the West Columbia PD and the Cayce PD could use the training property.

VI. Reports

- A. Town Council Report. Councilmember Reeley stated that everything is going well with the CMRTA Board meetings. Councilmember Wilkerson stated that he was speaking with someone from Lexington County about storm water management who indicated that we were not up to date with the county. Administrator Watkins stated that Public Works Supervisor Scott Bolser has attended the recent meetings and has been in contact with Lexington County regarding storm water management and work is being done to get us up to date.
- B. Police Report- Mayor Bishop called upon Police Chief Cornett for his report and stated that the Town will miss him. Chief Cornett stated that Springdale has been more than a job and a home, it has become family. He stated that it was a very difficult decision but feels that it is the best decision for his family. Chief Cornett expressed gratitude to Council for the opportunity to start his career in executive law enforcement in the Town of Springdale. Councilmember Wilkerson expressed gratitude to Chief Cornett and his efforts within the town. Chief Cornett presented statistical and analytical crime maps, a statistical report that indicates the number of citations has increased and code enforcement statistics. Chief Cornett stated that the Daddy & Me 5K will be on June 15th, 2019 and he intends to travel back to be a part of this event. In closing, Chief Cornett invited Council to the Lexington County Law Enforcement Memorial on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, in honor of law enforcement officers who have lost their life in the line of duty.
- C. Public Works Report- Supervisor Scott Bolser stated that his department has been working on median flowers. He stated that the splash pad parts were installed last week. He stated the vegetable garden at Springdale Elementary School was planted on May 1st and there was much excitement amongst the children during the planting of the garden. Supervisor Bolser stated that the vacant positions in the Public Works Department have been posted on indeed.com and the MASC website.

He concluded by stating the repairs on the Police Department's roof have been completed. Mayor Bishop complimented the Public Works department on the appearance of the medians.

D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins reviewed the summary of the Phase 1 Environmental Study on the property next door. She stated that she spoke with Building Inspector Stuart Jones regarding the small amount of asbestos detected and he feels that it should not pose a problem to closing on the property. Administrator Watkins stated that closing on the property should occur this week, she is waiting to hear back from Attorney Bart Bartlett. Administrator Watkins stated that the splash pad is opening on Thursday, May 9th. The hours will be from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. She continued by stating the Springdale Summerfest has been rescheduled for Wednesday, May 8th at 4:30 pm. Administrator Watkins concluded by stating that the town was picked as number 102 out of 130 Municipalities for the Municipal Association Annual Meeting that will be held from July 18th through July 21st in Greenville, SC.

E. Attorney Report- Nothing to report.

VII. Appearance by Residents.

No public comment was made.

VIII. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk