

## 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 9, 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 opened the meeting for a Public Hearing to discuss the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 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 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 May 12, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.” (A copy of Special Ordinance #60925 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, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 which includes salary increases for the Police Chief, Public Works Director, and Main Street Manager Positions.” (A copy of Ordinance #556 is attached hereto and made a part hereof).

MOTION CARRIED.

Amie Poladian, Main Street Manager thanked everyone that attended the June 2025 Taste of the Market Event that was held on Saturday, June 7, 2025 at the Springhill Farmers Market. This is the biggest event of the year at the Farmers Market and it was well attended by about 1,500 to 2,000 people. It brought a lot of business to the downtown area, vendor sales, and boosted the economy for Springhill.

Amie went on to thank the Springhill Public Works Department, the Springhill Police Department, Carter Federal Credit Union, Wal-Mart, and all of the volunteers for all their donations of paint and supplies fixing up the market and their hard work and time. It really looks awesome and beautiful and if you haven’t been by there, please go by and take a look at it.

Springhill is one of twenty-two communities to receive the 2025 accreditation from the National Main Street Program which is a big deal because out of all the communities in Louisiana, Springhill was one of the twenty-two selected.

Amie congratulated downtown business owners in Springhill for applying for the Louisiana State Restoration Grant that was open in May. Springhill had the most businesses apply than any other community and hopefully at least one of them may win or maybe all of them which would bring a lot of money and improvements into our economy as well.

Saturday, July 5, 2025 will be the next Farmers Market.

On the agenda for tonight’s consideration is to approve the Mayor entering into an agreement with Louisiana Main Street for a Technical Assistance Grant for Downtown Roadmap Strategic Plan to develop a strategic plan for redevelopment of road downtown and a five year strategy. There will be a community meeting in August for this program and everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting.

Mayor Huddleston thanked Amie for all her hard work on the “Taste of the Market Event”. It was a really big event and she did a wonderful job.

MOTION was made by Stacey Willard, seconded by Derek Melancon to select the Springhill Press and News Journal as the official journal for the City of Springhill for a term of one year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Mike Whitlock, seconded by Dimettera Frazier to accept the Police Chief’s recommendation to accept Jamie Cole’s resignation.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Stacey Willard, seconded by Dennis Smith to approve the emergency sewer line repairs behind Central Baptist Church and First Baptist Church in the amount of \$106,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Mike Whitlock to declare a list of city vehicles and equipment as surplus property no longer needed for public use and advertise them for bid.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Stacey Willard, seconded by Mike Whitlock to adopt a Resolution entitled “Resolution Authorizing the City to enter into a Contract for the Airfield Lighting Rehabilitation (Beacon and Generator) Project at the Springhill Airport.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Dennis Smith to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Louisiana Main Street for a Technical Assistance Grant for Downtown Roadmap Strategic Plan in the amount of \$61,175.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Mike Whitlock, seconded by Derek Melancon to authorize payment of the May 2025 monthly vendor bills totaling \$226,929.36.

MOTION CARRIED.

Announcements: Mayor Huddleston announced that the LMA District “A” Meeting will be held in Minden, Louisiana on Monday, June 23, 2025 at 6 PM. Please let me know as soon as possible so that we can turn in a head count for the event.

Amber Cobb from the North Webster Chamber of Commerce wanted to thank the Keith Eason Family for leading the clean-up efforts at the Westside Park a couple of weekends ago. There was a great turnout from the community and a lot of time and effort was spent over at Westside sprucing the facility up. Everyone should be proud of what can be accomplished in our community.

No further announcements the meeting was adjourned.

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Shelli Malone, LMMC  
City Clerk

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W. Ray Huddleston  
Mayor