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SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Work Session
Monday, June 17, 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, Councilmembers Fecas, Peters, Reeley, and Wilkerson

COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Juston Ricard, Councilmember Steve Hallman

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Public Works Supervisor Scott Bolser, Police Sergeant Chris Manuel, Attorney Sierra Carini, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Consent Agenda

Council, on motion of Mayor Bishop voted unanimously to approve the June 17, 2019 Work Session Agenda.

III. Items for Discussion

- A. Springdale Town Complex Renovations. Administrator Watkins inquired whether Council was ready to move forward with the bidding process for the renovations. She presented the latest revisions of the renovation plans. Mayor Bishop asked Administrator Watkins what the phase plan is for the project. Administrator Watkins asked if the bid could be put out for the complete project. Mayor Bishop stated that putting out the bid for the full project, reviewing the cost and then phasing it out if need be would be his recommendation. Councilmember Fecas stated that a better price may be achieved by committing to one bidder for the complete project, even if it is completed in phases. Councilmember Wilkerson and Councilmember Peters agreed that putting out a bid for the complete project would be the best way to go. Administrator Watkins will move forward with the bidding process.
- B. Springdale Summerfest and Golf Cart Parade. Administrator Watkins gave an update on planning for Summerfest. She invited anyone who wanted to volunteer to do so. She stated that the park would be closed from Friday, June 28th, 2019 at 4:00 pm to Saturday, June 29th, 2019 at 4:00 pm in the interest of safety in order to prepare for Summerfest, as equipment and supplies will be moved in. She gave an overview of the time frame and details for Summerfest.
- C. Parrish Plantation Pond. Councilmember Fecas discussed issues with the beaver dams on the pond. She stated that she has received phone calls from three residents who live around Lemmond Pond complaining that the beavers are not being managed. She stated Mr. McLeod with DHEC has been made aware of the issues. She presented pictures of the dam from March 18th, 2019 and June 13th, 2019 and discussed the differences in the water levels. Councilmember Fecas stated that an engineer will remove all foliage from the dam and back-fill any holes that remain in the timespan of one week

in July. She discussed correspondence with Mr. Jenkins and Mr. McLeod concerning inspection of the pond in the future. Mayor Bishop asked what DHEC's requirements were of the developer. Administrator Watkins stated that the developer had until July to complete the repairs. Councilmember Peters asked if taking the foliage off of the dam would make it more susceptible to breaches. Administrator Watkins stated that the engineer would fill the voids left by removal of foliage. Administrator Watkins discussed a concern of a resident's driveway failing. She stated that she informed the resident that the stance was the Town held no responsibility and did not have the capability to repair the road. She gave him Wes Taylor's contact information, he emailed Wes Taylor and Wes Taylor replied that he was having someone repair it. There was a discussion amongst Council about solutions for dam repair and DHEC requirements for the pond. Mayor Bishop asked acting Attorney Sierra Carini what the risks are of elected officials going to the pond. Attorney Sierra Carini advised Mayor Bishop that in her legal opinion there were no legal ramifications as long as no representative of the Town physically attempts to fix or modify anything, such as poking at beaver dams. Councilmember Fecas stated that individuals in the community have had to breach the dam as recently as Thursday June 13th, 2019 because the water level was high. There was a discussion of an animal control program to control the beaver population. Councilmember Fecas discussed a failed culvert beside Randy Bundrick's home, she stated that DOT came out on Monday, June 10th, 2019 to check the culvert and is scheduled to return in two weeks and the water level must come down. Councilmember Fecas stated that Wes Taylor asked a resident of the community to regularly breach the beaver dam. Mayor Bishop stated that DHEC should be enforcing who should be responsible for the pond maintenance. Councilmember Fecas stated that Administrator Watkins asked her to send the pictures she took to Mr. McLeod at DHEC. There was a discussion on DHEC requirements for spillways. Mayor Bishop stated to document everything including correspondence concerning the pond, showing that we have addressed it and hand it over to DHEC.

- D. Springdale Baptist Church Signs. Administrator Watkins stated that Pastor Tommy McGill came into Town Hall last week and was concerned that signs advertising the church's vacation bible school program were removed from intersections in town. These signs were then delivered to him by Code Enforcement who did make him aware of the ordinance. Administrator Watkins stated that although the signs are against the existing ordinance, in the past it was overlooked due to it being a church event. She stated that Pastor McGill wanted to be present for the work session but was unable to be so she told him that she would speak to Council about an exception. Councilmember Wilkerson stated that it is a temporary event and every church puts up signs to advertise their programs. Council discussed ideas for changing the ordinance to allow the signs to be displayed. Administrator Watkins stated that we do have a temporary sign ordinance and maybe it could fall under that but either way the ordinance would have to be amended. Councilmember Fecas discussed a regulation being necessary to avoid unsightly and cluttered intersections. Mayor Bishop suggested that a sign advertising dated events should be allowed as once the date has passed Code Enforcement will know the time line that the sign should be displayed. Mayor Bishop also stated that someone associated with the event should check on the signs to ensure they are displayed tastefully and collected in a satisfactory time frame in order to avoid a possible fine. Council agreed that the church would be allowed to put their signs back out until the ordinance is clarified. Mayor Bishop requested Administrator Watkins to present a suggestion for the ordinance amendment that could be voted on.

