

*South Carolina*  
***SPRINGDALE***

**MINUTES**

Town Council Work Session

March 21, 2016 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 Ricard, Councilmembers Hallman, Wilkerson, Reeley, Fecas, and Town Administrator Jeff Stilwell.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Peters and Town Attorney Danny Scott.

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. A quorum was present.

**II. Consent Agenda**

A. Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved without objection.

**III. New Business**

A. Consideration of a new ordinance regarding domestic chickens

Council discussed a proposed ordinance to regulate the ownership of domestic chickens within the Town. Councilmember Fecas suggested holding a public hearing and there was discussion to include a public hearing for the next Town Council meeting. Several councilmembers expressed a desire to not increase the Town's regulations. Councilmember Reeley shared his research on potential issues with raising domestic chickens with the conclusion that noise, waste, odor, and other potential issues are negligible. Councilmember Wilkerson asked if there had been many complaints and Administrator Stilwell answered that there had been very few and they had been resolved through the noise ordinance. Councilmember Fecas suggested that an ordinance could look after the welfare of the animals and that there should be a reasonable limit on the number that could be owned. Council discussed logistical issues with enforcing such an ordinance.

B. Grant Opportunities for Businesses and Residents

Administrator Stilwell discussed with Council the ability to offer grants to businesses and homes for improvements to their structures. Council discussed which businesses may take advantage of such opportunities and what requirements would need to be met, such as matching and reimbursement for expenses. Council discussed the possibility of limiting grant opportunities to commercial properties. Mayor Bishop asked Administrator Stilwell to acquire a copy of the Town of Lexington's program prior to the next meeting. Administrator Stilwell discussed Lexington's program and Community Development Block Grants with Council. Council discussed sending a mailout to residents and businesses concerning

grant opportunities. Councilmember Fecas asked if there were grants available for security cameras at Cindy's Place. Council discussed security cameras in public places.

#### C. Council Attendance at Boards and Commissions around Lexington County

Mayor Bishop also discussed the need for more Councilmembers and citizens to attend county boards and commissions meetings.

#### D. Worldwide Equipment taking over landscaping of onramp to I-26 at exit 113.

Mayor Bishop mentioned having a lunch meeting with Worldwide Equipment as well as an upcoming meeting with Worldwide, Super 8, and DOT about taking over the landscaping at the interchange. He said that the commercial partners were ready to seriously invest in beautifying the onramp. Councilmember Fecas praised Mayor Bishop for his work to make State Senator Katrina Shealy aware of the appearance of the interchange and the town's difficulty improving it. Councilmember Wilkerson mentioned the continuing issues with the Wilton Road dam and Ms. Roxanne Wilson's efforts to get something done. Council discussed the Wilton Road dam further as well as the pond in Shadblow.

### **IV. Old Business**

#### A. Town Cleanup.

Mayor Bishop reiterated the need for the Town to conduct a once-a-month cleanup of Watling Road with volunteers. Council discussed further opportunities to do litter pick up in Town. Council discussed the need for property codes to address unkempt properties throughout Town.

#### B. Available Land Discussion.

Council discussed the status of the transmission shop located at 2400 Platt Springs Road now that it has sold and what the new owner's use plans are. Mayor Bishop asked if there was an update concerning acquiring property on Delree Street and Administrator Stilwell stated that he has not heard back from the property owner.

#### C. Business Relations.

Mayor Bishop further discussed his lunch meeting with Worldwide Equipment and the pastor of New Covenant Church.

#### D. SC DOT Projects.

Council discussed drain and culvert issues in Town.

#### E. Facility Improvements.

Council discussed the possibility of replacing the pews in Council Chambers. Mayor Bishop discussed the need to host larger and more varied gatherings Town Hall.

#### F. Town Partnerships.

Councilmember Wilkerson discussed donating funds to the Springdale Fun Run for this year. Council discussed the upcoming food truck rodeo for April 1 and the need for the breweries and trucks coming to get the right license from SLED to serve alcohol.

G. Future Development.

Mayor Bishop discussed voluntary annexation of properties adjoining the Town and reaching out to property owners who would wish to join the Town. Council also discussed sewer for available properties that may wish to annex into Springdale. Council concluded the topic by discussing the food truck rodeo, which trucks would be coming, advertising, and expected turnout.

**V. Adjournment**

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

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Michael Bishop  
*Mayor*

Attest:

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John Rabon  
*Town Clerk*