

*South Carolina*  
***SPRINGDALE***

**MINUTES**

Town Council Regular Meeting

August 4, 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, Richard, Peters and Reeley, Town Attorney Danny Scott, and Town Administrator Jeff Stilwell.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Hallman.

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Approval of Minutes**

A. The minutes from the July 14, 2015 meeting were approved without objection.

**III. Presentation of K-9 Officer**

A. Chief Kevin Cornett introduced Bruce, the Springdale Police Department's new K-9 officer, and provided the dog's background. Chief Cornett explained that he is paired with Officer McWilliams and would be used for drug detection and tracking. The Town Council took pictures with Bruce and Chief Cornett explained that he was named for comic book character Bruce Wayne, also known as Batman. Mayor Bishop's wife Beth and his son Lucas passed out cookies to meeting attendees in honor of the new officer.

**IV. Old Business**

A. Consideration of Ordinance O-15-08, Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Springdale; Section 2 Zoning District Regulations, amending Section 2.3.2 and adding Section 3.1.3, permitted uses to allow for Single Family Dwelling Accessory. Administrator Stilwell explained that, after a conversation with the Municipal Association, the ordinance would need to go up for a public hearing as it effects a zoning change and recommended that the ordinance be tabled until such time as a hearing could be scheduled. Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to table Ordinance O-15-08.

B. Consideration of Ordinance of Ordinance O-15-09, Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Springdale; Section 18 Solid Waste Management; modifying Subsection 61(C) governing Garbage Container Placement. Council permitted public comment on the ordinance. Mr. John Huffman addressed the Council and stated that he was opposed to the ordinance as he felt that many of the Town's residents

are of an advanced age and would not be able to put their roll-carts out and up themselves. Council explained that medical exception forms are available and the Public Works Department was willing to work with elderly residents. Councilmember Wilkerson asked what changes Mr. Huffman would recommend and Mr. Huffman responded that he had not yet read the ordinance. Administrator Stilwell read the text of the ordinance. Ms. Mary Anne Cannon stated her opposition to the ordinance stated that she lives with her daughter and would not be able to physically bring in the roll-cart from the other side of their fence. Ms. Nancy Driggers voiced her support for the ordinance as she felt that roll-carts remaining on the street made neighborhoods look unattractive. Mayor Bishop stated that the purpose of this ordinance was to address the roll-carts left out by able-bodied residents. Councilmember Wilkerson expressed his concern that he didn't want to see residents punished for going out of Town and Mayor Bishop responded that the Town would work with anyone if an exception was needed. Chief Cornett explained how the citations work and that the Police Department attempts to work with someone before issuing a citation. Mayor Pro Tem Manos stated his opinion that the Council should table the ordinance and discuss it further as well as informing the residents of the requirements in the ordinance. Mr. Huffman recommended that the ordinance should go before the Planning Commission. Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Ricard, voted 5-1 to table Ordinance O-15-09, with Mayor Pro Tem Manos and Councilmembers Reeley, Richard, Wilkerson, and Peters voting in favor and Mayor Bishop opposed.

## **V. Reports**

A. Town Council Reports. Mayor Bishop stated that he was invited to be part of the Lexington County Development Commission and attended a meeting.

B. Administrative Report. Administrator Stilwell related how he, Mayor Bishop, and Chief Cornett attended the Municipal Association of South Carolina annual conference. Mr. Stilwell related how he discussed code enforcement with other municipalities. He also related how he had attended MS4 stormwater training and what he learned from the training. Administrator Stilwell also discussed his meeting with Lexington County Economic Development Director Chuck Whipple. He further stated that the Administration Department would be moving forward with the master plan with LandPlan Group South. He explained that financials were not available for this month as the accountant was out of town, but would provide that information as soon as it was available and that the Town finished the financial year in the black. Lastly, Administrator Stilwell explained that West Columbia has been storing Springdale's extra roll carts and that the Town was lending extra roll-carts to residents for no cost and encouraged attendees to sign up to receive one. Councilmember Ricard asked about the split-rail fence on Watling Road and whether the property was available for purchase or whether the Town could do something to create a more attractive gateway to Town there. Administrator Stilwell responded that the Public Works Director had taken down the fence as some of the parts were rotting and stated that he was open for suggestions as to what could go in its place. Mayor Bishop suggested moving the Town sign closer. Councilmember Ricard suggested it would be worth it to acquire the land and develop it as a beautification project.

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 discussed code violations with the Council as well as preparations for National Night Out. Lastly, Chief Cornett informed Council that he and Officer McWilliams had attended Gang Resistance Education and Training to teach this program to students at Springdale Elementary School as an outgrowth of the DARE program.

## **VI. Appearance by Citizens**

Mr. Walter Shumpert raised concerns with the Council over his neighbor's property. Administrator Stilwell responded that he had looked into the problem and Mayor Bishop invited Mr. Shumpert to speak to him, Administrator Stilwell, and Chief Cornett after the meeting.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manos, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

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Michael Bishop  
*Mayor*

Attest:

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Jeff Stilwell  
*Town Administrator*