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**MINUTES**

Town Council Regular Meeting

May 1, 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 Michael Bishop, Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, Councilmembers Fecas, Peters, Reeley, and Hallman, and Administrator Ashley Watkins.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Wilkerson.

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Consent Agenda**

A. Approval of Agenda. Council unanimously approved the May 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting Agenda, the April 3, 2018 Regular Meeting, April 16, 2018 Work Session, and the April 16, 2018 Special Meeting minutes without objection.

**III. Oaths of Office**

A. Officer Xavier Rodriguez. Chief Cornett swore in Officer Rodriguez, who was accompanied by his wife, daughter, and mother as he took his oath as an officer. Officer Rodriguez came to the Springdale Police Department from Animal Control, where he was a Class 3 officer. He will be reporting to the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy on May 6, 2018 for his Class 1 certification.

**IV. Employee Introductions**

A. Kristin Matthews, Code Enforcement Officer. Chief Cornett did an introduction for the Town of Springdale's new Code Enforcement Officer.

B. Amber Barrs, Public Works Laborer. Chief Cornett did an introduction for the Town of Springdale's new Public Works Laborer.

**V. Presentations**

A. Steven Burritt, MADD: Mr. Steven Burritt is the State Executive Director from M.A.D.D., Mothers against Drunk Driving: South Carolina. Their mission is to recognize and show appreciation to law enforcement officers, who are active in their communities in educating and preventing DUI's. Mr. Burritt wanted to recognize and show appreciation for Officer Compton and his work on his #dontDUIIt campaign.

**VI. New Business**

A. Appointment of Municipal Clerk – Taré Stapp. Administrator Watkins introduced the Town of Springdale's new Municipal Clerk. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to vote Taré Stapp as Municipal Clerk.

B. Discussion and 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of ORDINANCE O-18-02, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE'S FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE AND REPLACING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION MODEL ORDINANCE.

Mayor Bishop stated as a condition of continual eligibility that the Town of Springdale must adopt a Flood Plain Management Regulation that meets the standard of the NFIP. Administrator Watkins stated that the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources sent out a model ordinance, and requested the Town adopt said ordinance. Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Fecas, voted unanimously to approve this ordinance.

C. Discussion and 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of ORDINANCE O-18-03, AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A TOWN OPERATING BUDGET, ITS EXECUTION AND EFFECT, FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019. Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Hallman, voted unanimously to approve the Town Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 as presented.

D. Discussion and 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of ORDINANCE O-18-04, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE ZONING ORDINANCE AND ADDING AN R-4, SINGLE FAMILY, TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD, ZONING CLASSIFICATION. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard made a motion to amend the R-4 draft to include a minimum lot width of 60, either in the front or rear line, as well as the exterior façade to be constructed utilizing natural stones, stucco, or cement fiber board. Adding that vinyl is only allowed on soffits and the exterior appearance will be designed to fit the architectural scheme of neighboring homes or proposed developments. Council, on motion of Mayor Bishop, seconded by Councilmember Fecas, voted unanimously to approve this amended ordinance.

E. Discussion and Approval to purchase property located at 2300 Platt Springs Road, Tax Map # 005735-03-001. Councilmember Fecas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Reeley to discuss the purchase of the abovementioned property. The motion was approved, and Mayor Bishop stated that the church council would sell the property for \$65,000 and accept the offer of \$35,000 with a three year finance of \$10,000 each year. It is currently on the market for \$89,000. Councilmember Reeley stated that the property does have an aesthetic appeal. Councilmember Fecas agreed with Councilmember Reeley that this would be a nice entrance in to the Town. However, Councilmember Fecas believes the cost to do significant clearing and to make the property a showpiece would cost more than \$65,000 total. Mayor Bishop stated he would call and let the church council know that the council members did not approve of the offer. Mayor Bishop voted to accept the offer to purchase said property, Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, Councilmember Reeley, Councilmember Fecas, Councilmember Peters and Councilmember Hallman all opposed.

## **VII. Reports:**

### **A. Town Council Reports:**

Councilmember Fecas discussed the progress on Springdale Elementary. The old building should be completed at the end of May, and the new building should be completed at the end of July. Administrator Watkins stated that she was told it will definitely be completed by the next school year. She also stated that if any councilmembers wanted to tour the school, she would make arrangements for that. Councilmember Fecas expressed her interest in a tour.

Councilmember Peters stated that the concrete for the old splash pad has been removed and they have graded the area to get it ready to for the new splash pad. Administrator Watkins stated there is not a confirmed date at the moment because they are waiting on the equipment. The equipment will be shipped and stored directly at the Town and should be arriving May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Bishop stated he attended Midlands Gives. This is philanthropic event where Mayors do a putting competition to raise money for different charities. Mayor Bishop donated the money he raised to the West Columbia Beautification Foundation. Mayor Bishop met with the developer from the property next to Town Hall, and stated the meeting went very well. Mayor Bishop also stated he met with Bobby Crapps to discuss the Town helping with planters that would go in front of the four light poles that are between the entries of the shopping center. Councilmember Fecas inquired about what Mr. Crapps was envisioning. Mayor Bishop replied that Mr. Crapps is looking for 30 inch planters or pots. Mayor Bishop suggested that Mr. Crapps could go through the façade program.

Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated that Happy Birthday Springdale and Golf Cart Parade will be taking place on June 30, 2018. The committee has the route established and they are speaking with sponsors and judges at the moment. A meeting will be held May 7<sup>th</sup> (Monday) at 5:30 if anyone is interested in volunteering their time with this event. You may also contact Mayor Pro Tem Ricard as well. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated there is not any news to report regarding Parrish Plantation.

Councilmember Reeley stated the stones have been placed on the Dollar General sign as requested and expressed how pleased he is with everything that has been done, as well as the individuals who have been working on this project.

Councilmember Hallman did not have anything to report.

## B. Police Reports

Chief Cornett stated that the report in the councilmember's packet was not for the entire month, and the statistical map on the projector was the updated map. A stolen vehicle on Watling Rd. has been recovered. Another incident occurred on Airport Blvd. for Aggravated Assault, but will be considered domestic related. Chief Cornett stated SLED is working closely with the police department to apprehend this individual who has multiple warrants for this incident. Chief Cornett also reported of an Auto Break-in that the patrol officers were able to witness. The suspect was apprehended. Chief Cornett also stated that the total value of recovered vehicles was \$25,000.

Chief Cornett presented the statistical map that showed a decrease in productivity for reports, arrests, tickets, and calls. Chief Cornett stated that this was partially due to Officer Gantt being away in North Carolina at K-9 training with our very own Bruce Wayne. Chief Cornett reported that Officer Gantt and Bruce Wayne's training is going very well, and Bruce is doing phenomenal. Both Officer Gantt and Bruce will come back May 18<sup>th</sup> fully certified. Bruce will be considered certifiable as a patrol dog for tracking, narcotics, article search, and protection. Mayor Bishop suggested that Officer Gantt and Bruce could do a demonstration at the next Town event. Chief Cornett responded and stated that he would love to see that, however after Bruce's training he will be considered a bite dog. Therefore, Chief Cornett requests that people refrain from hugging and "loving" on Bruce due to liability purposes. Chief Cornett stated that Bruce should know the difference, but he is still an animal. Chief Cornett mentioned that the Chamber has inquired about doing a ribbon cutting for Officer Gantt and Bruce to welcome them back.

Chief Cornett presented the Code Enforcement Stats and the progress that has been made. Chief Cornett stated that the report ended April 25<sup>th</sup> and there had already been forty-five code enforcement cases that were investigated. The cases have not had to be cited since Ms. Matthews is working with the residents to come into compliance.

Chief Cornett gave a reminder that June 16<sup>th</sup> is when the Daddy and Me 5K event will take place. The race will begin and end at the park. The Dadlympics will also take place in the park after the race. Chief

Cornett stated that anyone wanting to become involved or help in any way to feel free to contact him. Mayor Bishop stated that he and his sons will be attending. Fraendy Clervaud of WACH Fox 57 will be the MC for the event.

C. Public Works Report. Administrator Watkins stated that the Public Works Supervisor position had been posted on Lexington Ledger starting Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Administrator Watkins also stated that all Public Works employees will be transitioning to professional, high visibility uniforms.

D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins stated that she spoke with Dollar General and they will be completing their work May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. They are currently working with Lexington County Storm Water on grassing agreements. According to Steve Martin, the Town's building inspector, as of now he is good with everything from them.

Administrator Watkins stated that the Planning Commission did make a recommendation for an R-5 as well as an R-4. These recommendations will be put on the next agenda for the R-5, which will include the 8,000 sq. ft. lot, 8 ft. side setbacks, and a minimum acreage of 5 acres.

Administrator Watkins gave a reminder that Town Hall will be closed May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 28<sup>th</sup> for observed holidays. May 10<sup>th</sup> will not affect trash collection, however May 28<sup>th</sup> trash collection will be bumped back a day.

Councilmember Fecas inquired about the Town car. Administrator Watkins replied and stated that a Ford Explorer under state contract price was added to the budget and would be used for Council and any staff members going out of town for meetings and so forth. This decision was made under the assumption that if the car is not being utilized by Council or any staff members, the police department would pick it up and use it as one of their fleet vehicles.

### **VIII. Appearance by residents:**

Mr. Jeff Hendrix appeared before Council representing the School Improvement Council for Springdale Elementary. Mr. Hendrix stated that to get to a minimum core level for new books, they would need to raise \$9,000.00. In order to help with this need and raise funds, Mr. Hendrix stated that the School Improvement Council was starting a Little Free Library for the bigger library at Springdale Elementary. The school's Little Free Library would also share books with the police department's Little Free Library as well. Mr. Hendrix proposed purchasing a brick that would help raise funds for the school to update the library. Mr. Hendrix stated that Palmetto Citizens purchased a \$500 brick to help with funding. The bricks will be located on the walkway going up to the front, as well as the individual bricks for the library. Councilmember Fecas made a motion for Council to purchase a brick with a logo for \$500.00. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated he would like to see Council do more than just \$500.00, and Councilmember Fecas stated that the School Improvement Board can come back to Council regarding this topic. Mayor Bishop suggested the idea that the Town can purchase one brick, and the police department could also purchase a brick. Chief Cornett replied that he has already added this to the police budget for next year in the miscellaneous funds. Mayor Bishop stated that money needs to be put into schools. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Peters, voted unanimously to purchase a brick for the library at Springdale Elementary.

### **IX. Adjournment to Executive Session to discuss:**

A. Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:40 P.M. to discuss the appointments of Town Judge and Town Attorney.

**X. Return to Open Session**

A. Return to Open Session. Council, on motion of Councilmember Hallman, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to return to open session at 7:07 P.M. Mayor Bishop announced that no action was taken during Executive Session. Council, on motion of Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Fecas, voted unanimously to appoint Albert “Trey” Dooley, III as the new Town Judge.

**XI. Adjournment:**

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 P.M.

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Michael Bishop  
*Mayor*

Attest:

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Tare’ Stapp  
*Municipal Clerk*