

— *South Carolina* —
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 1st, 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, Chief of Police Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, Public Works Supervisor Scott Bolser, Attorney Ward Bradley, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden.

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. September 3rd, 2019 Regular Meeting
 - ii. September 16th, 2019 Work Session

Council voted unanimously to approve the October 1st, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda, the minutes for the September 3rd, 2019 Regular Meeting and the September 16th, 2019 Work Session.

III. Oath of Office

- A. Brandy Spears, SRO Wil Lou Grey Opportunity School. Chief of Police Andrew “Bear” Richbourg introduced SRO Spears and administered the Oath of Office. SRO Spears’s son assisted in the pinning of her badge.

IV. Employee Recognitions

- A. Officer of the Month, September 2019
 - i. Patrolman Carl Wilhelm. Chief Richbourg explained that Officer Wilhelm just completed his first month of working alone after completion of training, and did an excellent job. Chief Richbourg stated that Officer Wilhelm works hard, and is dedicated to getting out and ensuring the safety of the town which is proven by his statistics. Chief Richbourg closed by stating Officer Wilhelm’s efforts have assisted in doubling the department’s statistics over the last month.

V. New Business

- A. Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between City of Cayce and Town of Springdale for Building Inspection Services. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by

Councilmember Hallman, voted unanimously to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as presented.

VI. Reports

- A. Town Council Report. Councilmember Fecas discussed a Lexington Municipal Association meeting that she attended. She stated that Jeff Shacker of the Municipal Association of South Carolina was the speaker and he highlighted current legislation that may affect the Town. She concluded by stating she discussed these matters with Town staff. Mayor Bishop discussed correspondence he received from John Andoh, Executive Director of The Comet, concerning a voting position on the Board of Directors for The Comet. Mayor Bishop stated that this position could be filled by a member of the community. Administrator Watkins stated that Lexington County Councilmember Debbie Summers represents the Town of Springdale and currently serves on the Board of Directors for The Comet. Administrator Watkins inquired if Councilmember Summers would be able to represent the Town of Springdale's interests in regards to The Comet.
- B. Police Report. Chief Richbourg reviewed his monthly report and statistics with Council, highlighting major crimes within the Town. He stated that in coordination with other agencies, officers were able to recover an expensive piece of construction equipment that was stolen from a worksite in Town. Chief Richbourg stated that stats have recently doubled. Councilmember Hallman discussed a compliment he received from former Mayor Pat Smith regarding Chief Richbourg. There was a brief discussion and overview of code enforcement stats. Chief Richbourg stated that Code Enforcement officer Ed DeVore is doing a phenomenal job and concluded by assuring Council that Code Enforcement would be very responsive to any concerns they may have.
- C. Public Works Report. Public Works Supervisor Bolser reviewed his monthly report with Council. He stated that Public Works received the yearly shipment of roll carts for distribution, and described efforts to clear brush and foliage away from the back-side of the former Jewelry Warehouse building. Supervisor Bolser stated that wood chips would be applied to play areas in the park once the delivery arrives from Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission. He stated that fall banners would be hung on light poles on Thursday of this week and concluded by recognizing Public Works employee Trevor Sharpe for spotting and immediately reporting a fire on DOT property. Councilmember Fecas asked if the wood chips would be spread in the park on Pond Drive. Supervisor Bolser stated that he would apply the wood chips in that park as well. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard complimented Public Works on the appearance of the park and Councilmember Wilkerson thanked Supervisor Bolser for delivering recycling bins and trash cans.
- D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins described a meeting with Architect Gary Shaw concerning the building next door and the new Town complex, stating that a contractor should be named around the first of the year. She stated that there were a few minor changes to the drawings and new drawings should be available soon. Administrator Watkins stated that John Andoh, Executive Director of The Comet requested someone to attend an Executive Committee Meeting on October 9th, 2019, she stated that she will be unable to attend due to being short-staffed and if anyone else is interested to let her know.
- E. Attorney Report. No Report.

VII. Adjourn to Executive Session.

Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:17 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- A. Receipt of legal advice

VIII. Return to Open Session – Action may be taken regarding matters discussed in Executive Session.
Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Ricard, voted unanimously to return to Open Session at 6:24 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

IX. Public Comment

Public comment was made by Attorney Ryan McCabe.

X. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Ricard, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 PM

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk