

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 10, 2024 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, 2025 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 Dennis Smith to adopt the minutes from the last regular meeting held on May 13, 2024 and the special call meeting held on May 23, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Dimettera Frazier, seconded by Stacey Willard to approve the financial statement for May 2024.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

MOTION was made by Dimettera Frazier, seconded by Derek Melancon 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, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024." (A copy of Special Ordinance #61024 is attached hereto and made a part hereof).

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Mike Whitlock, 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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025." (A copy of Ordinance #554 is attached hereto and made a part hereof).

MOTION CARRIED.

Amie Poladian, Main Street Manager stated that the Clean Biz Program through Keep Louisiana Beautiful Campaign closed out on June 1, 2024 with Springhill Main Street Program being one of three communities in the State of Louisiana awarded a \$1000 stipend for having fifteen businesses signed up to participate in the program by picking up cigarette butts, planting flowers and basically beautifying the front of their businesses in the downtown area. Fifteen businesses signed up AmJenn's, Love and Lace, Sharpe's to participate and she wanted to thank all those that participated. They should be receiving the money in the next couple of weeks and they will use the funds to purchase something to improve the downtown business area. She also went on to thank Jan and Jo Campbell for working hard in the downtown area for helping her.

Springhill Farmers Market drew twelve hundred people to the "Taste of the Market" thanks to the Webster Parish Convention and Tourism Bureaus for an advertising grant that was awarded to Springhill Main Street. It was a great day for downtown businesses and also the farmers market.

Also, a reminder to businesses that the municipal grants close this Friday, June 14, 2024. It is a one page application for grants from \$50 up to \$2,000.

MOTION was made by Dimettera Frazier, 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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Dimettera Frazier to accept the Police Chief's recommendation to approve Tyler Adkin's resignation letter and move him to the reserve list, and to place an officer on leave without pay.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Dimettera Frazier, seconded by Mike Whitlock to authorize payment of the May 2024 monthly vendor bills totaling \$231,364.58.

MOTION CARRIED.

Announcements: Mayor Huddleston announced that the planning session for July 2024 will be held on Wednesday, July 3, 2024 because of the July 4, 2024 holiday falling on Thursday.

Alderman Dimettera Frazier announced that the “Story Time Program” will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary on Saturday, June 29, 2024 from 1 – 4 PM at the Westside Community Center. Bicycles will be given away, there will be pizza, games and an opening ceremony. Everyone is invited to attend.

Alderman Frazier thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting the upgrades at the Westside Community Center which is also part of the whole north webster parish community including Cotton Valley, Cullen, Sarepta, Shongaloo, and Springhill.

Alderman Derek Melancon announced that Congressman Mike Johnson or a representative will be at Springhill Medical Center on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 10 AM to present the hospital with a Certificate of Congressional Commendation for achieving outstanding quality scores in patient satisfaction, as reported by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

No further announcements the meeting was adjourned.

Shelli Malone, LMMC
City Clerk

W. Ray Huddleston
Mayor