

South Carolina
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Special Meeting

February 7, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Council Conference Room – Springdale Town Hall, 2915 Platt Springs Road

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Michael Bishop, Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, Councilmembers, Wilkerson, Peters, Reeley, and Fecas, Town Administrator Ashley Watkins and Town Attorney Danny Scott.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Hallman.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. A quorum was present.

II. Consent Agenda

Council approved the agenda without objection.

III. New Business

A. Discussion with Lawrence Flynn, of the Pope Flynn Group, about a possible Special Tax District for residents around the “upper” Shadblow Pond. Mayor Bishop provided information on the Shadblow Pond’s status as privately owned and introduced Lawrence Flynn to discuss setting up a Special Tax District for the pond residents. Mr. Flynn provided his background to the meeting attendees and outlined how a Special Tax District works and how to set one up for the neighborhood. Mayor Bishop asked what would happen if the neighborhood borrows money from the bank after setting up the tax district and Mr. Flynn answered that the banks will want to feel secure that they will be repaid before issuing the loan and that, with or without the tax district, the residents would need to speak to the loan officer prior to taking out a loan to fix the dam. Shadblow residents also asked questions concerning which homeowners association would take responsibility for repairs. Mr. Flynn discussed the responsibility for repairs with the residents and suggested that the HOA that has been proven the most responsible historically should be the one to take on the responsibility for repairs. Another resident discussed the establishment of one of the HOA organizations and a fund that was set up for the neighborhood. Mr. Flynn then discussed what the HOA would need to show the bank to prove it was incorporated. Councilmember Wilkerson asked how long the process would be to set up everything with the county and Mr. Flynn responded that the tax district could take six-to-eight months or longer to establish. Mayor Bishop asked what the set up cost would be and Mr. Flynn assumed \$15,000 for the entire process and deliverables. Mr. Flynn also explained the ownership of the dam and liability for it that the district and HOA will need to consider. Mr. Flynn continued to discuss the ownership and liability issues with the residents and Council. Mr. Flynn also discussed with residents and Council the effects of the district on their property taxes. Mr. Flynn also spoke on the process for setting up the Special Tax District. A resident asked Mr. Flynn if he had dealt with similar liability issues and Mr. Flynn stated that he was not a trial attorney but described similar situations and how they were handled.

IV. Adjournment

Council adjourned the meeting at 6:15 P.M.

Michael Bishop
Mayor

Attest:

Ashley Watkins
Town Administrator