

South Carolina
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting

July 3, 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, Wilkerson, and Administrator Ashley Watkins.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmembers Peters, Reeley, and Hallman.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Agenda. Council unanimously approved the July 3rd Regular Meeting Agenda.
- B. Approval of Minutes. Council unanimously approved the June 5th, 2018 Regular Meeting, June 20th, 2018 Work Session, and the June 20th, 2018 Special Meeting minutes without objection.

III. New Business

A. Indigent Defense Agreement. Administrator Watkins stated that this is an agreement that is required to provide defense for those that cannot afford it. This agreement was discussed amongst Attorney Heath Taylor and Clerk of Court, Amanda Jones. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to approve the Indigent Defense Agreement.

IV. Reports

A. Town Council Reports:

Councilmembers Fecas and Wilkerson did not have any reports at this time.

Mayor Bishop stated that an update on the water line at Watling Road had been requested from him. Mayor Bishop stated he is still waiting to hear back regarding this matter. Mayor Bishop also stated that he spoke with DOT regarding the sink hole in front of Town Hall and they stated it is out of the right of way, therefore they do not have jurisdiction to fix the sinkhole. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard suggested contacting Josh with Carolina Tap and Board to assess the situation.

Mayor Bishop inquired about any updates and information regarding the Splash Pad. Administrator Watkins stated that there has been miscommunication between Carolina Tap and Board and All American. All American will be finishing their work in the next couple of days, and will be coming back to flush the lines after the drain line is installed by Carolina Tap and Board. The Splash Pad should be open no later than week of July 9th.

Councilmember Wilkerson inquired about the road situation on Ermine. Administrator Watkins responded stating that there was a water line break due to a contractor running into a 12 inch water line. Councilmember Wilkerson also questioned about whether there was going to be padding on top of the concrete for the Splash Pad. Chief Cornett stated that for the first initial phase of the Splash Pad there will not be anything over the concrete. However, in the future phases there will be additional features added, such as a slip resistant pad. Mayor Bishop stated he would like to see the slip resistant pad as the next feature.

Mayor Pro Tem Ricard presented to Council a note from his daughter, Josie, expressing her gratitude and thanking Council and all the volunteers for making the Golf Cart Parade a success and letting one of her dreams for Springdale come true. Mayor Bishop stated that he spoke with a few individuals and Chief Cornett about doing a Halloween Golf Cart Parade in the near future. Mayor Bishop also stated that the Town of Springdale should do resident recognition, where residents can nominate and recognize a resident for their hard work and Good Samaritan efforts within the community.

B. Police Report:

Chief Cornett stated that a suspect is in custody and another individual has been identified in connection with the two armed robberies involving a shotgun. Mayor Bishop asked Chief Cornett if he has seen decline in activity at the hotels due to the renovations. Chief Cornett responded stating that it is too soon to tell. Chief Cornett also mentioned that Officer Plyler and Sergeant Richbourg attended and completed Radar/Lidar training, and PFC Gantt and PFC Goodwin completed CSI Training. Chief Cornett continued on to Code Enforcement and stated that Ms. Kristin Matthews is doing well.

Chief Cornett wanted to mention a few exciting events that the Springdale Police Department will be hosting in the upcoming weeks and months. The first event Chief Cornett mentioned was the annual National Night Out, which will be held October 2, 2018. Chief Cornett stated that he wants this to be the biggest National Night Out that the Police Department has ever done, particularly since they will be participating in the awards this year. Chief Cornett also mentioned that he and the Springdale Police Department were awarded the 2018 D.A.R.E. Agency of the Year award for their time and effort teaching the D.A.R.E. program.

The next event Chief Cornett spoke to Council about was the Books and Beyond program in the park. This program will take place in the park at 9:00 am every Wednesday and the children will meet with Officer Belk, Chief Cornett, or any other officer who wants to participate. The officer's will read books to the children, as well as offer other activities such as painting rocks and working with our Public Works Supervisor, Scott Bolser, on planting and caring for trees and flowers. Chief Cornett also stated that an author of a children's book will be coming July 18th to read her own book to the kids.

Chief Cornett finished his report by acknowledging Officer Gantt for receiving the Officer of the Month for June from the Chamber of Commerce due to his willingness to train Bruce and within a week of coming back from their training, Officer Gantt and Bruce seized about a gram of Methamphetamines and just under a pound of Marijuana. Chief Cornett also wanted to invite Council to attend Officer Rodriguez's graduation from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy on August 3rd at 10:00 am.

C. Public Works Report:

Mr. Scott Bolser began his report by stating that the irrigation system piping has been repaired and is working properly now. Mr. Bolser stated that he posted the new Public Works Laborer position on Indeed.com as well as on the Public Works Facebook page. Mr. Bolser continued his report by stating that he and the Public Works team removed the Maple tree that was in decline from the park, and will looking at taking down another tree as well. Mr. Bolser stated that they have been and will continue spraying the area for weeds. Councilmember Fecas mentioned the Town's ordinance for dead trees, and inquired whether Mr. Bolser could be a third party in helping assess possible dead trees on resident's properties in the Town. Mr. Bolser responded that he is not a

certified arborist, but with his experience he would be able to determine whether a tree is dead or not. Upon Mayor Bishop's request, Mr. Bolser will be purchasing a lock for the trailer. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard mentioned to Mr. Bolser about letting Carolina Tap and Board locate and assess the problem with the sink hole in front of the park, since they will be here finishing their work in the park over the next week. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated that there is a storm drain running down Platt Springs Rd. and there is obviously some sort of movement of materials underground causing a void. Administrator Watkins inquired if Dollar General tapping into the water line near it could have caused this deterioration. Mr. Bolser responded stating that he has already put a ticket in with 811 to have all the utilities marked and to see where they stand at the moment regarding this issue. Mayor Bishop also requested that Mr. Bolser check the electrical breaker box in the back of Town Hall by the steps.

D. Town Administrator Report:

Administrator Watkins wanted to thank Town Hall, the Police Department, and Public Works for helping with the Happy Birthday Springdale celebration. And a special thank you to Mayor Pro Tem Ricard and his family for all their hard work and time that they put in to making this event extra special and a success.

Administrator Watkins gave an update on the Splash Pad, and she hopes it will be completed by the week of July 9th.

Administrator Watkins mentioned Ermine Rd., and stated that a Time Warner sub-contractor ran into a water line, closing the road for a few days. The road is now open.

Administrator Watkins stated that The City of West Columbia turned in plans to the Town for zoning approval of the water main extension on Wattling Rd. The Town has recently approved those plans and turned them over to Lexington County Stormwater. Administrator Watkins is unsure whether those plans have been approved or not or the timeline on their approval.

E. Attorney Report:

Attorney Ward Bradley stated he and Administrator Watkins have been discussing whether the Town has ordinances regarding liens on neglected properties that the Town has repaired and restored. Attorney Bradley stated that in order for the Town to put a tax lien on a piece of property, it must first be a Town ordinance. Attorney Bradley will be looking into this matter further.

V. Appearance by residents:

There was not any appearance by residents.

IX. Adjournment:

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 P.M.

Michael Bishop
Mayor

Attest:

Tare' Stapp
Municipal Clerk