

— *South Carolina* —
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020 at 6:00 pm

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 Juston Ricard, Councilmembers Fecas, Hallman, Reeley, Wilkerson and Hook.

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden, Chief of Police Andrew Richbourg, Attorney Ward Bradley, Attorney Sierra Carini, Billing and Permit Clerk Jacquelyn Adams, Public Works Supervisor Kevin White.

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. October 6, 2020 Regular Meeting
 - ii. October 19, 2020 Work Session

Council unanimously approved the agenda for the November 3, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, the minutes for the October 6, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, and the minutes for the October 19, 2020 Work Session.

III. Employee Introduction

- A. Sheri Jonas, Administrative Assistant, Police Department. Chief Richbourg introduced Administrative Assistant Jonas to Council. He stated that she previously worked as a dispatcher for the County and has experience in working closely with law enforcement.

IV. Officer Swearing In

- A. David Jordan. Chief Richbourg introduced Officer Jordan and led him in the Oath of Office. Captain Manuel assisted in the pinning of his badge.
- B. Arturo Contreras. Chief Richbourg introduced Officer Contreras and led him in the Oath of Office. His family assisted in the pinning of his badge.

V. Employee Recognitions

- A. Employee of the Month, Police Department- Sheri Jonas. Chief Richbourg recognized Administrative Assistant Jonas as Employee of the Month, stating that she has handled all of her responsibilities as the Administrative Assistant extremely well, and has eagerly taken on new projects and responsibilities.

- B. Forrest Gantt, Promotion to Sergeant. Chief Richbourg promoted Corporal Gantt to Sergeant and led him in the Oath of Office. His wife assisted in the pinning of his badge.
- C. Retirement of K-9 Bruce Wayne. Chief Richbourg honored the service of K-9 Officer Bruce Wayne to the Town of Springdale and surrounding agencies since July 1, 2015. He stated that it was a tough decision to retire Bruce but felt it appropriate due to his age and the size of the department. Chief Richbourg stated that Bruce will remain in the care of his handler and best friend, Sergeant Gantt. K-9 Bruce Wayne was presented with a Certificate of Retirement and his badge.

VI. Old Business

- A. Consideration and Discussion of Ordinance **O-20-12; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE IV, LICENSING AND REGULATION OF FOOD TRUCKS AND FOOD TRAILERS; SECTION 11-68.1.** (2nd Reading). Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance as presented at its second and final reading.
- B. Proposed Lexington County Stormwater Utility Fee – Intent to Participate. After a brief discussion, Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to table the item until the questions previously submitted to Lexington County Land Development are answered.

VII. New Business

- A. 2021 Town Calendar. Council unanimously approved the 2021 Town calendar. Councilmember Wilkerson requested to move future Council meetings that fall on general elections days to the following day. Council unanimously agreed with Councilmember Wilkerson.
- B. Radio Communications for Springdale Police Department. Chief Richbourg explained his reasons for moving radio communications for the Springdale Police Department from County dispatch to Cayce dispatch, including inexperienced dispatchers, patching with other agencies that bog down radio traffic, and high turnover among dispatchers. Chief Richbourg stated that the decision to move radio communications has not been set in stone. However, he believes it would be in the best interest of the department and the safety of the officers. Chief Richbourg stated that he wishes to maintain a good relationship with the County despite the change in radio communication. Mayor Bishop stated that he would have liked to have known about the consideration of moving radio communications and asked Chief Richbourg to ensure the move is the best thing to do for the department long term. Mayor Bishop stated that if no one had any issues with radio communications being moved to Cayce, the department had Council's blessing to proceed. No council members were opposed. Councilmember Fecas asked if the department was fully staffed. Chief Richbourg stated that two positions are vacant and announced the upcoming departure of Investigator Sharpe.

VIII. Reports

- A. Town Council Report. Councilmember Fecas discussed dredging and the high water level on Parrish Pond. She discussed correspondence with DHEC and DOT concerning issues with Parrish Pond. Councilmember Hook thanked Chief Richbourg for making improvements within the department. Councilmember Reeley discussed correspondence from the Parrish Pond HOA president, Josh Peake concerning stormwater issues.
- B. Police Chief Report. Chief Richbourg presented his monthly report to Council and reviewed crimes and statistics.

C. Public Works Report. Public Works Supervisor Kevin White reviewed his monthly report with Council, highlighting current and future projects. He stated that he should get the installation schedule on the playground equipment for the park soon.

D. Town Administrator Report. No report.

E. Attorney Report. No report.

IX. Public Comment

No public comment was given.

X. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Hook, seconded by Councilmember Hallman, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm.

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk