

— *South Carolina* —
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting

March 5, 2019 at 6:00 pm

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. A quorum was present.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Michael Bishop, Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, Councilmembers Fecas, Hallman, Peters, Reeley, and Wilkerson

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Public Works Supervisor Scott Bolser, Police Chief Kevin Cornett, and Attorney Ward Bradley

I. Call to Order

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. A quorum was present. Councilmember Hallman provided the invocation. Mayor Bishop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Consent Agenda

Council unanimously approved the March 5, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda. Council unanimously approved the minutes for the February 5, 2019 Regular Meeting, and the February 20, 2019 Work Session.

III. Oath of Office

- A. Jeremy Denny, Police Officer. Police Chief Cornett introduced Officer Denny and led him in the Oath of Office. Officer Denny's family members who were present participated in the pinning of his badge. Officer Denny introduced his family to Council and staff. Council welcomed Officer Denny.
- B. Andrew Richbourg, Promotion to Lieutenant. Police Chief Cornett gave background on Sgt. Richbourg's law enforcement experience and employment with the Town. Chief Cornett explained that Sgt. Richbourg was being recommended for promotion due to his 10 years of experience in law enforcement and corrections and completion of his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice. Chief Cornett led Sgt. Richbourg in the Oath of Office. Lieutenant Richbourg's Wife, Julie, participated in the pinning of his new Lieutenant badge. Lt. Richbourg introduced his family to council and staff. Council congratulated Lieutenant Richbourg.

IV. Employee Introduction

- A. Morgan Boozer, Police Officer. Police Chief Cornett introduced his newest hired officer, Morgan Boozer. Chief Cornett explained that Officer Boozer was previously an intern with the Town from Midland's Technical College and has obtained full time employment as a Police Officer. Council welcomed Officer Boozer.
- B. Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk. Administrator Watkins introduced Municipal Clerk, Leeann Eden. Administrator Watkins explained that Mrs. Eden previously worked for a local non-profit where she gained experience working closely with the Executive Director. Administrator Watkins stated she

felt that previous experience would help her in her new role as Municipal Clerk. Council welcomed Leeann Eden.

V. Presentations

- A. Financial Audit for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, Jessica Johnson, CPA, The Hobbs Group, P.A. Mrs. Johnson thanked Council for choosing The Hobbs Group, P. A. to perform the FY 2017-2018 Financial Audit. Ms. Johnson stated that the firm expresses an unmodified opinion on the audit. Ms. Johnson presented a year over year comparison concerning financials, a financial snapshot comparing FY 2017 to FY 2018 and a report on internal control. Mrs. Johnson confirmed there were no irregularities in the financial audit. Council thanked Ms. Johnson for her report.

VI. Old Business

- A. Discussion and Consideration of **ORDINANCE 0-19-03**; PROVIDING FOR A LOCAL HOSPITALITY TAX ON THE SALES OF PREPARED MEALS AND BEVERAGES IN ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE (2nd Reading). Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mayor Bishop, Councilmember Wilkerson, Councilmember Fecas, and Mayor Pro Tem Ricard all voted in favor. Councilmember Peters, Councilmember Reeley, and Councilmember Hallman all opposed.
- B. Discussion and Consideration of **ORDINANCE 0-19-04**; ADOPTING, BY REFERENCE, THE COUNTY OF LEXINGTON'S UPDATED ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE (18-21) INTO THE SPRINGDALE CODE OF ORDINANCES (2nd Reading) Council, on motion by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to approve the adoption of Lexington County's updated Animal Control Ordinance (18-21).

VII. New Business

- A. Appointment of Municipal Clerk, Leeann Eden. Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to appoint Leeann Eden as Municipal Clerk for the Town of Springdale.
- B. Discussion and Consideration of **ORDINANCE 0-19-04**; FIREWORKS. Council discussed ORDINANCE 0-19-04, no motion was made and no action was taken. Councilmember Fecas suggested further discussion at the work session scheduled for March 18th.

VIII. Reports

- A. Town Council Report. Councilmember Fecas stated that action has been taken by DHEC to improve the deteriorated condition of the pond dam at Parrish Plantation. She is pleased that progress is being made. Councilmember Reeley stated that he attended another CMRTA Board meeting. Mayor Bishop stated that a COMET meeting is scheduled for March 12 at Midlands Technical College. Council has previous obligations and will not be able attend this meeting. Councilmember Hallman thanked Administrator Watkins for the completion and placement of the bench in the park in honor of the Hook family. Administrator Watkins expressed gratitude to Public Works Supervisor Scott Bolser for his department's work in the project.
- B. Police Report. Police Chief Kevin Cornett stated that the private lot in Parrish Plantation that contains a large pile of sticks can be addressed by Code Enforcement and the Code Enforcement Officer will notify the owner of the property. Chief Cornett presented and discussed statistical and analytical maps for the month of February. Chief Cornett presented the Code Enforcement statistics and thanked Code Enforcement Officer Kristin Matthews for her hard work in ensuring businesses

operating in the Town are obtaining their business licenses. Chief Cornett introduced the Code Enforcement Map to Council and stated that if Council is pleased with the map he will continue to include it in his report. Council was pleased with the map and would like to have it included in future reports. Council and Code Enforcement Officer Kristin Matthews held a discussion on the nature of the majority of code enforcement violations. Chief Cornett concluded his update by stating that the Daddy and Me 5K will take place on June 15th, 2019. He stated that he would like to see more involvement and support from businesses in the Town of Springdale and has identified strategies to pursue the desired outcome.

- C. Public Works Report. Public Works Supervisor Scott Bolser began by stating he is obtaining quotes to have shingles that were blown off during a storm repaired on the Police Department's roof. He stated that Public Works is working on pruning trees on the Springdale side of Airport Blvd. He continued by stating he is pursuing his Recycling Professional Certification through DHEC and explained that recycling statistics are down nationwide and this Certification is aimed at promoting awareness of and participation in recycling. He stated that he attended a free landscaping forum where ideas for cost-saving, sustainable landscaping were presented. Mayor Bishop invited Public Works Supervisor, Scott Bolser, to a lunch meeting concerning the upcoming projects for the Airport Corridor. Councilmember Fecas stated that she would like for Public Works Supervisor, Scott Bolser, to be able to share his expertise on grafting and pruning with the Public Works Department employees to invest in their professional development. Public Works Supervisor, Scott Bolser, indicated that he has been working with staff as time allows on these items. Councilmember Viki Fecas asked for an update on Public Works staffing. Public Works Supervisor, Scott Bolser, stated that he is working with a new staffing agency that can provide two consistent individuals who will be at work every day which will make monitoring the work easier. He further stated that he would like to start filling the part-time position in his department.

- D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Ashley Watkins stated that she has obtained the GO Bond bids and it was decided to go with Zions Bank due to a much lower interest rate than anticipated. She stated that they are hopeful to close mid-March. Administrator Watkins stated that she met with the JLA Group to discuss the property next door; they are working on drawings and should be getting back with us soon. Administrator Watkins discussed the Public Hearing scheduled for March 19th and informed Council they may be receiving calls from residents in regards to that meeting. Administrator Watkins stated that Council Cookout with Springdale Police Department will be on March 12th at 6:00 pm at Forest Brook Apartments. Administrator Watkins stated that the COMET meeting that Council cannot attend is scheduled for the same time but hopefully some residents will attend as it was promoted on the Town's social media. Councilmember Peters asked Administrator Watkins if plans have been submitted for the rezoning of Steve Gunter's property. Administrator Watkins stated that plans are not required to be submitted before the Public Hearing although she advised Mr. Gunter it would be in his best interest to bring plans with him for reference. Councilmember Wilkerson expressed interest in the group planning to develop the property being at the Public Hearing. There was a brief discussion about the procedure for the rezoning. Mayor Bishop inquired about a dedication ceremony for the bench in honor of the Hook family. Administrator Watkins, in agreement with Council, stated that a resolution could be drafted and they could be recognized at the next Council Meeting.

- E. Attorney Report. Attorney Ward Bradley stated that since the last meeting he was asked to draft the fireworks ordinance which he has completed. He stated that he met with DHEC, a few members of Council, Administrator Watkins, Chief Cornett, and residents about the Parrish Plantation Dam. A secondary meeting was held at a later date that he was not in attendance for. Attorney Ward Bradley continued by stating that an emergency order was issued by DHEC to Parrish Plantation, LLC to

take action. Attorney Ward Bradley stated in the time since the secondary meeting, there has been progress. Mayor Bishop stated that the water level was lowered. There was a discussion amongst Council concerning the action taken with the dam. Mayor Bishop stated that the engineer assigned to the dam is to work with DHEC for further action. Councilmember Fecas stated that no one should be at the dam unless they have a reason to be there and that it should be conveyed to residents who are interested in the issue. Council is pleased with the progress being made concerning the Parrish Plantation dam.

IX. Appearance by Residents

No public comment was made.

X. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Hallman, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk