



MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 11th, 2023 at 6:00 pm
2915 Platt Springs Road, Springdale, SC 29170

The media and public were duly notified of the date, time, and place of this meeting. A quorum was present.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Juston Ricard, Mayor Pro Tem Jacob Wilkerson, Councilmembers Hook, Fecas, Wilbourne, Reeley, and Hallman (joined via Zoom).

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden, Chief of Police Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, Police Captain Chris Manuel, Public Works Supervisor Kevin White, Corporal Xavier Rodriguez, Administrative Specialist Natalie Faustine, Ward Bradley, and Attorney Sierra Carini.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ricard called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum was present. Councilmember Hallman provided the invocation, and Mayor Ricard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda.

B. Approval of Minutes.

- June 6th, 2023 Regular Meeting
- June 19th, 2023 Work Session
- June 19th, 2023 Special Meeting

Council unanimously approved the consent agenda.

3. Employee Recognitions

A. Officer of the Second Quarter of 2023, Corporal Xavier Rodriguez. Chief Richbourg recognized Corporal Rodriguez, citing his willingness to step in wherever he is needed, and commitment to the service he provides Springdale Elementary School.

B. Administrative Specialist Natalie Faustine. Administrator Watkins recognized Ms. Faustine for her outstanding effort during her internship and employment with the Town. She stated that Ms. Faustine was an asset to Springdale, and that she will be very successful in her future endeavors.

C. Town of Springdale Planning Commission. Town Council presented the Planning Commission with plaques in recognition of their dedication and hard work in updating the Comprehensive Plan. Chairman John Huffman, Vice-Chairman Vance Vollmer, Member Jeff Hendrix, and Member Paul Kiepert were in attendance for the meeting.

4. Reports

A. Town Council Report. Councilmember Reeley described a meeting with a resident concerning future property purchases. Councilmember Hook expressed gratitude for the flowers sent from the Town for his mother-in-law’s funeral.

B. Police Chief Report. Chief Richbourg reviewed his monthly report with Council, highlighting statistics, code enforcement activity, and speed trailer data. He reported on major crimes and

ongoing investigations. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson requested the police department check in on vagrant activity near Old Barnwell Road.

- C. **Public Works Report.** Supervisor Kevin White reviewed his monthly report with Council, highlighting current projects. He stated that the department has been catching up after Summerfest, and should be back on track. Upcoming projects include mulching medians, and pothole repair on Silstar Road. He reported 12 bags of trash were collected during the litter pick up on May 29th, and thanked Councilmember Fecas for her help. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson reported that some furniture had been dumped on the side of the road near Old Barnwell. Supervisor White stated that Public Works would get it removed.
- D. **Town Administrator Report.** Administrator Watkins described the recent submission of a zoning map amendment request. She stated the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing for the request during their meeting on July 18th. She informed everyone that the Citizen's Academy is scheduled for Saturday August 5th, and registration is open at Town Hall or via the website. Mayor Ricard stated that Summerfest was a huge success, and thanked everyone for their hard work.
- E. **Attorney Report.** No report.

6. Public Comment

Public comment was given by Ellen Baskin.

6. Adjourn to Executive Session

Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:17 pm.

7. Executive Session

- A. Settlement of Legal Claims
- B. Receipt of Legal Advice

8. Return to Open Session – Action may be taken regarding matters discussed in Executive Session.

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to return to Open Session at 6:32 pm. Mayor Ricard stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

9. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Hook, seconded by Councilmember Wilbourne, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 pm.

Attest,

Juston Ricard, Mayor

Leeann Kelly, Municipal Clerk