



MINUTES
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 3rd, 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 Hallman, Reeley, Hook, Fecas, and Wilbourne.

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

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

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Council unanimously approved the consent agenda.

3. Employee Recognitions

A. Springdale Police Department Employee of the Month, Sheri Jonas. Chief Richbourg recognized Administrative Assistant Sheri Jonas as Employee of the Month, citing her efforts to plan and successfully execute recent community events. He stated that the Santa Claus tour was a success and that this year’s Badges to Blessings program surpassed previous years in providing under-privileged children with Christmas gifts. Chief Richbourg stated that Sheri Jonas is an asset to the Police Department.

4. Reports

A. Town Council Report. Councilmember Fecas provided an update on plans to repave the walking track at Springdale Elementary School. Mayor Ricard reminded Council that the upcoming Work Session will take place on January 23rd due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

B. Police Chief Report. Chief Richbourg reviewed his monthly report with Council, highlighting statistics, code enforcement activity, and speed trailer data. He stated that the department is down three officers, but his officers are working diligently and things are going well. He stated that major crimes consisted of burglaries, a robbery and an auto break-in. Chief Richbourg concluded his report by stating the speed trailers are helping to reduce speeders on Hampton Crest.

C. Public Works Report. Public Works Supervisor Kevin White reviewed his monthly report with Council, highlighting current projects. Councilmember Fecas suggested further discussion of playground equipment, and Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson stated a discussion would take place at the

next work session. Councilmember Hook informed Supervisor White he had a contact for concrete repair on the sidewalk at Lee Circle.

D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins informed Council that the first draft of the 2023 Comprehensive Plan update will be reviewed at the January 23rd, 2023 work session. She provided an update on various grant opportunities and applications, including Lexington County C-Funds and the SC Resiliency Grant. She concluded her report by reminding Council that January 27th, 2023 is the deadline to register for the Municipal Association's Municipal Elected Official Institute (MEOI) training sessions.

E. Attorney Report. Councilmember Fecas requested an update concerning the lawsuit for the Town sign. Attorney Bradley stated that he would check in to it and provide an update.

5. Public Comment

Public Comment was given by Lisa Terrell and Ellin Baskin.

6. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilbourne, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm.

Juston Ricard, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk