

**CITY OF RUSTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, July 18, 2017**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

At 7:02PM Mayor Hopkins called the Regular Council Meeting to order. Councilmembers present were: Jim Hedrick, Jane Hunt, Lyle Hardin and Lynn Syler. Councilmember Deb Kristovich was unexcused. Following the flag salute, Mayor Hopkins called for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Hedrick moved to amend the agenda to add Ruston-Point Defiance Business District as Business Item 1 and move Resolution 657 as Item 2. The agenda of July 18, 2017, as amended was approved, with a second from Councilmember Hunt passed 4-0.

**MINUTES**

Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting minutes of July 5, 2017, with a second from Councilmember Hunt, passed 4-0.

**STAFF REPORT** –

Ruston Police – Chief Estes – See attached.

Ruston Fire – Chief Torbet – See attached.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None at this time.

**BUSINESS**

**Ruston-Point Defiance Business District** – Joseph Atkinson, President, presented that the Ruston-Point Defiance Farmers Market would be merging with the new Point Ruston Farmers Market which will open Sunday, August 6, 2017, at Point Ruston on Grand Loop Road. The Business District will be holding a Pancake Breakfast at the Totem Yacht Club with more to come at a later time. Westgate Barber is hoping to open their business at John Trueman location on Pearl Street and is in its preliminary stages.

**RES 657 – Adopt Six Year TIP** - State law mandates all local jurisdictions to annually adopt and submit to the state a six-year program of transportation improvements, known as the Local TIP. To be eligible to seek federal and state funding, the City must comply with state law and adopt an annual TIP.

**Background.** The six-year Local TIP serves as a general work plan for the development of local transportation systems and, as such, represents an important planning component under the State's Growth Management Act. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) use Local TIPs as a tool for coordinating the transportation programs of local jurisdictions with those of regional agencies.

PSRC monitors Local TIPs for projects of regional significance (to be modeled for air quality conformity) and projects supported by federal funds. These projects are incorporated into the Regional TIP, which is then forwarded for inclusion in the State TIP. In most instances, projects must be included on a Local TIP to be eligible for state and federal grant programs.

**TIP Public Hearing.** A Public Hearing on the proposed City of Ruston 2018-2023 TIP project list will be held before the City Council on July 5, 2017. A draft TIP was presented to the Council on June 20, 2017 for consideration and discussion. The Council will not be asked to adopt the TIP on July 5, 2017, but rather, this will come back for action on July 18, 2017. Since local TIPs need not be revenue constrained, jurisdictions can include projects they would choose to implement within the timeframe, if funding were available.

Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve Resolution 657, with a second from Councilmember Hunt, passed 4-0.

**CLAIMS/PAYROLL** – Nothing at this time.

**MAYOR'S TIME** – The Silver Cloud missed the window to build and open in the Spring of 2019. They have withdrawn their permit application and will resubmit at a later time. The Thursday meeting with Silver Cloud was cancelled. The City has hired a Permit Coordinator to manage intake of all permits. The new Permit Coordinator has GIS experience which will support city mapping and infrastructure.

**COUNCIL TIME** –

**Councilmember Hedrick** – Nothing at this time.

**Councilmember Hunt** – Nothing at this time.

**Councilmember Hardin** – Wanted to understand why Silver Cloud decided to postpone the construction until a later date. Mayor Hopkins noted the City was on schedule and close to issuing the permit. Silver Cloud found other aspects of concern that needed to be addressed.

**Councilmember Kristovich** – Was unexcused.

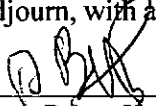
**Councilmember Syler** – Nothing at this time.

Regular Council Minutes  
July 18, 2017

**MEETING AJOURNED -**

At 7:31PM Councilmember Hedrick moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Hunt, passed 4-0

ATTEST:

  
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Mayor Bruce Hopkins

  
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Judy Grams



**Chief's Report  
Ruston Police Department  
June 2017**

**Chief of Police:**

During the month of April the Police Department responded to 336 calls for service in Ruston. This number is made up of dispatched calls, officer initiated calls, and traffic stops, and it does not include any calls for service that took place in the City of Tacoma where Ruston officers responded. There were more than 60 arraignments in Ruston Municipal Court, which is significantly higher than the 15-20 that we have been seeing in the recent past.

Officer Roberts and Officer Grubb made a traffic stop for a minor violation and discovered that the driver of the car had been recently arrested for narcotics dealing. Officer Roberts requested permission from the suspect to search the car for drugs. When permission was denied Officer Roberts had a narcotics K9 respond from another agency. The dog alerted on the car and a warrant was written. Officer Roberts recovered a small amount of drugs and two loaded firearms in the car. The suspect was previously arrested by the FBI Gang Task Force and the guns may end up being part of their case.

**Other Personnel Issues:**

Sgt Rod Baker was hired on 7/4/17 and has begun training. He is also working on some schedule options to make the most of our limited manpower and is working on a grant to obtain some equipment for traffic enforcement.

**Civil Service Commission:**

Nothing to report.

**Equipment:**

No major equipment issues noted

**Training:**

Sgt Baker attended a two day school on how to use the electronic ticket issuing software and will be attending a two-week refresher academy at the end of July.

Please contact me by phone (253) 761-0272 or by email [anders.estes@rustonwa.org](mailto:anders.estes@rustonwa.org) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this month's report.

Submitted By:  
Anders Estes  
Chief of Police



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## Ruston Fire Department Monthly Review for June 2017

Tuesday, June 18, 2017

Presented by Chief Torbet

**Total Incidents: 13** (3 Fire/ Service, 10 Medical Aid)

**Total Volunteer Hours: Total 847 Hours June 138 Hours**

**Membership Roster (out of 25): 15** (9 FF, 6 Officers)

**Recent Membership Changes: Add Eric Allen**

### State of the Business:

- We have two new members in the pipeline.
- We have had several runs come through town with no incident
- The Taste of Tacoma went off without a hitch even with 5 dispatched calls
- We had three incidences on the Fourth of July of illegal fireworks being used in town one of which required a police response
- We worked very well with RPD, TFD and other agencies during our serious car accident and had our patient to the hospital in 10 minutes
- We will be focusing on training new members in core firefighting competencies
- All fire tools are fully operational
- Recurring CPR training is offered quarterly for the Ruston community. Over 160 people have been **CPR certified** since the training has been offered. Although we didn't meet our goal of 100% CPR certification for the city, we continue to provide training as needed. As always, community members may enroll at City Hall or by emailing [rustonfire@rustonwa.org](mailto:rustonfire@rustonwa.org).
- **Fire Station tours** are provided to the public when resources are available. Please contact [rustonfire@rustonwa.org](mailto:rustonfire@rustonwa.org) for further information.

### Ruston Fire Department's Master Business Objectives for June 2017

OBJECTIVE	START DATE	TARGET COMPLETION	COMPLETE %	ACTION OWNERS
Recruitment	6/2017	<i>ongoing</i>	15 of 25	WHERRETT/MILLER
CPR Training	6/2017	<i>ongoing</i>	100%	ANDERSON