

South Carolina
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting

November 3, 2015 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 Michael Bishop, Mayor Pro-Tem Manos, Councilmembers Wilkerson, Peters, Hallman, Ricard, and Reeley, Town Attorney Danny Scott, and Town Administrator Jeff Stilwell.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. A quorum was present. Councilmember Hallman provided the invocation. Council approved the agenda without objection. Mayor Bishop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. The minutes from the October 6, 2015 meeting were approved without objection.

III. Old Business

A. Consideration of Ordinance O-15-10; Amending the Code of Ordinances; Section 2; Modifying Section 2-152, Division 2, “Town Administrator”, and adding Division 4, “Town Clerk”. Administrator Stilwell explained to Council that State statutes require the Council to appoint the Town Clerk and recommended that Mr. John Rabon be appointed to the position. Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Manos, seconded by Councilmember Hallman, voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance O-15-10 modifying the position of “Town Administrator”, amending the Code of Ordinances to add “Town Clerk”, and appointing Mr. John Rabon as Town Clerk.

B. Consideration of Ordinance O-15-11; Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Springdale; Adding Section 4.4.4 G, to include signs placed by the municipality for community events and for the purpose of promoting public good. Mayor Bishop explained that this was the ordinance’s second reading. Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manos, voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance O-15-11 amending the Zoning Ordinance to include signs placed by the municipality.

IV. New Business

A. Consideration of a Metro Narcotics Agreement. Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Ricard, voted unanimously to approve the Metro Narcotics Agreement.

B. Consideration of West Columbia Mutual Aid Agreement. Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Peters, voted unanimously to approve the West Columbia Mutual Aid Agreement

C. Initial discussion of Platt Springs Road Master Plan and future development. Mayor Bishop introduced the discussion and turned it over to Administrator Stilwell to present the findings of the Master Plan. Administrator Stilwell discussed that residents not only sought more retail properties, but also nice restaurants and improvements to streetscapes along Platt Springs Road. He recommended that the Town pursue the entrance signs and landscaping for the corner of Platt Springs and Wattling roads as well as on Platt Springs Road and Rainbow Drive. Administrator Stilwell recommended changing the development requirements to include burying power lines. Councilmember Peters asked if the Town would need to purchase land from West Columbia Pentecostal Holiness Church for the sign and Administrator Stilwell responded that the Town could acquire an easement or a land lease for it. Councilmember Wilkerson asked about putting signs on Wattling Road as well and Administrator Stilwell responded that the Town would do that as well in the future. Administrator Stilwell further covered the streetscape recommendations made by the development group. He also discussed a soccer club that was interested in working with the Town to create a soccer field. Administrator Stilwell discussed the desire to partner with Lexington School District 2 and Midlands Technical College on the development of a public venue within the Town limits. Mayor Pro Tem Manos then asked to be excused from the remainder of the meeting due to prior commitments.

V. Reports

A. Town Council Reports. Mayor Bishop reported on the Springdale House for this year's Christmas party for officials and staff. He also asked about a green dumpster that had been placed on the Springdale Shopping Center property and Administrator Stilwell responded that it was being towed away. Mayor Bishop also promoted a Veterans Recognition Day event at Platt Springs United Methodist Church for November 14th. He then discussed some physical coverage for the garbage trucks and concern for them being exposed to the elements. Mayor Bishop invited suggestions for parking the garbage trucks to create more space for parking behind Town Hall. Administrator Stilwell discussed new playground system from Lexington County that could go onto available space in Town. Councilmember Ricard asked about cutting the grass along Platt Springs Road and Administrator Stilwell responded that, in addition to public works efforts, the Town could hire a lawn care company to handle more difficult areas.

B. Administrative Report. Administrator Stilwell discussed his attendance of several conferences and meetings over the past month and discussed the Town financials with Council. He also discussed the upcoming Town audit and reported that the Town had been very good with its spending and maintained a surplus of funds. He further mentioned a new Dodge Charger for the police department and a program to update the police department vehicles on a yearly basis while maintaining older vehicles for Town use. Mayor Bishop and Administrator Stilwell discussed the Town park's new swing set.

C. Public Works Director's Report. Public Works Director Ancik's report was received as information by Council.

D. Chief's Report. Chief Cornett reviewed his monthly report and statistics with the Council. Chief Cornett also shared the police department's "We are Springdale" video with the Town Council.

VI. Appearance by Citizens

No public comment was made.

VII. Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter; property acquisition for economic development

Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Ricard, voted to go into executive session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss a real estate matter involving property acquisition for economic development. Council, on motion of Councilmember Ricard, seconded by Councilmember Peters, voted unanimously to exit executive session at 7:17 p.m. No action was taken during executive session.

VIII. Action Taken from Executive Session

Mayor Bishop reported that no new action needed to be taken from the discussion in executive session.

IX. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Ricard, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Michael Bishop
Mayor

Attest:

Jeff Stilwell
Town Administrator