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SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Work Session

May 20, 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, Reeley, and Wilkerson

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilmember Peters

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Public Works Supervisor Scott Bolser, Police Chief Kevin Cornett, Lt. Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, Attorney Ward Bradley, Municipal Clerk Leeann 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 20, 2019 Work Session Agenda.

III. Items for Discussion

A. Marty Crouch, Platt Springs United Methodist Church. Mayor Bishop introduced Mr. Marty Crouch. Mr. Crouch stated that the church has installed a new playground and prayer garden for use by the community. Mr. Crouch presented and discussed plans and the cost of a walking track on the property of Platt Springs United Methodist Church that would also be used by the community. Mr. Crouch stated that the walking track would be a quarter of a mile long. Two vendors have been contacted for bids however one was very expensive. The local vendor that was cheaper stated that the walking track could be an asphalt base for \$30,000.00 which includes clearing, grading and asphaltting the quarter mile, six foot wide track and then later the rubber coating could be added for \$15,000.00. Mr. Crouch expressed difficulty obtaining bids from vendors due to their workload. Mr. Crouch asked Council to consider support for the funding on the walking track project and inquired on any connections for funding with the County. Councilmember Wilkerson asked Mr. Crouch how much money the church has raised for the project and Mr. Crouch stated they have approximately \$5,000.00 to \$7,000.00. Mayor Bishop stated that he would check with the County Recreation and Aging Commission however he does not believe they would be of any assistance. Councilmember Fecas mentioned the partnership between The Town and Platt Springs United Methodist Church, such as with the Easter event. Councilmembers Wilkerson and Hallman commended Platt Springs United Church for their work in the community. Mayor Bishop stated that the business licenses for the prayer garden and playground were exempted for the church. Mr. Crouch stated that the playground has received many visitors. Councilmember Fecas inquired if the church had visuals to indicate the playground and prayer garden are open to the community. There was a brief discussion on signage. Mayor Bishop stated that no action could be taken during the current meeting and asked Administrator Watkins to review whether funds are available for such a project. Administrator Watkins stated that she would get back to him. Mayor Bishop stated that the matter would be

addressed during the next Council Meeting on June 4th. Mr. Crouch stated that if anyone had any questions they could contact Pastor Michael Hood. Mr. Crouch stated that he would try to obtain more quotes and Councilmember Fecas suggested calling local business Sox & Sons Construction Co. to see if they could be of assistance. Mr. Crouch stated that he would do so. Council thanked Mr. Crouch for his time.

B. Strategic Planning Progress.

- i. Ordinance Updates – Commercial and Recreational Vehicles. Mayor Bishop requested an update from Administrator Watkins. Administrator Watkins stated that the item was discussed at the last meeting and nothing was decided. She asked Council if they were ready to move forward and make changes to the ordinance or have more discussion. Chief Cornett stated that the Code Enforcement Officer came up with the proposed changes to the ordinance that were presented in the packet. Administrator Watkins stated there are residents in the town who do not have a home owned business but are given a vehicle by their employer to drive home. Councilmember Hallman stated that he does not want the people that Administrator Watkins is describing to get caught up in an ordinance violation. There was a discussion on the definition of a commercial vehicle. Chief Cornett stated that the language of the ordinance needs to be cleaned up to include the definition of a commercial vehicle, to make it enforceable. There was a brief discussion of truck sizes. Councilmember Wilkerson suggested increasing the allowed tonnage of an individual vehicle. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard suggested allowing only those vehicles that will fit within a normal parking space. Attorney Ward Bradley suggested that the highway department already makes the distinction between what you can drive with a normal driver's license and what you need a special license to drive. Administrator Watkins suggested limiting Home Occupations to have a certain number of vehicles. Chief Cornett stated that Administrator Watkins' suggestion would solve the current issue with commercial vehicles within the town. Councilmember Wilkerson asked how many commercial vehicles are parked on the side of the road or other places they are not supposed to be parked. Chief Cornett stated a maximum of five. Discussion continued on possible solutions to improve the ordinance. Councilmember Fecas stated that she would like to have more time to review the current ordinance before she could make a decision. Attorney Ward Bradley suggested researching what other local communities are doing as far as commercial vehicles. Administrator Watkins stated that she would do the research.

- C. Solid Waste Guidelines. Administrator Watkins stated that the matter was left open during the last meeting. She continued by stating that during the last meeting it was discussed that some residents have more property, therefore they bring in more waste. Administrator Watkins stated that an excessive load fee was discussed during the last meeting. Mayor Bishop stated that a residence at the corner of Tarrytown and Platt Springs frequently has their yard done commercially and the town is picking up their waste. Mayor Bishop stated that Public Works should not be picking up the commercial waste and that refraining from collecting the waste at that residence would clear the difference of picking up an excessive load. Public Works Supervisor Scott Bolser stated that he sees a lot of that and suggested that language be placed in the ordinance to prevent the collection of waste from contractors. Administrator Watkins suggested tagging commercial waste. Mayor Bishop stated that if a resident has more trash due to a larger property the Town should be collecting it. Administrator Watkins suggested scheduling pick-up for abnormally large loads with Public Works. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard and Councilmembers Hallman and Wilkerson agreed with Administrator Watkins. Councilmember Wilkerson suggested a time limit for scheduled pick-ups. Administrator Watkins asked Public Works Supervisor how long it would take to collect a large load on a Thursday and he stated that it could probably be done within a couple of hours. There was a discussion on the

time limit for collection and Council agreed that large load pick-ups would be completed by Friday of the same week, if the yard trash is placed for collection by Wednesday.

