

Spring City Mayor and Board of Commissioners
Regular City Commission Meeting
August 7, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M.

Be it remembered there was opened and held a Regular City Commission Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners on August 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Attending the meeting were Mayor Leon Locke, Vice-Mayor Jody Bauer, Commissioner Reba Murphy, Commissioner Kevin Jenkins, Commissioner Thomas Beaver, City Recorder Brenda Dodson, Police Chief Roger Day, Public Works Director Kevin Hackler, Librarian Cindy Wilkey, and Water Plant Supervisor Danah Thunquist.

Also attending the meeting Karen Murray, Chuck Murray, Carolyn Lee, Stefan Hickey, Lee Booker, Howard Gilliam, Phyllis Nixon, Nancy Ladd, Angela Carr, Diane Landreth, Chester Kaufman, Billy Ray Gideon, Diane Loden, and Alex Green with RETC.

Roll call was taken by Brenda Dodson, City Recorder

Commissioner Beaver – Present
Commissioner Jenkins – Came in at 7:45
Commissioner Murphy – Present
Vice Mayor Bauer – Present
Mayor Leon Locke – Present

The meeting was opened with prayer and pledge to the American Flag.

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Bauer and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve the July 3, 2025 Regular City Commission meeting minutes.

Vote:

Commissioner Beaver-Aye
Commissioner Murphy-Aye
Vice Mayor Bauer-Aye
Mayor Locke-Aye

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, and seconded by Commissioner Beaver to approve the July 18, 2025 Special Call Commission meeting minutes.

Vote:

Commissioner Beaver-Aye
Commissioner Murphy-Aye
Vice Mayor Bauer-Aye
Mayor Locke-Aye

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, and seconded by Vice-Mayor Bauer to approve the MOS Bleach Water Plant Disinfection Conversion Agreement with Barge Design. The contract is in the amount of \$154,000.

Vote:

Commissioner Beaver-Aye
Commissioner Murphy-Aye
Vice Mayor Bauer-Aye
Mayor Locke-Aye

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, and seconded by Vice-Mayor Bauer to approve the Asset Management Plan with Barge Designs. The Contract is in the amount of \$121,000.

Vote:

Commissioner Beaver-Aye
Commissioner Murphy-Aye

Vice Mayor Bauer-Aye
Mayor Locke-Aye
Motion Carried

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, and seconded by Vice Mayor Bauer to approve the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Bronze 73S plan for City employee's health insurance, and to increase the TASC card limit to \$5,000.00.

Vote:

Commissioner Beaver-Aye
Commissioner Murphy, Aye
Vice Mayor Bauer-Aye
Mayor Locke-Aye
Motion Carried

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, and seconded by Commissioner Beaver to approve selling scrap metal that is at the Old Fairgrounds to SMC in Roane County. Also, to give permission to Mayor Locke to talk with County Mayor Vincent about the Fairground property.

Vote:

Commissioner Beaver-Aye
Commissioner Murphy-Aye
Vice Mayor Bauer-Aye
Mayor Locke-Aye
Motion Carried

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, and seconded by Commissioner Beaver to approve the 2026 BFL Fishing tournament slated for October 22-26, 2026. The estimated cost of the tournament is \$27,150.00 and will be split between Rhea County and Spring City.

Vote:

Commissioner Beaver-Aye
Commissioner Murphy-Aye
Vice Mayor Bauer-Aye
Mayor Locke-Aye
Motion Carried

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, and seconded by Vice-Mayor Bauer to approve Resolution 2025-07 to participate in the PEPartners Safety Partners Matching Grant Program. If awarded the grant the city will turn in receipts for safety boots purchased for the Public Works, Water Plant and Wastewater plant departments.

Vote:

Commissioner Beaver-Aye
Commissioner Murphy-Aye
Vice Mayor Bauer-Aye
Mayor Locke-Aye
Motion Carried

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, and seconded by Vice-Mayor Bauer to approve moving forward with the removal of dirt sediment from the Firing Range that was placed there during the dredging of the Piney River Boat Launch.

Vote:

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Motion Carried

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, and seconded by Commissioner Beaver to approve the Multi-Modal grant amendment due to cost increase after the appraisal and assessment of the sidewalks along Hwy 27 was completed. The increase is due to 1,000 ft of sidewalk that needs to be replaced and 700 ft that needs repaired. The estimated increase is \$12,000.

Vote:

Commissioner Beaver-Aye
Commissioner Jenkins-Nay
Commissioner Murphy-Aye
Vice Mayor Bauer-Aye
Mayor Locke-Aye
Motion Carried

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, and seconded by Commissioner Bauer to table a vote pending discussion with the Spring City Tourism and Events Board about placing Stephania Motes on the board,

Vote:

Commissioner Beaver-Nay
Commissioner Jenkins-Nay
Commissioner Murphy-Aye
Vice Mayor Bauer-Aye
Mayor Locke-Nay
Motion Carried

Motion was made by Commissioner Jenkins, and seconded by Commissioner Beaver to deny placing Stephania Motes on the Spring City and Tourism Board.

Vote:

Commissioner Beaver-Aye
Commissioner Jenkins-Aye
Commissioner Murphy-Nay
Vice Mayor Bauer-Nay
Mayor Locke-Aye
Motion Carried

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, and seconded by Vice-Mayor Bauer to approve Resolution 2025-08 authorizing Audrey Pack Library to apply for the LSTA Tech Grant.

Vote:

Commissioner Beaver-Aye
Commissioner Jenkins-Aye
Commissioner Murphy-Aye
Vice Mayor Bauer-Aye
Mayor Locke-Aye
Motion Carried

Motion was made by Commissioner Jenkins, and seconded by Commissioner Beaver to approve placing Jimmy Smith as a volunteer on the Spring City Fire Department.

Vote:

Commissioner Beaver-Aye
Commissioner Jenkins-Aye
Commissioner Murphy-Aye
Vice Mayor Bauer-Aye
Mayor Locke-Aye
Motion Carried

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, and seconded by Vice-Mayor Bauer to proceed with the Tech Goes Home grant and to allow Brenda Dodson and Cindy Wilkey to find a trainer for the program.

Vote:

Commissioner Beaver-Aye
Commissioner Jenkins-Aye
Commissioner Murphy-Aye
Vice Mayor Bauer-Aye
Mayor Locke-Aye

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, and seconded by Commissioner Beaver to approve a lease agreement with Verizon Wireless for space on the tower located at Cemetery Road. The lease is for \$9,600 per year, with a 1% increase each year. The lease is for a 5-year term.

Vote:

Commissioner Beaver-Aye
Commissioner Jenkins-Aye
Commissioner Murphy-Aye
Vice Mayor Bauer-Aye
Mayor Locke-Aye

Motion Carried

With there being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Attest: Brenda Dodson
Brenda Dodson, City Recorder

Mayor: Leon Locke
Leon Locke, Mayor

Dated: 9-5-2025