

MINUTES

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Springhill, Louisiana met in special call meeting session in the Council Chambers at Springhill City Hall on Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 4:00 P.M with Mayor W. Ray Huddleston presiding.

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

ABSENT: None.

Prayer: Alderman Mike Whitlock.

Pledge: Mayor W. Ray Huddleston.

Public Comment: None.

Old Business: None.

Mayor Huddleston asked for a motion and a second to discuss the selection and vote on a new city attorney.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Mike Whitlock.

Discussion followed:

Mayor Huddleston read a resignation letter that Nelson Smith wrote to the Mayor regarding his resignation effective March 15, 2025. Mayor Huddleston stated that a committee to select a new city attorney was formed consisting of Alderman Frazier, Alderman Whilock, Police Chief Will Lynd, and Mayor Huddleston.

Mayor Huddleston stated that three people were called about coming in for an interview for the position. Fran Gipson who declined due to a conflict of interest, Jason Wade, and Chance Nerren who is the Asst. District Attorney in our local court.

Mayor Huddleston asked for comments from the committee members for the benefit of the others that were not present at the interviews.

Alderman Frazier stated that both attorneys interviewed were very qualified for the position of City Attorney. Mrs. Frazier stated that she was impressed with both candidates.

Alderman Whitlock was impressed with both men for the position. Mr. Whitlock thanked the Mayor for letting him be a part of the committee for the selection of the new City Attorney. He went on to state that he asked both of them about their work ethic and he was impressed with each of them.

Police Chief Will Lynd stated that he agreed with Alderman Frazier and Alderman Whitlock that both of the candidates for the position were well qualified and interviewed well. He went on to state that he was sure that the Mayor had a candidate in mind that he wanted for the position and he encouraged the Council to support the Mayor’s decision.

Mayor Huddleston stated that he did have a recommendation in mind for the position and at this time it was his decision to hire Chance Nerren as the next City Attorney and call for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows:

Alderman Frazier-----Abstain  
Alderman Smith-----Yeah  
Alderman Willard-----Yeah  
Alderman Whitlock-----Nay  
Alderman Melancon-----Nay

The vote was 2 in favor and 2 against and one abstention. Mayor Huddleston cast the deciding vote to break the tie for Chance Nerren.

MOTION CARRIED.

The next item of business on the agenda was to consider purchasing a lot on 12<sup>th</sup> Street NW that adjoins property already owned by Springhill Memorial Cemetery. It is the recommendation from Mayor Huddleston that the City purchase this property as it adjoins the cemetery and we need the room for additional plots and there is money in the account for this purchase.

MOTION was made by Derek Melancon, seconded by Mike Whitlock to purchase the lot on 12<sup>th</sup> Street NW for use at the Springhill Memorial Cemetery.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION was made by Mike Whitlock, seconded by Dennis Smith to approve the Police Chief's recommendation to hire Kim Schleppenbach as a par-time jailer.

MOTION CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

There being no further business the Meeting was adjourned.

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Shelli Malone  
City Clerk

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W. Ray Huddleston  
Mayor