

## 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 11, 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 levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ken Wright asked the question about how much money would be increased by the roll forward.

City Clerk Shelli Malone stated that the millage increase would be around \$12,000.00.

There were no further questions.

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 Stacey Willard to adopt the minutes from the last regular meeting held on July 14, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

At this point Mayor Huddleston asked to amend the agenda for the following item of city business: Authorize the Mayor to enter into two engagement letters with Cook and Morehart CPA's for the Audit FYE 6/30/2026 and the SAUP (Statewide Agreed Upon Procedure) Audit FYE 6/30/2026.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Mike Whitlock to amend the agenda to authorize the Mayor to enter into engagement letters with Cook and Morehart, CPA's.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

MOTION was made by Stacey Willard, seconded by Derek Melancon to authorize the Mayor to enter into engagement letters with Cook and Morehart CPA's for the annual Audit FYE 6/30/2026 and the SAUP (Statewide Agreed Upon Procedures) Audit FYE 6/30/2026.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Dennis Smith to Adopt Resolution #1 adopting the adjusted millage rate(s).

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Dimettera Frazier, seconded by Derek Melancon to Adopt Resolution #2 to set forth the adjusted millage rate(s) and **roll** forward to millage rate(s) not exceeding the maximum authorized rate(s).

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Dimettera Frazier to put the property located at 231 North Main as surplus property no longer needed for public use and put it out for bid with a minimum starting bid.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Dimettera Frazier to approve the Police Chief's recommendation to give market adjustment increases to Officers Rodney Hile, Chris Jones, and Leon Thirdgill.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Mike Whitlock, seconded by Dimettera Frazier to approve the Police Chief's recommendation to accept resignation letters from Trevor Chachere and Shyann Gilley.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Stacey Willard to approve the Police Chief's recommendation to hire Kedarius Jones and Jakob Sheek as Patrol Officers.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Mike Whitlock, seconded by Dennis Smith to authorize payment of the July 2025 monthly vendor bills totaling \$268,193.93.

MOTION CARRIED.

Announcements: Police Chief Will Lynd apologized to the Mayor and Council for not being in attendance at the Pre-Council Meeting on Thursday, August 7, 2025 due to illness and thanked them for approving his recommendations on the agenda for the meeting today. He also went on to state that he would have another new hire to approve at the next Council Meeting in September that he had just hired today and didn't have time to get it on the agenda for the meeting this evening.

The Chief also reminded everyone that the Springhill Rodeo was coming up in September.

Alderman Frazier announced that The Right Reverend Bishop Erika D. Crawford Presiding Prelate of the Eighth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church was in Springhill today taking a tour of our community.

She also invited the Mayor, Aldermen, City Attorney, and Police Chief to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of L & N Boutique on Friday, August 15, 2025 from 12 PM – 3 PM.

No further announcements the meeting was adjourned.

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Shelli Malone, LMMC  
City Clerk

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W. Ray Huddleston  
Mayor