

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, October 13, 2025 at 5:00 P.M with Mayor W. Ray Huddleston presiding.

PRESENT: Dimettera Frazier, Dennis Smith, Stacey Willard, and Mike Whitlock, Aldermen.

ABSENT: Derek Melancon.

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 Dimettera Frazier, seconded by Dennis Smith to adopt the minutes from the last regular meeting held on September 8, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Stacey Willard, seconded by Dimettera Frazier to approve the financial statement for September 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

MOTION was made by Mike Whitlock, seconded by Dennis Smith to accept the Police Chief's recommendation to terminate Officer Kevin Lavack.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Mike Whitlock, seconded by Stacey Willard to authorize payment of the September 2025 monthly vendor bills totaling \$112,322.03.

MOTION CARRIED.

Announcements: Amie Poladian, Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission Director gave an update on Main Street Activities as a Main Street Board Member and acting interim Main Street Manager of Springhill Main Street. Amie started off by announcing that Springhill was still in search of a new Main Street Manager. If anyone is interested in the position please contact Springhill City Hall.

Springhill Main Street had applied for the Louisiana Historic Preservation Grant last year and Springhill was awarded this grant which will pay a consultant to write an application to make the whole downtown of Springhill a nationally registered district with the National Park Service so that business owners and building owners will be eligible for tax credits and reimbursements for upgrades to the buildings and be eligible to apply for future grants.

The other grant was a Technical Assistance Grant from Louisiana Main Street for \$63,000. This is to develop a master plan and redesign an implementation of a road map to move Springhill forward. Consultants from across the country will be here November 17 – 20 and hold various meetings with community stakeholders, business owners and building owners. The meeting for Councilmen and elected officials will be held on November 18 at noon and lunch will be provided. Everyone is encouraged to attend. They will help us write and review our ordinances and create a design plan for downtown. Community input meeting will be held on Monday, November 17 at 5:30 PM. Everyone in the community will be encouraged to attend and provide input for what they would like to see happen in Springhill.

Municipal Match Grant winner for this quarter is Buds N Blooms and they plan on fixing the broken glass and do some lighting with the match grant funds.

Main to Main is coming up in November. The dates for it are November 7-9. This is the first year that vendors are required to register that are set up along the route. You may register at Springhill Main Street, Visit Webster, and Minden Main Street or at any towns along the route.

Christmas will be the next event coming up and November 29th is Shop Small Saturday. There will be more updates next meeting about the Christmas Events.

The Historic District Committee Meeting for October will be postponed until after the new year which hopefully we will have a new Main Street Manager by then.

Rodeo was a huge success and Chief Lynd thanked everyone for coming out and supporting the Rodeo.

Lumberjack Festival was this past weekend and everyone that came out for it really enjoyed the event. Pavilions were finished and ready for use and the weather was great.

Pineywoods Jamboree had a gospel show that night after the Lumberjack Festival and there was a huge crowd for that. Everyone really had a good time.

Amie Poladian, Visit Webster said that the Rodeo was huge event for our area with people coming from all over to attend it. Chief Lynd said that there was 10,259 people over the three days of the Rodeo. Lumberjack Festival and Pineywoods Jamboree were also well attended. Fall Paddle on Dorcheat will be October 18th. Webster Parish Library will host Trunk or Treat on October 30th.

No further announcements were made.

Meeting Adjourned.

Shelli Malone, LMMC
City Clerk

W. Ray Huddleston
Mayor