- D. Springdale Summerfest and Golf Cart Parade. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated that during the meeting that took place directly before Work Session, the park was laid out for planning purposes and the flyers are almost done printing. Mayor Bishop stated that he visited a golf cart shop on Hwy. #1 and talked to some customers about the parade and asked if a flyer could be displayed in their lobby and they agreed. Mayor Bishop suggested sending the flyers to all local golf cart dealers and to include a message in the Mayor's Message urging local business owners to contact us for a flyer to display. Administrator Watkins stated that there is a Facebook event that everyone could share and invite people to. Councilmember Fecas stated that we are still looking for judges for the Golf Cart Parade. Mayor Bishop stated that Kirk Litton, owner of 94.3 The Dude and The Palm contacted him regarding judging the parade. Mayor Bishop stated that Mayor Steve Benjamin would be at the Daddy & Me 5K. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated that the next Springdale Summerfest & Golf Cart Parade meeting would be held on June 4th, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. and invited everyone to attend.
- E. Kitty Hawk Sidewalk. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated that he talked with Darren Ledbetter with DOT, who stated the project went out on May 7th, they are receiving and reviewing bids and the project should be awarded soon. Construction on the project will depend on the schedule of the contractor. Mr. Ledbetter should let him know when the project is awarded. He discussed the additions to the sidewalk to get from Platt Springs Road to Boston Avenue with HPG and DOT, one quote was \$255,000.00 and one was \$200,000.00. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated that hopefully we can get the successful bidder on the initial project to move forward on the additions. He urged everyone to be thinking of some ways to get the money to fund the project and stated that he would keep everyone updated on the progress of the project.

IV. Town Council Reports

- A. Town Signs. Councilmember Fecas stated that the monument sign at I-26 and Tarrytown needs better landscaping to match the presence and size of the sign. She stated that the medians look phenomenal.
- B. Springdale Elementary School. Mayor Bishop stated that he contacted the County about getting the silt fence taken up and they stated it was okay to pull it up but would not put it in writing. Mayor Pro Tem stated that Al Smith called him and he is supposed to work on helping him with the drainage problem by hand next week. Administrator Watkins asked Mayor Bishop if she should contact Lexington County Stormwater regarding removal of the silt fence. Mayor Bishop stated that he has tried to get an answer from them but was not successful. She stated that she could reach out to someone to see if she could get an answer. Mayor Bishop stated the silt fence needs to be put on the next Work Session agenda.
- C. Parrish Plantation. Councilmember Fecas stated that Administrator Watkins has been in touch with Mr. McCloud from DHEC concerning Wes Taylor. DHEC staff approved the submission by the pond engineer, Roberson. She stated that the engineer plans to remove all of the trees from the dam within one week in July. DHEC has one recommendation, they want to know what material will be used to backfill the voids from the trees. Mayor Ricard asked if the tree stumps would be removed. Administrator Watkins stated that they would be. Mayor Bishop stated that there was an issue between the HOA and the residents concerning repairs on the fence on Westdale Rd. He stated that Administrator Watkins located records stating that the fence was in the approved plans and the plans stated that it would be the responsibility of the HOA to maintain the fence. A letter explaining the

stance of the Town was sent. Councilmember Fecas stated the importance of having accurate records. She continued by stating that the pond level has been maintained. Councilmember Fecas suggested obtaining a copy of the plans for the dam. Administrator Watkins stated that DHEC asked the Town not to share all of the information concerning the project.

- D. DOT. Councilmember Fecas stated that DOT did some work filling potholes on Tarrytown Road. Mayor Bishop stated that he met with DOT concerning Durham Drive. He stated that Durham Drive was repaired, opened up and then shut back down. He stated that someone called DOT on Friday to ask when the remaining signs would be removed and DOT indicated that they had not opened Durham Drive. Mayor Bishop stated that the repairs were done correctly, it was engineered and approved but a permit was never issued. Mayor Bishop stated that while they had the right to press charges for illegally removing barricades and working on a road they did not have approval to work on, hopefully DOT is going to overlook it if everything meets standards and re-open the road soon. Councilmember Fecas expressed concern over the area where you turn right onto Tarrytown from the I-26 exit. Police Chief Cornett stated that officers have done enforcement in that area and have written many tickets. He stated that barricades were placed there which were removed by DOT. Councilmember Fecas asked for an update on Rainbow Drive. Mayor Bishop stated that work should be started this fall and it could be opened potentially as late as next fall.
- E. Splash Pad. Administrator Watkins stated that there are still issues with the touchpad that turns the splash pad on. She has reached out to the manufacturer concerning repairs and replacement.
- F. Elected Officials.
- G. Town Council Special Project Requests
 - i. 800 Rosedale Road. Nothing new to report.
 - ii. 3100 & 3104 Oweada Drive. Nothing new to report.

Councilmember Wilkerson stated that this is the last time we will see Chief Cornett. Chief Cornett stated that his last day would be Friday, May 24th but he would be back to attend the June Council Meeting, the Daddy & Me 5K and the Springdale Summerfest & Golf Cart Parade. Councilmember Fecas stated that we would be having a swearing in and Administrator Watkins stated that it would take place on Friday, May 24th at 2:59 p.m.

- V. Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, seconded by Councilmember Fecas, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk