

## 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, April 8, 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.

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 Monday, March 11, 2024.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** was made by Stacey Willard, seconded by Mike Whitlock to approve the financial statement for March 2024.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

Mayor Huddleston announced that there would be no consideration to go into executive session to discuss litigation matters as one of the attorneys involved was out sick today so they would have to postpone this action till the May 13, 2024 Council Meeting.

Amie Poladian, Main Street Manager started off with thanking some people for their help with the collection and refurbishing of the existing downtown trash cans and benches. Rogue 22 Motorcycle Club picked them up from downtown and pressure washed them and got them ready for painting and delivered them to the clock triangle. National Guard Youth Challenge Program came up on a Saturday and painted them. David Smith a downtown business owner donated the cardboard and delivered it to the triangle so when they were painted it didn't get on the clock triangle grass. Also, the Rogue 22 Motorcycle Club will pick them up and return them back to their places down Main Street.

Amie also thanked the North Webster High School Agriculture Department for their refurbishing of all the downtown wooden benches and the North Webster High School Art Department and Chanda Nail for their restoration of the Coca-Cola Mural. The dedication of the new mural has been postponed several times due to weather but they hope to have it in the near future.

North Webster Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Come out and support the Chamber for this event.

Springhill Farmers Market was held on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> with over 50 vendors and lots of attendees. Everyone came out and had good time. The rest of the Farmers Markets will be held on the first Saturday of each month from now till the end of the year.

Springhill Main Street Municipal Façade Grant and Louisiana Main Street Redevelopment Incentive Grants are now available. For more information contact Amie at the Main Street Office.

Louisiana Love the Boot Week is kicking off in conjunction with Springhill City Wide Clean Up Week which kicks off April 22 through April 28. Springhill Main Street will be focusing efforts on the beautification and restoration of the Springhill City Park the weekend of April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. You may sign up on the Springhill Main Street Facebook page to volunteer and the first 40 volunteers will receive a t-shirt for their participation.

**MOTION** was made Dimettera Frazier, seconded by Stacey Willard to amend the Budget FYE 6/30/2024 in the amount of \$832,467.32 for the General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, and Community Activity Fund for projects and purchases that were not included when the budget was adopted at the beginning of the fiscal year.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** was made by Dimettera Frazier, seconded by Dennis Smith to authorize the emergency repairs to the Shady Oaks manhole repair in the amount of \$25,000.00.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** was made by Dimettera Frazier, seconded by Stacey Willard to declare a list of five city vehicles as surplus property no longer needed for public use and advertise them for bid.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Mike Whitlock to authorize the repairs to the recreation complex green machine in the amount of \$4,277.72.

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Huddleston presented two quotes for the new security system at the recreation complex. Nash Security System, LLC quote was in the amount of \$8,720.00 and the other one was from 03 Security Systemes, LLC in the amount of \$9,785.00.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Stacey Willard to go with the low quote from Nash Security Systems.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Dennis Smith to approve the Police Chief's recommendation to hire Raven Gonzalez as a part-time dispatcher, hire Niki Anderson as a full-time patrol officer and to accept the resignation of Jimmy Williams.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Mike Whitlock, seconded by Dimettera Frazier to authorize payment of the March 2024 monthly vendor bills totaling \$88,759.94.

MOTION CARRIED.

Announcements: Mayor Huddleston announced that Springhill City Wide Clean Up will begin on Monday, April 22nd through Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. You may either call City Hall to have your name placed on a list for pick up or you may take your items to the maintenance building during that time frame.

Alderman Frazier announced that Nikhia Sims from Bossier has been crowned Miss LSU.

Alderman Melancon thanked Amie and the Springhill Farmers Market for all their hard work promoting this event in our area. There were a lot of people in attendance and it is a good thing for our city.

He went on to state that there will be a new sign installed for the Chamber of Commerce and Webster Parish Tourism in the near future which tourism paid for.

Alderman Melancon went on to state that the Fuller Center is currently taking applications for their newest house in Springhill. Applications may be picked up at Main Street Thrift Store.

Alderman Willard said the new Keep Louisiana Beautiful Trash Cans should be delivered any day.

Amie Poladian, Main Street Manager thanked Representative McMahan and Senator Cathey for taking time out of their busy schedule and coming out to meet with her during Main Street Day on March 19th at the Louisiana State Capitol Building.

No further announcements.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

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Shelli Malone, LMMC  
City Clerk

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W. Ray Huddleston  
Mayor