IV. Town Council Reports

- A. Town Signs. Councilmember Fecas stated that the flowers on Watling Road look better and the medians look great with the irrigation systems.

- B. Springdale Elementary School. Mayor Bishop stated that some of the silt fencing has been taken down. Councilmember Fecas stated that work is being completed as a part of their landscape plan.
- C. Parrish Plantation. Councilmember Fecas stated that bids were put out for the fencing repairs and three bids were obtained. She stated that the fence is still in disrepair and there is still a dispute between the HOA and the homeowners about the financial responsibility of the fence.
- D. DOT. Mayor Bishop stated that he has been working with the new general manager at Worldwide Equipment to get the pine trees removed and fence replaced from the side of the interstate in front of their property. He stated that Worldwide Equipment has offered to pay for the project however they can only obtain a permit for the work to be done in front of their property. He continued by stating that since we are leasing the building on Cherokee from DOT, we would have to obtain a permit for the work to be done in front of that property and Worldwide Equipment would cover the cost. Administrator Watkins stated she has reached out to the finance company that owns the hotel and informed them of what we were trying to do. Mayor Bishop stated that once the work is done with the trees, the building we are leasing from DOT will be visible therefore it will need to be cleaned up.
- E. Splash Pad. Administrator Watkins stated that the new sensor has not been delivered and Public Works Supervisor Scott Bolser has someone coming out to look at the splash pad. Administrator Watkins stated the company who we are working with on the splash pad said initially that a well would not work as the water supply and now they are saying it might work. She stated she would get three well companies to come out and see if it is possible to install a well. Councilmember Fecas discussed the issues with parking for the splash pad and stated that signs were installed directing the public to additional parking. There was a discussion concerning operating issues with the splash pad and the necessity of someone being available to turn the splash pad on and off. Councilmember Fecas stated that it would be a good idea to display a sign indicating the hours of operation for the splash pad. Administrator Watkins stated that she has already ordered a sign indicating the hours of operation and how to turn it on. Councilmember Fecas suggested getting cubbies near the splash pad to hold items that are otherwise on the ground and strung across the tables while people are using the splash pad, such as clothes, shoes, etc. Council agreed that cubbies for the splash pad are a great idea.
- F. Elected Officials. Mayor Bishop discussed a meeting with City of Cayce's Mayor, Elise Parton, concerning a coordinated effort to improve landscaping on shared roads and intersections. He explained that major components of the project would be improving tree borders, replacing trees, applying mulch and planting new flowers. Mayor Bishop stated that the City of Cayce is considering the use of street sweepers and that it could be a shared cost in order for them to sweep our streets as well. He discussed the possibility of new medians along the corridor. Councilmember Fecas suggested a community effort to clean up the roads and intersections. Mayor Bishop stated that the next phase would be a meeting with DOT about improvements and maintenance on interchanges. He discussed the need for repairs to sidewalks due to crumbling. Mayor Bishop stated that the meeting with Mayor Parton went very well. Councilmember Fecas stated that Mayor Steve Benjamin of the City of Columbia attended the Daddy & Me 5K and was very complimentary of the beauty of the town and the park. Mayor Bishop stated that he would keep everyone updated on the progression of the project.
- G. Town Council Special Project Requests
 - i. 800 Rosedale Road. Nothing new to report
 - ii. 3100 & 3104 Oweada Drive. Nothing new to report

Councilmember Fecas requested another property to be added to Special Project Requests. She requested Code Enforcement to research the history of the Steve Ott property, located at 941 Sightler Drive. She stated that the town has paid to have the property cleaned in the past but it is unsightly and in disrepair again. Sergeant Manuel stated that the only thing that can be done is to pay to have the property cleaned and place a lean against the property. Administrator Watkins stated that she found out the Town should not be going onto someone's property and cleaning up and that she would check with our new building inspector to see if anything can be done.

Administrator Watkins stated that if anyone would like to attend the upcoming Municipal Association dinner meeting on Thursday, June 27th to let her know by June 21st, 2019. Councilmembers Fecas and Peters stated that they would like to attend and use the town's car. Mayor Bishop and Councilmember Fecas expressed gratitude in the town car being clean and prepared for use by town representatives. Administrator Watkins asked for an update on the documentary. Mayor Bishop stated that the individual in charge of editing the documentary is looking for a break in her schedule in order to work on the documentary. Council agreed to discuss the details and future needs of the town concerning the documentary at the next work session and forward those ideas to the editor.

V. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk