

SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Work Session

April 16, 2018 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 Bishop, Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, Councilmembers Fecas, Wilkerson, Hallman, and Reeley, and Town Administrator Ashley Watkins.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Peters

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 and Mayor Bishop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda:

Council approved the agenda without objection.

III. Town Council Reports

A. Town Signs:

Mayor Bishop stated the timeframe for the signs will be approximately three months.

B. Springdale Elementary School:

Councilmember Fecas said Rosalie Smith will be going before the Executive Committee of the board on Thursday, April 19 to get the MOU back on track. Insurance is a matter of concern, and asked whether the Town of Springdale would be willing to purchase a liability insurance policy for events, such as the Daddy and Me 5K, or would be willing to sponsor a one-day or half-day coverage of the event in such cases as hosting an event on the property, inclement weather, etc. for 600-700 people. Councilmember Reeley asked if there were any borders on where you can or cannot be involved. Councilmember Fecas stated that the MOU never made it to Lexington Two School District, and was not legally signed. Councilmember Fecas stated that Mrs. Rosalie Smith is working to create a MOU between the Town of Springdale and Springdale Elementary, to keep each entity liable and protected. Mayor Bishop asked if any of the councilmembers would have an issue with paying for insurance if doing an event with Springdale Elementary. Council unanimously agreed on paying for insurance. Administrator Watkins will be contacting Councilmember Fecas regarding the insurance.

C. The Preserve at Roof Farm

Councilmember Ricard did not have any new information at this time.

D. Parrish Plantation

Administrator Watkins asked if Wade Caughman has signed paperwork releasing the lot from Parrish. Councilmembers said yes. Mayor Bishop and councilmembers agreed they need to contact Don Eisenhower regarding Mr. Wade and his releasing of the lot.

E. DOT

Mayor Bishop stated he turned in the barricade from exit 113. Mayor Bishop also called in the fence in front of Kenworth.

F. Splash Pad

Administrator Watkins informed Council that the splash pad is officially gone, and the workers are currently working on the new splash pad. Councilmember Ricard suggested that Administrator Watkins call Sox and Sons to verify about the storm drain.

G. Elected Officials

Mayor Bishop stated that Micah Caskey, is interested in the Town Attorney position, and if he could be considered as a possible dually appointed official. Mayor Bishop stated that Mr. Caskey felt confident in this, but didn't want to do anything until he was certain it would be allowed. Mr. Caskey is going to contact the Attorney General directly regarding this matter. Mayor Bishop stated that Mr. Caskey felt that the previous cases that stated an official could not have a dually appointed position are not pertinent to this particular case. Mayor Bishop asked if there was anyone else interested in the Town Attorney position. Administrator Watkins stated yes, and upon Mayor Bishop's request, Administrator Watkins will be inviting the applicant to be put on a contract basis, with the ability to either be appointed or not appointed. Administrator Watkins will be emailing the resume to each councilmember.

IV. Old Business

A. Discuss updates to the Town of Springdale Council Rules and Procedures

Mayor Bishop stated he would like to have an Attorney present for Council meetings. Councilmember Fecas suggested that the Town Attorney be present during any meeting where Council business is being discussed, such as regular and specials meetings of Council. Administrator Watkins mentioned the MASC model ordinance for the agenda deadline and who has the authority to request items for the agenda. Administrator Watkins stated her suggestion of having more clarification for adding items to the agenda. Councilmember Fecas suggested having the public to be able to bring forth items to be put on the agenda. Mayor Bishop suggests the Mayor and two members of Council to be allowed to put items on the agenda. Council agreed to have the Council packets emailed as well as having a hard copy available for each member at Council meetings.

Councilmember Fecas inquired about the flag regarding the flagpole located in the park behind her house. Administrator Watkins stated it has been ordered. Councilmember Fecas also inquired about the signage for the new fence at the park. The signs are no longer there and stated this is an opportunity to get the signs right. For example, we do not allow dogs in the park and there is no signage stating such. According to Lexington County park ordinance, it states that no dogs are allowed in our parks.

Councilmember Fecas stated her wish for all park signs to be similar as the ones posted throughout Lexington County

V. New Business

A. Discuss budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Administrator Watkins stated she will be working with Mayor Bishop and Councilmember Ricard before the next Council meeting to discuss the budget further. Councilmember Fecas asked Chief Cornett about the blue code enforcement car. Chief Cornett stated the blue car will be sold in July through auction, and the Public Works truck will be transferred from Public Works to the Police Department to be used for Code Enforcement. Mayor Bishop suggested having a nice town vehicle to represent the Town of Springdale. Mayor Bishop asked if Council is interesting in looking to replace the current town vehicle and a price list for current SUVs. Chief Cornett's only major request for the police department was for a School Resource Officer position if the school district is willing to fund 50% of the salary, which is approximately \$20,000. The Public Works recommendations were to renovate the bathroom in the park, as well as adding a changing room. This is being recommended due to the new splash pad being added to the park. Additionally, Chief Cornett and the IT company suggested a few updates and changes to better secure to use our service that is on site. Councilmember Ricard asked about the difference regarding the top number amount compared to the bottom number amount. Chief Cornett explained that the top number amount is with the SRO, and the bottom number amount is without the SRO. The top number amount with the SRO does not subtract the cost that the school would pay. This amount includes FICA and retirement (which Chief Cornett budgeted high). The SRO position will allow an officer to be present when school is in session, but will also provide the police department with an additional officer during the summer when school is not in session, as well as having an extra officer on the road when needed. Chief Cornett has reached out to Ms. Rhona from the school district, and Ms. Rhona put it in her proposed budget to the school board. It is still awaiting approval. All councilmembers agreed to the proposed SRO position. Administrator Watkins did add that \$30,000 was in the budget for signage to replace two signs, and \$10,000 was put towards the splash pad renovation, which she will change since it will no longer be considered a renovation. Additional features would be in the range of \$4,000 to \$10,000. Administrator Watkins stated that with the \$10,000, the Town should be able to have one, maybe even two features added to the splash pad. Councilmember Fecas requested to move forward on the subject of the dog park. Storm water drainage is an issue due to the possibility of a dog's waste going into the storm drain. Councilmember Fecas spoke with a previous DHEC employee, and she said that the Town of Springdale would need to install a storm water basin, and it would need to be inspected weekly. The underground of the dog park would need to be treated before going into the storm water drainage system. An individual would have to be trained in order to test the storm water drainage. Mayor Bishop stated he would be for a dog park if there is a fence and disclaimer stating, "at your own risk", however Mayor Bishop would not be for a dog park if regulating and checking licenses became mandatory. This issue will be presented to the next Town attorney. Administrator Watkins brought forward the idea of putting money towards the engineering of re-doing Public Works, Town Hall, and the Police Department to make it a complex. Councilmember Ricard suggested having a square type set-up. Councilmember Fecas expressed concern regarding the traffic in and out of our parking lot and suggested having angled parking spaces to make it clear on which way to enter and exit. Mayor Bishop stated that the plan is to have someone come in and do a study on rebuilding Town Hall and creating a two-story building. He suggested that this plan be put into next year's budget. Councilmember Wilkerson brought to attention on whether the current property is big enough for the proposed plan. He suggested looking for a piece of property big enough for the proposed plan. Mayor Bishop stated that the trailer park should be given a timeline. Chief Cornett responded by saying that the owners of this property are in violation and that the Town can notify them to take down the trailers. There is not a set time the Town would have to give them, but in the case of the

owners pursuing legal action, it would be wise to present to them a specific amount of time. Chief Cornett recommended if the owners were to work with the Town and were willing to put a nicer establishment on the property, there could be a leniency on the time frame. Mayor Bishop requested that the owners be contacted on this matter. Councilmember Ricard inquired about the Steve Gunter's property located next to Town Hall, and what he is willing to sell the land for. Mayor Bishop stated that Mr. Gunter is selling the property at \$3,000,000 for the 17 acres. Councilmember Ricard stated that if Mr. Gunter was willing to take 1.5 million dollars for the property and the Town did not purchase the land, the Town would be missing out on a great opportunity. Councilmember Fecas agreed with Councilmember Ricard and stated this is a great piece of property, especially for a community center. Mayor Bishop suggested putting this in the agenda for May and find out what Mr. Gunter wants for the property.

VI. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Hallman, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 P.M.

Michael Bishop
Mayor

Attest:

Ashley Watkins
Town Administrator