

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 14, 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 called the meeting to order.

Alderman Dimettera Frazier opened the meeting with Prayer.

Mayor 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 March 10, 2025 and the Special Call Meeting held on March 27, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

Amie Poladian, Main Street Manager said that the Springhill Farmers Market Season opened on Saturday, April 5, 2025 and despite the rain several hundred people turned out for the event. The farmers market will be open the first Saturday each month from now through October from 9 AM – 1 PM. They are in desperate need of produce vendors.

The quarterly match grants wrapped up another cycle. The Lucky Pup was awarded the third quarter grant for their new signage at the old Springhill Library Building. They were able to match the original signage from the old library so it goes with the historic district.

The Historic District Commission Meeting will be held in Shreveport, LA on April 24 – 25, 2025. If anyone is interested in attending please let her know.

Amie has been working diligently to get Springhill recognized as a National Historic District Registry. Springhill is currently designated as a Municipal Historic District. If she can obtain the designation for Springhill as a National Historic District Registry it would open up more funding and grants. She will keep us posted for any updates regarding this process.

Match grants are now open again for building and business owners for the fourth quarter. There will be two grants awarded this quarter due to the cancellation of the grant for the second quarter that was awarded to Love N Lace Collective Boutique due to the unfortunate closing of that business.

Mayor Huddleston thanked Amie for the update on the Main Street Activities.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Mike Whitlock to proceed with the emergency repair work on North Arkansas Street in the amount of \$30,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Mike Whitlock, seconded by Dennis Smith to adopt a Resolution entitled “A Resolution for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program and Authorizing Authority Signatory Authority to the Mayor of the City of Springhill”.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Stacey Willard to adopt a Resolution entitled “A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute on Behalf of the City of Springhill a Contract for Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Engineering Services”.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Mike Whitlock to adopt a Resolution entitled “A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute on Behalf of the City of Springhill a Contract for Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Administrative Services”.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Stacey Willard, seconded by Derek Melancon to authorize the utility bill write-offs in the amount of \$6,024.71.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Mike Whitlock to adopt a Resolution entitled “A Resolution Adopting a Language Access Plan for Limited English Proficiency Persons for the LCDBG Program”.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Mike Whitlock to pay the March 2025 monthly vendor bills totaling \$129,603.28.

MOTION CARRIED.

Announcements:

No further announcements the meeting was adjourned.

Shelli Malone, LMMC
City Clerk

W. Ray Huddleston
Mayor