

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, August 10, 2026 at 5:00 P.M with Mayor W. Ray Huddleston presiding.

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

ABSENT: None.

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 Stacey Willard to adopt the minutes from the last regular meeting held on Monday, July 13, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Stacey Willard, seconded by Dimettera Frazier to approve the financial statement for July 2026.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

Tanya Capps, Main Street Manager said that the August Farmers Market was a little slow compared to the July Market but over-all it was not a bad market. They have not had less than 30 vendors at the markets this year and that is a big deal and hopefully they will help keep the momentum going with the next two markets left.

Springhill Main Street was awarded the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Grant for the monument sign which will direct people to downtown Springhill to help boost that local economy.

There is a new business that has just opened up on Main Street called Styled by Jasmine Boutique across for L & N Boutique.

There is another business that will be opening at 306 Butler Street which is a barber shop called TrendZ. The man that owns it was located in Bossier City and had seen the social media platforms that have been put out and decided to open a business here in Springhill. It goes to show that all the media platforms are working to attract businesses to our area.

Another social media shout out is for the tic toc trend attracting businesses to Springhill. It is working and lots of calls are coming in and Tanya is referring calls to business owners that have buildings for rent or sale.

There is a big exciting change coming to Main Street at 216 North Main Street. The business owner applied for a grant through the State of Louisiana and was awarded a \$20,000 grant and he will be updating the building and turning it into an Airbnb.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Dimettera Frazier to authorize the Mayor to enter into a grant agreement with the State of Louisiana Keep Louisiana Beautiful Program for a lighted monument sign.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Dimettera Frazier, seconded by Dennis Smith to authorize the Mayor to sign engagement letters with Cook and Morehart, CPA's for Audit FYE 6/30/2026.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Mike Whitlock to adopt a Resolution for the 2026 GA Maintenance Project at the Springhill Airport.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Mike Whitlock, seconded by Derek Melancon to adopt a Resolution for the Annual Certification of Compliance with State of Louisiana Off System Bridge Replacement Program.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Dimettera Frazier to approve the Police Chief's recommendation to hire Addam Esada as a Patrolman.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Dimettera Frazier, seconded by Dennis Smith to approve the Police Chief's recommendation to accept the resignation of Andrew Evans.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Mike Whitlock, seconded by Derek Melancon to authorize payment of the July 2026 monthly vendor bills totaling \$155,130.39.

MOTION CARRIED.

Announcements: Mayor Huddleston brought to the attention of the Board of Aldermen the article on KTBS Channel 3 concerning the Springhill City Court Audit FYE 6/30/2026. He went on to state that Springhill City Court is a separate entity and not under the control of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Frazier thanked the City for their help with the Westside Summer Blast Bash on July 25th. She also thanked Springhill Medical Center for the use of their tent at the event. The event was a huge success with a great turn out.

Alderman Whitlock stated that the Pineywoods Jamboree celebrated its 5th Anniversary with a great show and lots of people from all over in attendance.

No other announcements.

Meeting Adjourned.

Shelli Malone, LMMC
City Clerk

W. Ray Huddleston
Mayor