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SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting

October 2, 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.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Michael Bishop, Councilmembers Fecas, Peters, Wilkerson, Reeley, Hallman

COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Ricard.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Tare’ Stapp, Chief Cornett, and Attorney Ward Bradley

I. Call to Order

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

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Agenda. Council unanimously approved the October 2, 2018 Regular Meeting Agenda.
- B. Approval of Minutes. Council unanimously approved the September 4, 2018 Regular Meeting, September 17, 2018 Work Session Meeting, and September 17, 2018 Special Meeting minutes without objection.

III. New Business

- A. Municode estimate for updating Town of Springdale Code of Ordinances. Administrator Watkins stated the Town’s ordinances have not been updated since 2010. Municode gave an estimate of \$5,584.00 to update all ordinances for the Town of Springdale. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, unanimously approved the payment to update the Town of Springdale’s ordinances with Municode.

IV. Reports

A. Town Council Reports:

Councilmember Fecas stated that on October 1st DHEC had a meeting and a final reading in regards to Parrish Plantation, and they should be hearing from DHEC in the next couple of days.

Councilmember Wilkerson reported that he went to visit the company that is building the Town’s welcome sign. Councilmember Wilkerson stated that the time frame for the sign had been pushed back due to previous projects that were taking longer than expected. Councilmember Wilkerson continued stating that he hopes this project will be completed soon.

Councilmember Peters, Reeley, and Hallman did not have anything to report at this time.

Mayor Bishop reported there is a resident on Seay Dr. who has requested a light to be placed at the top of the hill on that street. Mayor Bishop contacted SCE&G regarding this matter, and they recommended installing a street light there; however, the cost would be placed on the Town. Mayor Bishop requested the opinions of Council on this matter and if they would approve to cover the cost of the street light. The amount would be \$9 a month. Council approved to have the street light installed. Mayor Bishop also inquired about the dog park that was discussed in previous meetings. Councilmember Fecas and Administrator Watkins responded by stating there were liability, placement of location, and stormwater issues that were brought to attention regarding this matter. Councilmember Wilkerson also stated that at one of the Council's Work Sessions, it was discussed that due to the different regulations that would have to be involved. Councilmember Fecas mentioned this was a present issue, but can be re-visited in the near future if there is a different site for the dog park.

B. Police Report: Chief Cornett reported that the police department did identify and arrest the suspect involved in the armed robberies at the gas station across from Town Hall. Chief Cornett continued stating that a search warrant was conducted for 209 Watling Rd. at Sunoco gas station, and one individual was arrested on a felony charge for distribution of counterfeit dvds and cds. Councilmember Fecas brought to attention that this is the first month since she has been on Council that the police department did not have any call outs.

C. Public Works: Mr. Scott Bolser was not in attendance this evening due to being under the weather. Mayor Bishop recommended that for future events Public Works would have the field cut on Mr. Steve Gunter's property due to the high grass that individuals have to park and walk through when attending an event. Administrator Watkins responded stating that she had approached Mr. Gunter in regards to creating an agreement where the Town would pay to lease the property from him and with that lease payment, Mr. Gunter would be responsible for the maintenance. Administrator Watkins continued stating that Mr. Gunter was supposed to be in contact with her in regards to this matter, but she has yet to hear from him. Councilmember Fecas inquired about the yearly calendar and if it would be possible to create a document for Councilmembers to access for specific dates on completed projects and so forth. Mayor Bishop and Councilmember Wilkerson responded stating that the downside to creating this document would be if the projects are not completed by the set date, and then residents might complain. Mayor Bishop also stated that he has written DOT for an update regarding the Wilton Road bridge.

D. Town Administrator Report: Administrator Watkins reported that a certified letter was sent to the owners of the mobile homes stating they had until October 31st to remove the homes. Administrator Watkins has yet to hear from the property owners. Administrator Watkins continued with her report and stated that SCE&G and Mid Carolina will be holding a meeting in Town Hall on October 3rd at 2pm. Councilmember Fecas inquired about the COMET meeting that took place at Town Hall on September 20th. Administrator Watkins responded by stating Mr. John Andoh, Director of The Comet attended and there were no citizens in attendance. Administrator Watkins also mentioned the parade float meeting would be held on October 5th at 1:00pm in Town Hall. Administrator Watkins also mentioned there is a conflict with the Town calendar for January 1, 2019 and February 18, 2019. Administrator Watkins suggested moving the Town Council meeting from January 1st to January 8th, as well as moving the Town Work Session meeting from February 18th to February 20th. Council agreed to move to the dates she had suggested.

E. Attorney Report: Attorney Bradley did not have anything to report at this time.

V. Appearance by residents

No members of the public signed up to speak at this meeting.

IX. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Peters, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 P.M.

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

Tare' Stapp, Municipal Clerk