

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, September 9, 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 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 August 12, 2024 and the Special Call Meeting held on August 19, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

Main Street Manager Amie Poladian reminded everyone about the sign ordinance that was adopted last year which prohibits the placement of yard signs in the city but particularly in the Main Street District.

Two new awnings in the downtown district have gone up in part thanks to match grants for Masonic Lodge and David Smith’s building at 204 Main Street. B & S Interests installed a new awning which also helps improve the downtown district appearance.

Three new businesses are opening next month on Main Street.

Lots of activities will be happening in next twelve weeks including the Farmers Markets, Springhill Rodeo, Rodeo Week on Main Street, Hay Bale Decorating Contest, Rodeo Parade, Lumberjack Festival, Parade and Car Show, Homecoming Parade, Food Truck Friday Night, Halloween, Main to Main, and Christmas on Main.

Amie encourages everyone to come and participate in all the activities that will be going on Main Street.

Mayor Huddleston presented two estimates for the cleaning of the drainage ditch from 4th Street SW to Highway 371. The first was from Budd’s Construction in the amount of \$8,000.00 and the second was from Tim Smith Construction in the amount of \$10,600.00.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Dennis Smith to accept the estimate from Budd’s Construction in the amount of \$8,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

Mike Whitlock introduced An Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 106, Article II, entitled “Water Service”, Division 2 Regulations; Policies; Rates; Section 106-57, Connection Deposit Required By The City of Springhill Is Increased From \$150.00 to \$300.00 for Renters Effective November 1, 2024”.

Mayor Huddleston presented three quotes for the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet 1500 4 X 4 Double Cab Truck. The quotes were as follows:

Arnold Baker Chevrolet-----	\$48,631.00
P. K. Smith-----	\$48,623.00
Springhill Motor Company-----	\$48,131.00

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Stacey Willard to accept the low quote from Springhill Motor Company in the amount of \$48,131.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Stacey Willard, seconded by Derek Melancon to apply for a Commercial Lessor License with the Office of Charitable Gaming with the Louisiana Department of Revenue in the amount of \$500.00 annually.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Dimettera Frazier to pay the monthly vendor bills for August 2024 in the amount of \$269,907.68.

MOTION CARRIED.

Announcements: Alderman Derek Melancon said that the ER renovations are coming along at the hospital. They are getting ready to pour the foundation for the new entrance and the inside is looking really great. This will be a great for the community.

Alderman Mike Whitlock reminded everyone that the Pineywoods Jamboree will be Saturday night and it will be an all gospel show. Going to really good.

Springhill Rodeo Week is coming up. There will be a brisket cookoff and bull riding on Saturday, September 14 to kick things off. Then starting on Monday, September 16 will be the kickoff of Rodeo Week. Activities will be at the Springhill Rodeo Arena on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Rodeo Parade will be on Thursday, September 19 at 5:30 PM. Rodeo begins on Thursday, September 19 at 7:45 PM and continues on Friday and Saturday nights as well.

No further announcements the meeting was adjourned.

Shelli Malone, LMMC
City Clerk

W. Ray Huddleston
Mayor