

— South Carolina —  
***SPRINGDALE***

**MINUTES**

Town Council Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, February 4th, 2020 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 Michael Bishop, Councilmembers Fecas, Hallman, Reeley, Wilkerson and Hook.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Juston Ricard.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Chief of Police Andrew Richbourg, Attorney Ward Bradley, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden.

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. A quorum was present. Councilmember Hallman provided the invocation. Mayor Bishop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Agenda.
- B. Approval of Minutes
  - i. January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
  - ii. January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 Work Session
  - iii. January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Special Called Meeting

Council unanimously approved the agenda for the February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Meeting, the minutes for the January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, the January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 Work Session and the January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Special Called Meeting.

**III. Employee Recognitions**

- A. Springdale Police Department Employee of the Month, January 2020. Chief Richbourg recognized Officer Xavier Rodriguez as Employee of the Month for January 2020, citing consistency and dedication to his workload and stats, and for leading the department this month in DUI stats. Officer Rodriguez was also recommended by Investigator Sharpe for being instrumental in solving a recent investigation.

SRO Sandy Harrelson, on behalf of the Springdale Police Department recognized Chief Richbourg as Officer of the Month for January 2020 as well. SRO Harrelson cited his unwavering support and dedication to his officers and his efforts to grow and develop the department. SRO Harrelson stated Chief Richbourg is an invaluable asset to the Police Department and the Town of Springdale. The Springdale Police Department presented Chief Richbourg with a plaque and a wooden thin blue line flag.

**IV. New Business**

- A. Discussion and Consideration of Sale Price and Closing Costs for Town Owned Property (TMS # 005638-02-046) After a brief discussion, Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by

Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to keep the purchase price of the property at \$4,000.00 and have the buyer pay their own closing costs. After additional discussion, Councilmember Fecas rescinded her motion, and Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Reeley unanimously agreed to keep the purchase price at \$4,000.00, and that the buyer will pay all closing costs.

## **V. Reports**

- A. Town Council Report. Councilmember Reeley stated that he is still looking into the bubbles in the creek at Forestbrook Apartments. Councilmember Wilkerson thanked the Police Department for their diligence in checking on things throughout Town. Councilmember Hook proposed purchasing permanent speed readers for placement on Platt Springs Road to replace the temporary speed reader trailers we currently use. Mayor Bishop agreed and stated that he thinks it is a good idea. Mayor Bishop thanked Administrator Watkins for attending a beautification meeting that he was unable to attend.
- B. Police Chief Report. Chief Richbourg expressed gratitude for the recognition he received as Employee of the Month and stated that he is only as good as his department. Chief Richbourg reviewed the monthly report and statistics with Council, highlighting major crimes within the Town, including burglary and vehicle break-ins which have become an epidemic in not only Lexington and Richland County but nationwide. Chief Richbourg stated that a multi-jurisdictional campaign is in the works to combat the vehicle thefts and break-ins. Chief Richbourg stated that his officers have increased contact with the public and have been implementing public education during traffic stops. He stated that Code Enforcement efforts continue to be effective.
- C. Public Works Report. Administrator Watkins stated that she has extended an offer of employment to an individual for the Public Works Supervisor position.
- D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins expressed gratitude for Chief Richbourg and stated that his presence has boosted morale throughout all of the departments. She congratulated Officer Rodriguez for being recognized as Officer of the Month. Administrator Watkins stated that she will meet with Architect Gary Shaw next week concerning next steps for the municipal complex renovations. She informed Council that plans have been submitted for a subdivision at the Roof/Gordon property that looks like it will meet the R-4 Zoning Ordinance requirements. Administrator Watkins stated that administrative staff has been meeting with website design firms to obtain proposals for a new website design and invited design ideas from Council. She concluded by stating the Planning Commission will begin work on the Comprehensive Plan at their next meeting and asked for pointers from Council if anyone has any. Councilmember Fecas asked if the Town's submission for HGTV's Hometown Takeover would be in by the deadline and Administrator Watkins assured her it would. Mayor Bishop stated that he received some content from the editor of the documentary.
- E. Attorney Report. No report.

## **VI. Public Comment**

No public comment was given.

## **VII. Adjourn**

Council, on motion of Councilmember Hallman, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 pm.

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Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

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Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk