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***SPRINGDALE***

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**MINUTES**

Town Council Regular Meeting  
September 4, 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, Reeley, Administrator Ashley Watkins, and Attorney Ward Bradley.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilmembers Peters and Hallman.

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 6 P.M. A quorum was present. Councilmember 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 September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Meeting Agenda.
- B. Approval of Minutes. Council unanimously approved the August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Meeting, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Work Session Meeting, and August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Special Meeting minutes without objection.

**III. New Business**

- A. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE O-18-06 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF FOOD TRUCK SERVICES IN THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE. Attorney Bradley stated he combined a few ordinances from other municipalities regarding the Food Truck Ordinance. Mayor Bishop questioned what the difference was between Section 11-65(c) and (d) Food Vendor Program fee and the Permitting fee. Attorney Bradley responded by stating that a food vendor would pay an initial \$100.00 fee, and then another \$100.00 each year to renew. Mayor Bishop inquired if the Town has any documents at this time for the Licensing and Regulations for Food Trucks and Food Trailers. Attorney Bradley responded no. Councilmember Fecas inquired about Section 11-69 (i) regarding restrictions on sandwich boards and signs. Councilmember Fecas stated that the town's sign ordinance restricts businesses to be allowed only one sign for their business; therefore would a food truck owner be allowed to have a sign on the food truck as well as a sandwich board? Administrator Watkins responded by stating that there are restrictions on temporary signs, and in this particular case there would be only one sign on the truck and then a specials menu or sandwich board on the side allowed unless otherwise stated in the Food Truck Ordinance. Attorney Bradley stated that the Town could clarify by having the Ordinance state "on a sandwich board sign", so it is understood that it would be only one sign, instead of multiple signs. Administrator Watkins suggested that under 11-69 (a) the Town should only allow food trucks to be permitted in commercial areas. Mayor Bishop agreed. Councilmember Wilkerson questioned if the Town allowed an ice cream truck to go through the neighborhoods, the owners would be restricted due to only being allowed in a commercial

area. Councilmember Fecas stated that she would like to look more into this ordinance Attorney Bradley has created. Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Fecas, voted to table this ordinance and to discuss it at Council's next Work Session meeting.

- B. Discussion for Updating the Town of Springdale Code of Ordinances, Chapter 17, Purchasing for the Town of Springdale. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted to table this ordinance and to discuss it at Council's next Work Session meeting.

#### **IV. Reports**

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

Councilmember Reeley stated he has received multiple compliments on the Splash Pad. Mayor Bishop mentioned the water bill for the Splash Pad. Administrator Watkins stated that bill was from March to April so it covered most of the season. Administrator Watkins also mentioned that the Splash Pad had a sensor issue and was running water all day for a few a days, therefore this bill might be a little higher than normal.

Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated that Council was able to tour Springdale Elementary on August 29<sup>th</sup>, and the school looks great. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard recommended that everyone should go over and take a look at the newly renovated school.

While visiting Clearwater, Florida, Mayor Bishop noticed an event for movies in the park, and recommended re-visiting this idea for the Town of Springdale.

Councilmember Wilkerson stated that he did not have anything new to report. However, Councilmember Wilkerson did inquire about the signs for the Town, and why there hasn't been any progress regarding this matter. Mayor Bishop stated that he had contacted the sign company and they were supposed to be working on them but he will be looking into this. Administrator Watkins also stated that she had tried contacting them on several occasions as well.

Councilmember Fecas stated that after touring the school, she sent a follow-up letter to Mr. Icenhower describing the great experience she and the rest of Council had. She also mentioned the wonderful things that Mr. Icenhower is doing for the school and putting into place for this younger generation. Councilmember Fecas stated that she wanted to brag on Mayor Bishop for his relationship he has established with DOT.

Councilmember Fecas stated that DOT was working across the street from her house and Mayor Bishop came by and spoke with and shook the hands of each of the workers out there.

Mayor Bishop stated that he has County working on the trees on Natalie Rd. Mayor Bishop also received an email regarding the condition of Lemmon Dr. and will be looking into this matter after the Council meeting.

B. Police Report: Chief Cornett stated that there are limited dots on the statistical map. Mayor Bishop mentioned the condition of Forest Brook apartments, and what needs to be done to clean up the facility. Chief Cornett responded stating that the new owner of Forest Brook apartments is doing a good job and working on renovations and removing residents that are causing problems. Mayor Bishop questioned if the Town has offered Forest Brook Apartments a Façade Grant. Chief Cornett responded stating that he will contact the owner in regards to this request. Mayor Bishop requested that the Town's Code Enforcement Officer re-visit Oweada Dr. for an update on the TV that is still located outside a resident's home. Chief Cornett reminded Council that National Night Out would be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and would appreciate any help they may want to offer. Chief Cornett stated that the SRO position has been filled and the officer has been given a conditional offer. She will begin September 10<sup>th</sup>, and Chief Cornett will be requiring her to complete the field training program before being allowed in the school. Chief Cornett spoke with Springdale Elementary and stated that

she will begin around mid to late October. Chief Cornett continued with his next update and introduced Ms. Morgan Booser. Ms. Booser is attending Midlands Technical College and will be interning with the Springdale Police Department. Chief Cornett stated that the police department received substantial leads on the armed robbery case of the Mobile gas station over the weekend, and served five warrants earlier this afternoon. Councilmember Fecas requested an update on the hiring process. Chief Cornett responded stating that there are still two vacancies left at this time. Councilmember Fecas also requested if Chief Cornett would not mind discussing the Business Coalition meeting that took place on Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Chief Cornett stated that the meeting was indeed successful, and felt as if everyone is developing great relationships with one another.

Mayor Bishop inquired about the microphones. Chief Cornett stated he has not had a chance to look into this matter yet.

C. Public Works: Public Works Supervisor, Scott Bolser stated that he received feedback from Council regarding the calendar he made upon their request. Mr. Bolser stated he has updated and added more items to the calendar. Mr. Bolser continued to the inspection sheets for Public Works. Mr. Bolser stated that he created a vehicle inspection sheet and they will begin to utilize this sheet for all Public Works vehicles. Mr. Bolser also will begin make use of an existing inspection sheet for each Public Works trash truck. Mr. Bolser stated that he has updated the Turf Grass Management guide. Mr. Bolser mentioned that he is trying to be proactive in informing residents and individuals via social media on options they have regarding their disposal of electronics, recycling centers and so forth. Mayor Bishop suggested on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday after the Public Works employees have finished their routes, having them do odd jobs or take care of things that need attention. Mr. Bolser responded by stating that he has created a daily checklist that is to be done everyday. Councilmember Fecas inquired about the ideas going forward regarding the medians. Mr. Bolser stated that he has a few ideas he would like to put in place for the medians. Mayor Bishop requested that the sidewalks be edged, and if Public Works does not have the time or enough employees to do this, Mr. Bolser can hire a company to perform this task. Councilmember Fecas also inquired about the hiring process for the full-time and part-time positions. Mr. Bolser stated that he has interviewed one gentleman for the full-time position, but the part-time position is still vacant. Mayor Bishop inquired about the quotes for the fence around the Splash Pad. Mr. Bolser responded stating that he has three quotes at this time, and he will be speaking with Administrator Watkins to go over the quotes and proceed from there.

D. Town Administrator Report: Administrator Watkins stated that she met with The Graphics Source in regards to the Splash Pad sign and created an idea for an interactive sign. Administrator Watkins also stated that there will be a donation box set next to the Splash Pad if anyone would like to donate to future phases for the Splash Pad. Administrator Watkins strongly recommended having a finalized Splash Pad phase 4 project and possibly putting this item on the agenda for the next Council Work Session. Administrator Watkins also questioned if Council had a closing date in mind for the Splash Pad. Councilmember Wilkerson recommended the last weekend of September. Administrator Watkins continued by reminding Council that the Regional Advocacy Meeting is being held at the Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center on September 11<sup>th</sup>, and the Christmas float parade meeting will be held at Town Hall on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm. Mayor Bishop mentioned that he spoke with Ms. Debbie Summers, and a Stormwater meeting will take place on September 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss a long-term plan due to an influx of houses and businesses coming into Springdale.

Mayor Pro Tem Ricard inquired about advertisement for the Splash Pad donation box, as well as possibly promoting it at National Night Out. Administrator Watkins stated there would be a sign on the donation box to have the option to either make a donation at Town Hall or to put a donation in the box. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard suggested discussing different levels of donations at the next Work Session.

E. Attorney Report: Attorney Bradley stated that Council had requested information for two ordinances with one ordinance pertaining to clearing off brush and the other ordinance pertaining to abandoned and burned down homes. Attorney Bradley stated that he and Sierra had found that the Town currently has two ordinances regarding these issues. Attorney Bradley was unsure if Council wanted to create new ordinances for these items

or if Council wanted to just make adjustments to the existing ordinances. Attorney Bradley stated that these two ordinances looked similar to ordinances in other towns; therefore Mr. Bradley did not see any necessary problems with the Town's ordinances. Mayor Bishop requested information on what can be done to remove the three mobile homes. Attorney Bradley responded by stating that the Town's Code Enforcement officer would need to give a citation or notice under the ordinance. Mayor Bishop questioned if Chief Cornett had reviewed the documents Attorney Bradley had provided, and whether he had any concerns in regards to these documents. Chief Cornett responded stating that he had looked over these documents and the only concern he had was the abatement issue for the trailers, since the trailers are not deemed unsafe. Attorney Bradley stated that in section 5-182 the ordinance states that the Town has to give the property owner notice; however the ordinance does not state how much time needs to be given to rectify the issue. Mayor Bishop stated he did not want to put Chief Cornett in a position where he would write a ticket or a citation and the Town would not be able to provide proper legal documentation to back him up. Councilmember Fecas inquired if this ordinance would allow the Town to place a lien on a piece of property if the Town has paid to clean a piece of property due to the absence of the property owners. Chief Cornett responded by stating the Town does have the ability to enforce this ordinance for this particular matter. Attorney Bradley stated that one thing the Town can do is add the lien on the tax assessment. Mayor Bishop responded stating that the Town had already made plans to this. Attorney Bradley continued stating that he was unsure if Council wanted to add to this Ordinance or if they wanted to create a whole new ordinance for this issue. Mayor Bishop requested that Attorney Bradley create an Ordinance for removing the mobile homes if the property owners do not comply within the 60 day period, by the next Council session.

The next concern is in regards 945 Sightler Dr. due to the overgrown grass and rodent concerns. Mayor Bishop inquired if the Town has given citations to the property owner. Chief Cornett responded by stating the property owner is in an assisted-living facility and his power of attorney resides in Surfside and is bed ridden; therefore the Town will not send the Code Enforcement officer to Surfside to issue these citations. Chief Cornett continued stating that Administrator Watkins would authorize to have the grass mowed and in compliance, and then the Town can move forward on placing a lien on the property. Mayor Bishop suggested first having the Town's building inspector assess each of the properties that the Town has been discussing. Chief Cornett also recommended this course of action.

**V. Appearance by residents**

There was not any appearance by residents.

**IX. Adjournment**

Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 P.M.

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Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

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Tare' Stapp, Municipal Clerk