

## 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, May 12, 2025 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.

Mayor W. Ray Huddleston called the meeting to order.

Alderman Mike Whitlock opened the meeting with Prayer.

Mayor Huddleston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Stacey Willard to adopt the minutes from the last regular meeting held on April 14, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Stacey Willard, seconded by Dennis Smith to approve the financial statement for April 2025.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

Amie Poladian, Main Street Manager thanked everyone that came out for the Farmers Market and said that the weather for the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Farmers Market was beautiful and was well attended with about 500 people.

The next one will be on June 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – 1 PM. This is the biggest market of the year and was well attended last year with over 1200 people. They applied for and won the Webster Parish Tourism Advertising Grant in the amount of \$2,000. They applied the grant money to radio advertising for the June Farmers Market. Radio advertisements started last week and continue through June 6<sup>th</sup>. They run from Bossier to Magnolia, West Monroe to Texarkana. The ads cover a pretty large area and she thanked Webster Parish Tourism for that grant.

Springhill was awarded the 2025 accreditation from the National Main Street Program for the second year in a row.

Mayor Huddleston thanked Amie for the update on the Main Street Activities.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon to introduce an Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Adopting an Operating Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 and Ending June 30, 2026”.

MOTION was made by Stacey Willard, seconded by Derek Melancon to approve the Police Chief’s recommendation to move Amandia Hamilton from Patrol Officer to Narcotics with a six month probation period.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Mike Whitlock to approve the Police Chief’s recommendation to hire Salvador Gonzalez as a part-time Patrol Officer.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Mike Whitlock, seconded by Dennis Smith to approve payment of the May 2025 monthly vendor bills totaling \$166,474.30.

MOTION CARRIED.

Announcements: Alderman Derek Melancon stated that Springhill Medical Center will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 4PM – 6 PM.

Alderman Melancon thanked Amie for all her hard work with the Main Street Program and he went on to state that he feels very strongly about the importance of being able to provide grants for merchants and to get grants for things in the Main Street District.

Amie also went on to state that the state grants are now open for \$2,000 to \$10,000 matching funds for business owners and building owners in the Main Street District. It will close on May 31, 2025.

Alderman Frazier announced that North Webster Parish High School Graduation is Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM and Brown Upper Elementary Graduation is Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Chief Lynd said that they also would be receiving their DARE awards.

Also there will be a scholarship awards reception on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM for the Charles Brown High, MLK, Linda Ann Taylor Foundation, and North Webster Men of Progress.

Alderman Whitlock announced that the Pineywoods Jamboree was held on Saturday, May 10 with over 250 people from all over in attendance.

Alderman Frazier announced that on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM Wal-Mart will have their re-grand opening.

No further announcements.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

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Shelli Malone, LMMC  
City Clerk

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W. Ray Huddleston  
Mayor