

— *South Carolina* —
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 6:00 pm
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. A quorum was present.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Juston Ricard, Councilmembers Fecas, Hallman, Peters, Reeley, and Wilkerson

COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor Michael Bishop

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Police Chief Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, Public Works Supervisor Scott Bolser, Attorney Ward Bradley, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Ricard called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. A quorum was present. Councilmember Hallman provided the invocation. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Consent Agenda

Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ricard voted unanimously to approve the July 2, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda, the minutes for the June 4, 2019 Regular Meeting and the June 17, 2019 Work Session.

III. Oath of Office

A. Carl Wilhelm, Patrolman. Chief of Police Andrew “Bear” Richbourg introduced Patrolman Wilhelm and administered the Oath of Office. Officer Wilhelm’s girlfriend, Amanda Swanny assisted in the pinning of his badge.

IV. Employee Promotions & Recognitions

A. Chris Manuel. Chief Richbourg promoted Sergeant Chris Manuel to Captain of the Springdale Police Department. Chief Richbourg administered the Oath of Office to Captain Manuel. Captain Manuel’s wife, Linda Manuel and former Chief of Police Kevin Cornett assisted in the pinning of his badge.

B. Forrest Gantt. Chief Richbourg promoted Patrolman First Class Forrest Gantt to Corporal of the Springdale Police Department. Chief Richbourg administered the Oath of Office to Corporal Gantt. Corporal Gantt’s fiancé, Jessie Alveshire assisted in the pinning of his badge.

C. Allen Sharpe. Chief Richbourg promoted Patrolman Allen Sharpe to Investigator of the Springdale Police Department. Chief Richbourg administered the Oath of Office to Investigator Sharpe. Investigator Sharpe’s wife, Juliann Sharpe and daughter, Abigail Sharpe assisted in the pinning of his badge.

D. Sandy Harrelson. Chief Richbourg recognized School Resource Officer Sandy Harrelson and added the role of Victim Advocate to her duties. He stated that she will begin training soon.

- E. Diana Freedman. Chief Richbourg recognized Administrative Assistant Diana Freedman and added the role of Public Information Officer to her duties.

Chief Richbourg concluded by stating that it is amazing to be able to promote from within his department and he is looking forward to the future and the growth of the Springdale Police Department.

V. Reports

- A. Town Council Report. Nothing to report.

- B. Police Report. Chief Richbourg reviewed his monthly report and statistics with Council, pointing out major crime investigations. He stated that there were two stolen vehicles that have since been recovered. Chief Richbourg stated that there have been some copper thefts from HVAC units and believes the culprits were the same individuals arrested by the West Columbia Police Department. He stated that upon reviewing the speed machine that was set up on Platt Springs Road, he noticed that the average speed was below the posted speed limit. He closed by stating the low crime level we have experienced for the first month of summer is remarkable.

- C. Public Works Report. Public Works Supervisor Bolser reviewed his monthly report with Council. He stated that his newest part-time employee, Jacob Ricard has started with the department and so far has done a very good job and has proved to be reliable. He stated that his department is concentrating on spraying sidewalks by the airport. He concluded by stating two of the public works employees will attend a defensive driving class offered by the Municipal Association of South Carolina on July 11th, 2019. Councilmember Wilkerson commended Supervisor Bolser on his department's work during Springdale Summerfest. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard agreed that the Public Works Department did a fantastic job.

- D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins expressed her appreciation for everyone involved in Summerfest. She stated that she believes Summerfest was the best event Springdale has had and that she has received a lot of positive feedback on the event. She continued to thank the Councilmembers who attended and volunteered during Summerfest and the Ricard family for all of their hard work on the event. Administrator Watkins reminded Council of the opening on the Planning Commission and asked for interested individuals to contact her. She stated that she has received a Zoning Map Amendment Request for the property at Wattling Road and Ermine Road. A Planning Commission meeting and public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 30th at 6:00 p.m. and the Planning Commission will make their recommendation during that meeting. Administrator Watkins stated that she will meet with the architect on July 16th, 2019 to discuss the bidding process for the building next door. She stated that Town Hall will be closed on July 4th, 2019 in observance of Independence Day and there will be no change in garbage collection. She concluded by stating the new sign on Airport Blvd. will be installed soon and the Public Works department is working on clearing the area.

- E. Attorney Report. Nothing to report.

VI. Appearance by Residents. No public comment was made.

VII. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Peters, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Juston Ricard, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk