

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, June 8, 2026 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 opened the meeting for a Public Hearing to discuss the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 of said City in accordance with LA R.S. 39:1301 et seq.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no questions or comments concerning the proposed budget.

ADJOURN.

Mayor W. Ray Huddleston called the meeting to order.

Alderman Mike Whitlock opened the meeting with Prayer.

Mayor W. Ray Huddleston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Dimettera Frazier to adopt the minutes from the last regular meeting held on May 11, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Dimettera Frazier, seconded by Dennis Smith to approve the financial statement for May 2026.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Mayor Huddleston asked to have the agenda amended to include an item of business that was inadvertently left off to Adopt a Resolution to have Montgomery Drive striped with help from the Webster Parish Police Jury.

MOTION was made by Dimettera Frazier, seconded by Derek Melancon to amend the agenda to include this item of business.

MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Mike Whitlock to adopt a Special Ordinance entitled “A Special Ordinance Supplementing and Amending the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.” (A copy of Special Ordinance #60826 is attached hereto and made a part hereof).

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Stacey Willard to adopt an Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Adopting an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.” (A copy of Ordinance #557 is attached hereto and made a part hereof).

MOTION CARRIED.

Tanya Capps, Main Street Manager said that the Façade Grant is now open until June 15, 2026 so she encouraged business owners to get their applications in soon for it.

Frog’s has moved to a larger location in South Main Mall.

June 6th was the “Taste of the Market” at the Farmers Market. It was wonderful and there were over 50 vendors at the market. People came in from all over the surrounding communities.

Rick Rowe with KTBS is highlighting Webster Parish this week and Springhill is included in it. Be sure to watch it there are a lot of exciting things going on.

Tanya concluded with Friday, July 3rd. This will be an enormous 4th of July celebration with food trucks, live entertainment, splash pad will be open along with jump house water slides, and the night will be concluded with a big fireworks show which Springhill has not had one in over twenty years. Be there, be excited, and be ready to have fun.

Alderman Dimettera Frazier commented that she thought it was awesome that you don’t have to drive to Shreveport to Freedom Fest because Springhill has its own. Congratulations to Tanya and her colleague Amber Cobb. Tanya said that a lot of community support was making this possible.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Dimettera Frazier to Adopt a Resolution setting the Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate 7.70 mills for tax year 2026.

MOTION Carried.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Dennis Smith to Adopt a Resolution to have Montgomery Drive striped with help from the Webster Parish Police Jury.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Stacey Willard, seconded by Dennis Smith to select the Minden Press Herald as the official journal for the City of Springhill for a term of one year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Stacey Willard, seconded by Mike Whitlock to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with LA DOTD for the mowing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melacon, seconded by Mike Whitlock to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Fuse.Cloud for IT Service and Voice Service for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Dimettera Frazier to approve the Police Chief's recommendation to hire Charles Edgell as a part-time patrol officer.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Mike Whitlock, seconded by Dennis Smith to authorize payment of the May 2026 monthly vendor bills totaling \$305,768.51.

MOTION CARRIED.

Announcements: Mayor Huddleston announced that he is really pleased with the splash pad and all the hard work that the guys put into it trying to get it ready. Tons of kids have been there enjoying it.

Alderman Melancon also expressed his thanks for all the hard work that was put into it along with the parking area. A really great job was done.

No further announcements the meeting was adjourned.

Shelli Malone, LMMC
City Clerk

W. Ray Huddleston
Mayor