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SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting

August 7, 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 Pro Tem Ricard, Councilmembers Fecas, Peters, Wilkerson, Reeley and Administrator Ashley Watkins. Councilmember Hallman joined by telephone conference.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Michael Bishop

I. Call to Order

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

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Agenda. Council unanimously approved the August 7th Regular Meeting Agenda.
- B. Approval of Minutes. Council unanimously approved the July 3rd, 2018 Regular Meeting and July 16, 2018 Work Session Meeting minutes without objection.

III. New Employee Introductions

A. Diana Freedman, Administrative Assistant, Springdale Police Department. Chief Cornett introduced Ms. Diana Freedman as the new Administrative Assistant. Chief Cornett and Town Hall are very happy to have her as part of the Springdale team. Ms. Freedman is originally from Pittsburgh, and is currently attending USC.

IV. New Business

A. Discussion and Approval of Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with Lexington School District Two for School Resource Officer Position. Chief Cornett stated that the agreement with the School District states that the Springdale Police Department is providing Springdale Elementary School with a School Resource Officer and Lexington School District Two will be providing the Police Department with an annual amount of \$14,000.00. Chief Cornett stated that this agreement outlines that if the SRO is sick, on vacation, or cannot be in the school, the Springdale Police Department is not obligated to put another officer in the school to replace the SRO in their absence. Chief Cornett stated that the school has agreed to provide the officer with an office, desk, and computer that they can do work on while they are there at the school. Chief Cornett stated that if the police department needs the SRO while they are at the school, then the Police Department will be the SRO's first obligation. Chief Cornett mentioned that the principal at Springdale Elementary has requested the police department do an annual invoice, rather than a monthly invoice. Chief Cornett also mentioned that when the officer is not in the school, they will be working for the police department as an officer. Councilmember Wilkerson questioned what the hours would be for the SRO position, as well as who would be filling this position. Chief Cornett responded stating that the position is still vacant, and regarding the hours, the officer would be in the school around 7:30 am to around 3:00 pm. Councilmember Fecas inquired if the SRO position allowed for a take home car for the officer. Chief Cornett responded yes, that the officer will have a take home

car. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to approve the “Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with Lexington School District Two for School Resource Officer Position”.

V. Reports

A. Town Council Reports:

Councilmember Fecas stated that she reached out to Ms. Kay Joseph, Mr. Don Icenhower’s Administrative Assistant, about a tour through the newly renovated Springdale Elementary School. Ms. Joseph responded stating that she will share the request with Mr. Icenhower. Councilmember Fecas also stated that she and Councilmember Peters attended the Lexington Municipal Association meeting on July 26th and found out the two new industrial parks that were built in Lexington County will share the money with all the school districts in Lexington County. Councilmember Fecas also stated that there will be a meeting with DOT on August 13th to discuss the Wilton Road and Durham Drive Dams. Councilmember Fecas mentioned that she will be representing the Mayor at the Roundtable for Mayors meeting with Representative Tim Scott with questions and issues the Municipality is currently facing. Councilmember Wilkerson suggested this would be a good time to bring up the dam and road issues Springdale is facing at the moment. Councilmember Fecas also wanted to thank the Town for allowing her to attend the Municipal Association Annual Meeting in Hilton Head. Councilmember Fecas stated that she created a handout for each Councilmember on important information she obtained while at the meeting.

Councilmember Peters did not have anything new to discuss, but did mention the Splash Pad is on and the children are having a great time.

Councilmember Wilkerson stated that he attended the Municipal Association Annual Meeting in Hilton Head and enjoyed the conference. Councilmember Wilkerson requested information regarding any new information on the sign, and whether Administrator Watkins had spoken with the company. Administrator Watkins responded that she has not had any contact with them as the Mayor has been the point of contact with this project. Administrator Watkins stated that there is not any news on the signs, but she will contact the company tomorrow regarding this matter.

Councilmember Reeley stated that attending the Municipal Association Annual Meeting in Hilton Head was not only a nice opportunity to interact with each other as a Town, but also to interact with other towns in the state of South Carolina and hear the great ideas of others on different matters.

B. Police Report: Chief Cornett stated the stats map has not changed. Chief Cornett also stated that he is proud to say that Officer Rodriguez graduated from the Criminal Justice Academy. Chief Cornett continued by making mention of the annual National Night Out that is being held October 2nd from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm.

C. Public Works: Public Works Supervisor, Scott Bolser, stated he has created the calendar requested by the Mayor and Council, and it spans from August 2018 to December 2019. Mr. Bolser stated he would like to do pre-emergent treatments of the turf in the park and medians to help with the aesthetic appeal. Councilmember Fecas requested that the change of flags be added to the calendar, as well as a seasonal spray for the wasps in the park. Mr. Bolser continued stating that he updated the sanitation service agreements, general guidelines for collection, and guidelines for recycling collection. Councilmember Wilkerson requested that the Town offer stickers of what is allowed and what is not allowed in the receptacles to each resident. Mr. Bolser continued to state that he has a few landscaping designs he brought together. The first design is for behind the splash pad and all the way down the fence line. Mr. Bolser stated that he would like the landscape in this area to go along with the palm tree idea of the splash pad. The next design would be to beautify the space next to Town Hall, and create a design for the bare wall to make this area more aesthetically pleasing and inviting. Councilmember Fecas mentioned the lines for the parking next to the park, and if that is something Mr. Bolser can look into in the near future.

D. Town Administrator Report: Administrator Watkins stated that she, Mayor Bishop, and Mayor Pro Tem Ricard met with engineers last week to discuss the Town's facility. The purpose of that meeting was to see if there are any options for the expansion of Town Hall or creating a complex here on this property. Administrator Watkins stated that she should be hearing from them within the next couple of weeks with their thoughts and plans. Administrator Watkins stated that the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission will be holding their meeting at Town Hall on August 8th at 7:30 pm. Administrator Watkins mentioned that the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission graciously provided funding for the Splash Pad, and the members will be taking a look at the newly renovated Splash Pad after the meeting. Administrator Watkins continued by stating that she received one estimate for the splash pad surface, and the estimated cost would be over \$30,000.00. Administrator Watkins mentioned that the Municipal Association's Elected Officials Institute of Government is having a meeting on September 17th from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, and if any Councilmembers would like to sign up to let her know. Administrator Watkins also mentioned that the Municipal Association Advocacy Meeting will be on September 11th at the Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center from 11:00-1:00 pm. Administrator Watkins wanted to remind Council that there will be a meeting with DOT on August 13th regarding the Wilton Rd. and Durham Dr. dams. This meeting will take place at the Platt Springs United Methodist Church at 6:00 pm.

E. Attorney Report: There was nothing to report.

VI. Appearance by residents

There was not any appearance by residents.

VII. Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss:

- A. Discussion of appointment of Town Attorney
- B. Discussion of a proposed purchase of property

Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Fecas, voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:40 P.M. to discuss the appointments of Town Attorney and the proposed purchase of property.

VIII. Return to Open Session- Action may be taken regarding matters discussed in Executive Session

Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Fecas, voted unanimously to return to open session at 7:02 P.M. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to appoint Ward Bradley as the new Town Attorney. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session regarding the proposed purchase of property.

IX. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 P.M.

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

Tare' Stapp, Municipal Clerk