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**SPRINGDALE**

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**MINUTES**

Town Council Work Session

October 15, 2018 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 Bishop, Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, Councilmembers Fecas, Peters, Wilkerson, Hallman, Town Administrator Ashley Watkins, and Attorney Ward Bradley.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilmember Reeley.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk, Tare’ Stapp, Chief Cornett, Public Works Supervisor Scott Bolser, and Attorney Ward Bradley

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. A quorum was present.

A. Councilmember Hallman provided the invocation.

B. Mayor Bishop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Consent Agenda**

A. Approval of Agenda. Council unanimously approved the agenda without objection.

**III. Items of Discussion**

- A. Letter to *The State Newspaper* requesting they honor resident’s “opt out” requests for advertising flyers. Mayor Bishop stated that he spoke with the publisher and had Administrator Watkins draft a letter to present to Council to see if they approved of sending this letter to *The State Newspaper*. Councilmember Wilkerson inquired whether this was successful for Lexington County. Mayor Bishop responded by stating that the flyers are still an issue for Lexington County. Mayor Bishop also stated that at the upcoming Lexington County Municipal Association Meeting they will be discussing what the sixteen municipalities can do to rectify this situation. Council agreed to sign the letter to send the “opt out” requests to *The State Newspaper*.
- B. Agreement concerning electric service rights between Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. and South Carolina Electric and Gas Company (SCE&G). Administrator Watkins introduced Ms. Morgan Harrell with SCE&G and Mr. Bobby Wilbur of Mid-Carolina, and invited both parties to speak to Council regarding the electric services and the franchise agreements. Ms. Harrell stated these agreements are updates to the original agreements and are created to serve as a more consistent agreement with all the Municipalities and Counties they serve. The Electric Service Rights Agreement is designed to clear up any potential disputes between SCE&G and Mid-Carolina Electric in the Town of Springdale. The territory map also makes it

easier for neighborhoods or developers to see who services their electricity in the Town of Springdale. Ms. Harrell also stated this does not change anything operationally for the Town it is just updating their agreements. The second and third parts to this agreement are to update the Franchise Fee Agreement with SCE&G and also create one with Mid-Carolina Electric. It however will not change the franchise fee. Council will review the new agreements and will add to the agenda for the next Council meeting.

#### **IV. Town Council Reports**

- A. Town Signs. Mayor Bishop reported there is progress being made with the sign. Administrator Watkins inquired about keeping the Town's old sign that is being replaced. Councilmember Fecas and Peters recommended pressure washing this particular sign and placing it at another location in town.
- B. Springdale Elementary School. Councilmember Fecas updated Council on progress in Parrish Plantation and a meeting that took place with Parrish Plantation and Wade Caughman. Councilmember Fecas also updated Council that Lexington Two had past inspection for the inside, but not the outside. Mayor Bishop questioned if Administrator Watkins has heard back from County in regards to re-establishing the storm water meeting. Administrator Watkins responded by stating she has not.
- C. The Preserve at Roof Farm. There was nothing new to report at this time.
- D. Parrish Plantation. There was nothing new to report at this time.
- C. DOT. Administrator Watkins reported that she spoke with DOT regarding an issue on Lemmon Dr. behind Councilmember Steve Hallman's house. DOT claims they did not make repairs on Lemmon Dr. However, Mayor Bishop stated that he called DOT and requested these repairs to be done on Lemmon Dr., and Councilmember Fecas was present during the time these repairs were being done. Administrator Watkins stated she requested that a new work order be submitted for these repairs. Mayor Bishop also stated he will be contacting DOT regarding this matter as well.
- D. Splash Pad. Administrator Watkins and Mayor Bishop suggested keeping the Splash Pad on the agenda to discuss the next added feature.
- E. Elected Officials. Mayor Bishop reported that attended the Mayor's Conference in downtown Columbia. Mayor Bishop requested information regarding the three trailers. Attorney Bradley responded by stating that once the property owners have been given notice, the next step would be to take the owners to court.

Administrator Watkins reported that she spoke with Mr. Steve Gunter a few weeks prior and was informed his property located next to Town Hall is still available for purchase. Councilmember Fecas inquired if Council would be able to tour the building, as well as the property. Administrator Watkins responded stating that she will contact Mr. Gunter regarding a tour.

Councilmember Fecas inquired if the Chief would like to report on the property inspections conducted a few weeks prior. Chief Cornett responded by stating that there were five properties that were identified by Steve Martin, Building Official. According to Mr. Martin, the five properties that were inspected cannot be considered condemned by law as well as the Property Maintenance Code. Councilmember Fecas also questioned where Public Works and the Police Department were at the moment in the hiring process. Chief Cornett responded by stating that there is still one open vacancy, and in November there will be an additional vacancy open. Mr. Bolser also stated that the Public Works position was still open.

Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, Councilmembers Hallman and Peters, and Attorney Ward Bradley did not have anything new to report.

**V. Adjournment**

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Hallman, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 P.M.

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Michael Bishop  
*Mayor*

Attest:

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Tare' Stapp  
*Municipal Clerk*