

**CITY OF RUSTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, January 3, 2017**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:01PM Mayor Hopkins called the Regular Council Meeting to order. Councilmembers present were: Jim Hedrick, Jane Hunt, Lyle Hardin, Deb Kristovich and Lynn Syler. Following the flag salute, Mayor Hopkins called for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve the Agenda of January 3, 2017, with a second from Councilmember Hunt, passed 5-0.

MINUTES

Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting minutes of December 20, 2016, with a second from Councilmember Hunt, passed 5-0.

STAFF REPORT –

City Engineer – Jerry Morrissette – Nothing at this time.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comment at this time.

BUSINESS- Nothing at this time.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL – Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve Claims and Payroll, with a second from Councilmember Hunt, passed 5-0.

MAYOR'S TIME – Announced Ruston Police Chief Celis's resignation. Chief Celis will be joining the Fircrest Police Department as an officer and his last day will be Friday, January 6, 2017. Ruston Police Officer Andy Estes will act as interim police chief while the Chief's position is posted. Officer Estes has shown interest in applying for this position. Ruston is also close to bringing on a new police officer.

COUNCIL TIME –

Councilmember Hedrick – Wanted to thank Ruston Police Chief Celis for his service, hard work and outstanding record, from the Motorcycle Patrol to the apprehension of the Pagoda Arsonist. It is Ruston's loss and Fircrest's gain.

Councilmember Hunt – Wanted to second Councilmember Hedrick statement regarding Chief Celis and his great service to the City of Ruston.

Councilmember Hardin – Met with Chief Celis after the notice of resignation. Councilmember Hardin appreciated all the hard work and service Chief Celis has given to the City of Ruston.


Councilmember Kristovich – Nothing at this time.

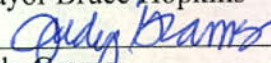
Councilmember Syler – Nothing at this time.

MEETING AJOURNED -

At 7:06PM Councilmember Hedrick moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Hunt, passed 5-0.

ATTEST:



Mayor Bruce Hopkins


Judy Grams