

MINUTES

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Springhill, Louisiana met in regular session in the Council Chambers at Springhill City Hall on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 5:00 P.M with Mayor W. Ray Huddleston presiding.

PRESENT: Dimettera Frazier, Dennis Smith, Stacey Willard, Mike Whitlock, and Derek Melancon, Aldermen.

ABSENT: None.

Alderman Dimettera Frazier opened the meeting with Prayer.

Mayor W. Ray Huddleston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Mike Whitlock to adopt the minutes from the last regular meeting held on Monday, January 8, 2024 and the special call meeting held on Monday, January 29, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Dimettera Frazier, seconded by Dennis Smith to approve the financial statement for January 2024.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

Amie Poladian, Main Street Manager thanked everyone for coming out and participating in the Springhill Mardi Gras Parade. The parade had a great turn out despite the rainy weather.

Honey's Hanger (formerly Simply Sew by Dana) is the winner of the 2023 municipal grant cycle and Amie presented Dana Boyett with her grant money today with a newspaper article to follow.

March 8th will be Studio B Beauty's 5th Anniversary Party Celebration with flawless esthetics from the hospital joining them, hydro-facial demos, food, music, and entertainment.

February 27th will be the Coca Cola Mural dedication ceremony at 2:30 PM.

Mayor Huddleston thanked Amie for the Main Street Activities update.

MOTION was made Derek Melancon, seconded by Mike Whitlock to accept the low bid from Elite Pools for the Love LA Outdoors Program Grant and approve the additional \$75,000.00 to finish funding the project.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Dimettera Frazier, seconded by Dennis Smith to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Virgil Moore to allow construction of a second story fire escape on his downtown property.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Mike Whitlock to accept the low price quote from Johnson Controls to replace the fire sprinkler system control board at the CAC Building in the amount of \$20,815.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Stacey Willard, seconded by Mike Whitlock to accept the Police Chief's recommendation to move Paul Dunn from full time to part-time, accept the resignations of Katie Rankins and David Silvers, hire Jimmy Williams and Kevin Lavack as full-time patrol officers, and to appoint Anthony Thompson to the police officer reserves.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Dimettera Frazier, seconded by Derek Melancon to approve the incentives offered to city employees for certifications training.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Stacey Willard, seconded by Dennis Smith to authorize payment of the January 2024 monthly vendor bills totaling \$124,116.38.

MOTION CARRIED.

Announcements: Alderman Derek Melancon thanked Public Works Director Mike Dunaway and all the city guys who worked so hard during the artic freeze weather the city recently experienced by keeping the city's water going and not losing water during the weather event like some other communities did

Alderman Mike Whitlock announced that the Pineywoods Jamboree had a great turn out for the February 10th show even with the rainy weather that evening. Also, he stated that Milton (Boo) Fuller one of the city's own employees will be on the show for March 9.

Alderman Dimettera Frazier thanked everyone for their past support of the North Webster Black History Parades and this year's parade will mark the 13th anniversary of the parade. The parade has been rescheduled to Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 1 PM with former Alderman/Mayor Pro-Tem Edward Bankhead as Grand Marshal. Line up starts at 11:30 AM.

No further announcements.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Shelli Malone, LMMC
City Clerk

W. Ray Huddleston
Mayor