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 14, 2026 at 5:00 P.M with Mayor W. Ray Huddleston presiding.

PRESENT: Dimettera Frazier, Dennis Smith, Mike Whitlock, and Derek Melancon, Aldermen.

ABSENT: Stacey Willard.

Mayor W. Ray Huddleston called the meeting to order.

Alderman Dimettera Frazier opened the meeting with Prayer.

Mayor W. Ray Huddleston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Dimettera Frazier to adopt the minutes from the last regular meeting held on Monday, August 10, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Mike Whitlock, seconded by Derek Melancon to approve the financial statement for August 2026.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

Mayor Huddleston announced that Bubba Sessions, Regional Director with the Louisiana Governor's Office of Rural Development was not able to attend the meeting this afternoon so he will be coming at a later date.

Tanya Capps, Main Street Manager said that there was a little bit of sad news because Am-Jenn's retired and has closed her doors, but the good news is that there is a new business going in that location.

There are a couple of new businesses coming in, the 216 is a new business going in so keep an eye out for the construction because it will be a beautiful building. Also, there is a dirty soda shop that is now in the Main Street District it is called Southern Sips located at 202 1st St NE, I would recommend trying them out. Another new business will be located at 011 West Church called the House of Beauty and in addition to the traditional beauty salon it also has a head spa service which is bringing something unique and exciting to our area.

Update on the September Farmers Market was getting a little slower and towards the end of the season. The October Farmers Market will be held on October 3rd and it should have a good turn out for it as it will be the last one for this year.

Tanya was in Baton Rouge last week for a regional state meeting for Main Streets which consisted of Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Alabama. She was happy to brag a little bit because their social platform content was used as an example in one of the sessions for other Main Streets and the other Main Streets were encouraged to model their advertising platforms after Springhill's advertising approach. This was really exciting to her.

Another thing she is excited about it that on October 29th she has been invited by Louisiana Main Street to sit on a panel of 4 to discuss successes and not so great successes on Main Street and to answer questions for other rural Main Street Managers how to navigate through those struggles and how to revitalize their Main Streets. She is very excited and honored to represent Springhill in that capacity.

One more thing, it is Springhill Rodeo Week and there are a lot of activities going on. Make sure you follow the Springhill Main Street Page, the Chamber of Commerce Page, and the

Springhill Rodeo Page for a full line up. Also, the Main Street Merchants have all kinds of rodeo inventory and deals going on this week so catch them out on Main Street.

Also, remember that October 6th is National Night Out in the Springhill City Park sponsored by Springhill Police Department and you can follow the social media platforms for updates.

Alderman Frazier congratulated Tanya on the great job that she is doing for the city.

MOTION was made by Dimettera Frazier, seconded by Dennis Smith to Adopt an Airport Master Plan Resolution with LA DOTD for the Springhill Airport.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Mike Whitlock to Adopt an Airport Capital Improvement Plan Resolution for 2027-2031 for the Springhill Airport.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Mike Whitlock to adopt a Resolution for the 2026 GA Maintenance Project at the Springhill Airport.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon to introduce an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance granting Southwest Arkansas States Fiber, the right to construct, install, operate, and maintain facilities for the transportation distribution, and sale of internet services and voice phone services in the City of Springhill, Louisiana, and for such purposes, to use and excavate in the public highways, streets, sidewalks, alleys, squares, commons, grounds, and other publicly owned areas, and levying a franchise (privilege) tax for that purpose."

MOTION was made by Mike Whitlock, seconded by Dennis Smith to approve payment of the Arkla Air bill in the amount of $43,798.00 for the new air conditioner unit at the CAC Building.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Mike Whitlock to amend the Budget FYE 06/30/2027 for the Civic Activities Fund in the amount of $50,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Dimettera Frazier, seconded by Derek Melancon to approve the Police Chief's recommendation to hire Katie Rankin as a Patrolman.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Dennis Smith to approve the Police Chief's recommendation to hire Aubin Young as a Patrolman.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Mike Whitlock, seconded by Derek Melancon to authorize payment of the August 2026 monthly vendor bills totaling $275,574.15.

MOTION CARRIED.

Announcements: The biggest thing happening right now is the Springhill Rodeo this week.

Chief Will Lynd stated that the Springhill Rodeo Association tries to add something new and different every year and this year it is a Scholarship Fund. Friday night at the rodeo you may purchase a frisbee and there will be a hoop set up in the middle of the arena. If you get your frisbee through the hoop you will win $200. All the money raised will go towards three scholarships in the amount of $1,000 each. If they don't raise enough to cover the $3,000 Taylor's Feed said they will match it up to $3,000.

Alderman Frazier announced the 2nd Annual Prayer Breakfast “The Grateful Gathering” will be held at 9 AM on October 3rd at the Willie and Mary Mack Memorial Branch Library in the conference room. Everyone is invited to attend.

Alderman Whitlock said it was a big night at the Pineywoods Jamboree. It was gospel night and they had 250 in attendance. People came from Shreveport, Bossier, and everywhere.

No other announcements.

Meeting Adjourned.

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Shelli Malone, LMMC	W. Ray Huddleston
City Clerk	Mayor