

— *South Carolina* —
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 4, 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 Pro Tem Juston Ricard, Councilmembers Fecas, Hallman, Peters, Reeley, and Wilkerson

COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor Michael Bishop

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Public Works Supervisor Scott Bolser, Police Chief Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, Attorney Ward Bradley, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Consent Agenda

Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ricard voted unanimously to approve the June 4, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda, the minutes for the May 7, 2019 Regular Meeting and the May 20, 2019 Work Session.

III. Public Hearing

A. Public Comments for **ORDINANCE O-19-07**; An Ordinance to Provide for the Adoption of a Town Operating Budget, It’s Execution and Effect, for the Fiscal Period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. On motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, the Public Hearing was entered into at 6:03 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem requested comments from the public.

IV. Adjourn Public Hearing and Return to Regular Meeting

With no one appearing for comment, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:04 on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Peters.

V. Oath of Office

A. Ceremonial Swearing-In of Chief Andrew “Bear” Richbourg. Mayor Pro Tem explained that Chief Richbourg was officially sworn-in on May 24th, 2019 and tonight’s swearing-in is ceremonial. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard administered the Oath of Office to Chief of Police Andrew “Bear” Richbourg. Council congratulated Chief Richbourg. Chief Richbourg introduced his family to Council and all who were present.

VI. Old Business

A. Discussion and Consideration of **ORDINANCE O-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 (2nd Reading). Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Fecas, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.

VII. New Business

- A. Discussion of financial support for Platt Springs United Methodist Church walking track. Administrator Watkins stated that Platt Springs United Methodist Church appeared at the Work Session on May 20th and requested financial assistance for a $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile walking track that would be accessible by the community. She continued by stating that Platt Springs UMC does provide a lot of support to the town and within the community. Councilmember Peters asked if Accommodations tax could be used for this project and Administrator Watkins stated that she did not believe so. Councilmember Wilkerson asked if an amount of assistance had been discussed and Administrator Watkins answered that there was a maximum of \$10,000.00. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to support Platt Springs UMC in their effort to open a walking track to the community in the amount of \$5,000.00. There was a discussion on the amount of assistance requested and the total cost of the project. Administrator Watkins suggested that the funds come from the Building Improvements line item of the current year budget since we did not move forward with the changing room for the park. Councilmember Reeley asked if a legal contract would be necessary to ensure community access to the walking track. Administrator Watkins stated that we could but the intent is for the general public to have access to the walking track. Councilmember Fecas stated that Platt Springs UMC intended to display signage to invite the community to utilize the walking track and playground.

VIII. Adjourn to Executive Session

- A. Receipt of legal advice relating to a potential claim covered by the attorney-client privilege. Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson voted to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal advice relating to a potential claim covered by the attorney-client privilege at 6:12 p.m.

IX. Return to Open Session – Action may be taken regarding matters discussed in Executive Session

Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to return to Open Session at 6:47 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard announced that no action was taken during Executive Session.

X. Reports

- A. Town Council Report. Councilmember Fecas stated that she left a message for Ashley Sandal of DOT regarding projects in Springdale, specifically the opening of Wilton Road. She continued to state that she talked with Laurie Campbell with DOT about the striping of Platt Springs Road at the bridge over I-26 in front of Doc's Auto ER. She stated that there is no method of egress for motorists and DOT is not willing to do anything about it at this time however they are studying the area and looking at new products. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated that the Kitty Hawk Sidewalk project was awarded on May 7th, 2019, DOT will review the bid and we should see progress over the next three months.
- B. Police Report. Chief Richbourg reviewed his monthly report and statistics with the Council, pointing out major crime investigations. He stated that citations are down from the previous month due to the Police Department being in a transition period but officers are out working hard and will continue to do so. He stated that there are three formal interviews scheduled for Monday June 10th, 2019 for the two open positions in the Police Department. He stated that the applicants are all certified and if two applicants work out, the positions will be filled and the Police Department will be operating at full capacity. Chief Richbourg reviewed Code Enforcement statistics and stated that Code Enforcement

Officer Matthews is doing a good job of enforcing business licenses. In closing, he reminded Council that the Daddy & Me 5K is scheduled for Saturday, June 15th, 2019.

- C. Public Works Report. Public Works Supervisor Bolser reviewed his monthly report with Council. He stated that backflows have been tested for the year and the one that failed inspection has been repaired. Supervisor Bolser stated Wood Engineering Group, a contractor of the Lexington County Stormwater Consortium, has been working on a study and inspection of Springdale's stormwater infrastructure. He continued by stating he joined them to experience and learn more about the process as they were gathering data on-site. Supervisor Bolser stated that Springdale hosted the most recent Lexington County Stormwater Consortium quarterly meeting. He stated that the fence extension in the park will be constructed in the next few weeks. He concluded by stating he has contacted two applicants regarding the two open positions in Public Works and has scheduled an interview with one of them for Monday, June 10th, 2019.

- D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins stated that a Springdale Summerfest meeting was held just before the Council meeting and planning for that project is going really well. She invited everyone to the next Springdale Summerfest Meeting on June 13th, 2019 at 4:00pm. She implored everyone to get their golf cart registrations turned in as the number of registrants is being capped at 50. Administrator Watkins stated that the Town closed on the property next door and future renovations will be discussed at the next work session. She concluded by stating that the Parrish Plantation Community BBQ is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

E. Attorney Report. No report

XI. Appearance by Residents. Mr. Hoyte Smith, residing at 1164 W. Fairhill Drive, requested an update on the reason for the clearing of the Yates Caudle property and the proposed home construction on Ermine Road. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated that he does not know of anything with the Yates Caudle Property and Administrator Watkins stated that she would look into it. Councilmember Fecas stated that the home construction on Ermine Road is not going forward because the builder, DR Horton withdrew.

XII. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Juston Ricard, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk