

South Carolina
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting

January 8, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

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.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Pat Smith, Councilmembers Hallman, Reeley, Ricard, and Wilkerson, Town Administrator Erica Barton, and Town Attorney Danny Scott.

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Manos and Councilmember Sox-Peters.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. A quorum was present. Councilmember Hallman provided the invocation.

II. Approval of Minutes

Council, on motion by Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Ricard, voted unanimously to approve the December 4, 2012 meeting minutes.

III. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2012 Audit

Rod Dooley of Dooley and Company LLC, the independent auditor for the Town of Springdale, presented the 2012 audit report. He commended the Council on being good stewards of the taxpayers' dollars.

IV. New Business

A. Adoption of the 2013 Town Calendar. Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Hallman, voted unanimously to adopt the 2013 Town Calendar.

B. Consideration of O-13-01; an ordinance repealing Ch.11 Licenses and Business Regulations; replacing with Ch.11 Business License Regulations. Mrs. Barton asked Assistant Town Administrator Joe Boyes to highlight the recommended changes to the Business License Ordinance. Mr. Boyes recognized that this ordinance was an adapted version of the model ordinance published by the Municipal Association of South Carolina. He noted that the definition of charities had been modified to allow for the licensing of for-profit activities conducted by charitable organizations. He noted that the provisions regulating the renting of real estate have been outlined in the rate table. He said that all commercial property owners are required to be licensed and residential property owners who rent three or more properties would be required to be licensed. He noted that the "one job only" license has been modified to allow for a lower fee structure for smaller jobs in order to create a more business-friendly environment. He also stated that all other rates remained the same as the prior ordinance. Council, on motion by Councilmember Hallman, seconded by Councilmember Ricard, voted unanimously to give first reading to O-13-01: an ordinance repealing Ch. 11 Licenses and Business Regulations; replacing with Ch. 11 Business License Regulations.

C. Consideration of O-13-02; an ordinance repealing Ch.8.26 Issuance of Burn Permits; adding Ch.8-Fire Prevention and Protection, Article IV. Outdoor Burning. Mr. Boyes outlined the changes to the burn ordinance as well as the reasons for the changes. He stated that the current ordinance requires the police chief to issue permits, when the chief has no training in the prevention or regulation of fires. He stated that this ordinance is an adaption of the Lexington County ordinance which does not require permits. He stated that the main provisions are that burning must take place at least 75 feet from any structures or property lines whenever weather conditions are favorable. Council, on motion by Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Ricard, voted unanimously to give first reading to O-13-02: an ordinance repealing Ch. 8.26 Issuance of Permits; adding Ch. 8 Fire Prevention and Protection, Article IV Outdoor Burning.

D. FY 14 Traffic Police Grant. Chief Cornett asked for Council's blessing to pursue a grant from the SC Highway Department to create a traffic unit in the Town of Springdale. He stated that the grant would cover the equipment costs and salary for a traffic safety officer. He stated that the number of accidents within the Town has increased. He stated that the traffic officer would help to alleviate this problem. Council, on motion by Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Ricard, voted unanimously to support participation in this grant initiative.

E. Consideration of R-13-01; a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Springdale in Support of the Complete Streets Principles for the Springdale Community. Administrator Barton provided details about the complete streets initiative which ensures being mindful of all citizens when developing infrastructure. Council, on motion by Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Ricard, voted unanimously to adopt R-13-01; a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Springdale in Support of the Complete Streets Principles for the Springdale Community.

F. Healthy SC Initiative Grant - Comprehensive Active Community Plan. Administrator Barton informed Council about the Healthy SC Initiative Grant possibilities which could help with Cindy's Place. Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Hallman, voted unanimously to support the pursuit of the Healthy SC Initiative Grant.

G. Consideration of a partnership between the Town of Springdale and the Lexington County Recreation Commission for the purpose of a PARD grant for Cindy's Place. Council, on motion by Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Ricard, voted unanimously to act as the fiscal agent for Cindy's Place for the purposes of the PARD grant.

V. Reports

A. Public Works Director Josh Ancik briefed Council on the new Policy and Procedure manual for the Public Works Department. He noted that this document would provide guidelines to ensure that the public works employees were properly trained and informed of safe operating procedures at all times while conducting their activities. He also stated that the manual had provisions relating to fleet management in addition to the training provisions. Administrator Barton commended Mr. Ancik on his hard work developing this document. Mayor Smith commended him as well. Mayor Smith recognized the public works employees for all of their hard work and friendly service that they provide for the town.

B. Chief Cornett reviewed his monthly report and statistics with Council.

VI. Appearance by citizens

None.

VII. Executive Session

Council, on motion by Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Ricard, voted unanimously to enter executive session to discuss legal matters at 6:40 p.m.

Council, on motion by Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Ricard, voted unanimously to exit executive session at 7:04 p.m.

No action was taken.

VIII. Adjournment

Council, on motion by Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

Pat G. Smith
Mayor

Attest:

Erica Barton
Town Administrator