

— South Carolina —
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting & Public Hearing

Tuesday, June 2nd, 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, Police Captain Chris Manuel, Investigator Allen Sharpe.

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. May 5th, 2020 Regular Meeting
 - ii. May 18th, 2020 Work Session

Council unanimously approved the agenda for the June 2nd, 2020 Regular Council Meeting & Public Hearing, the minutes for the May 5th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, and the minutes for the May 18th, 2020 Work Session.

III. Public Hearing

- A. Public Comments for **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. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to enter the Public Hearing at 6:03 pm. No Public Comments were submitted.

IV. Adjourn Public Hearing and Return to Regular Meeting

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to adjourn the Public Hearing and return to the Regular Meeting at 6:04 pm.

V. Presentations

- A. Financial Audit for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, The Hobbs Group, P.A. John Hobbs of The Hobbs Group presented audit findings for FY 2019-2020 and issued a clean, unmodified opinion with no findings. Mr. Hobbs stated that Administrative Staff were very responsive and efficient in providing what was requested and he had a very positive audit experience. Mayor Bishop and Councilmember Fecas applauded Administrative Staff for their work on the audit.

VI. Employee Recognitions

- A. Officer of the Month, Springdale Police Department- Investigator A. Sharpe. Chief Richbourg recognized Investigator Sharpe as Employee of the Month, citing his determination and hard work to solve recent cases and to conduct a successful DUI checkpoint. Mayor Bishop encouraged the Police Department to remain safe.

VII. Old 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. (2nd Reading) Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to approve the budget ordinance.

VIII. New Business

- A. Discussion of updating Springdale Zoning Ordinance Section 2.8.3. Administrator Watkins stated that she talked with Councilmember Fecas and they both agreed that it would be best to follow the procedures outlined in the Zoning Ordinance and submit a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment Request to the Planning Commission. Attorney Ward Bradley summarized the proposed amendments that his office drafted. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard suggested edits to the proposed amendments by removing “School” and “official school” from item 15. Council agreed to submit the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment Request with the edits suggested by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard.
- B. Agreement for the “Adopt-A-Highway” program between the SC Department of Transportation and the Town of Springdale. Investigator Sharpe presented a proposal to partner with SCDOT for a period of two years to adopt a major corridor in the Town for litter pick-up. Palmetto Pride will provide the supplies necessary for litter pick-up. Investigator Sharpe stated that he will lead the effort. Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Hook, unanimously approved the agreement with SCDOT for the Adopt-A-Highway program.
- C. Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between Lexington School District Two and the Town of Springdale for a School Resource Officer. After a brief discussion, Council, on motion of Councilmember Hook, seconded by Councilmember Ricard, unanimously approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Lexington School District Two.
- D. Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between Wil Lou Grey Opportunity School and the Town of Springdale for a School Resource Officer. Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, unanimously approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Lexington School District Two.
- E. Residential Rental Property Management Ordinance. Mayor Bishop and Administrator Watkins discussed an ordinance that was previously drafted but never adopted concerning individuals who own multiple rental homes in Town. After a brief discussion, Council agreed to further discuss the Proposed Rental Property Management Ordinance at the next work session.
- F. Land and Property Purchases. Mayor Bishop discussed the possibility of the Town purchasing homes and properties within Town limits that are in blight condition or are rental nuisances, upgrading the homes and selling them. Councilmember Fecas discussed proper use of public funds. Mayor Bishop suggested using the profits from the sale of the properties to fund community projects. Attorney Ward Bradley stated that municipalities who are upgrading blight properties are doing so through redevelopment corporations and he would have to look further into it. Council agreed to have Attorney Ward Bradley further research the matter.

IX. Reports

- A. Town Council Report. Councilmember Fecas discussed lumber placed in Huffstetler Pond. She stated that Parrish Pond is dammed up again and plans to notify DHEC if the lumber is not removed by the end of the day. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard agreed that the issues with Parrish Pond need to be watched closely. She discussed a request from Parrish Plantation for her to contact Lexington School District Two concerning a broken gate and an area that needs to be cleaned out near the playground at Springdale Elementary School. Councilmember Fecas stated that Lexington District Two has assigned someone to address the concern. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard and Councilmember Hook complimented the Police Department and Public Works Department on their hard work. Councilmember Hallman thanked Administrator Watkins for spending time with him going over the budget. Mayor Bishop stated that DOT will be working on projects in the area in the near future.
- B. Police Chief Report. Chief Richbourg reviewed the monthly report and statistics with Council, stating that stats and citations have increased. He stated that the three guns involved in the Dollar General shooting have been recovered and that his department has recovered four stolen vehicles. Chief Richbourg discussed grants his department has applied for and received. He stated that a conditional offer has been extended for a full-time Administrative Assistant. Councilmember Hook inquired about the procedure to address repeat offenses for unsightly yards. Chief Richbourg stated that Code Enforcement continues to address the concerns and issue warnings and citations as the Ordinance allows.
- C. Public Works Report. Public Works Supervisor stated that his department is working to stay on top of things. Mayor Bishop stated that he likes the yellow paint that was applied to the medians to increase visibility. Councilmember Fecas inquired about a sign for the yard of the month recipient. Supervisor White stated that he plans to get consent from the homeowner before placing the sign. Mayor Bishop stated that it has been a while since he has received regular complaints concerning garbage collection and thanked Supervisor White for staying on top of it.
- D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins stated that she utilized the dash-cams on the garbage trucks for the first time to address an unfounded complaint. She stated that court was held today and it went well using social distancing practices. Mayor Bishop discussed a complaint he received from a constituent regarding court.
- E. Attorney Report. Attorney Ward Bradley stated that he will look into the Town rehabbing properties. He inquired if Council would like for him to contact DHEC for an update concerning Parrish Pond and Council agreed for him to proceed.

X. Public Comment

No public comment was given.

XI. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 pm.

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk