

**CITY OF RUSTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 20, 2018**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:00PM Mayor Hopkins called the Regular Council Meeting to order. Councilmembers present were: Jim Hedrick, Lyle Hardin, Deb Kristovich, Lynn Syler and Bradley Huson. Following the flag salute, Mayor Hopkins called for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve the Agenda, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 5-0.

MINUTES

Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of March 6, 2018, Councilmember Huson move to amend Mayor's Time, Line 14, to add the word "not" in the sentence "outlining how behind the developer was in not meeting deadlines imposed", as amended with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 5-0.

STAFF REPORT –

Ruston Police – Chief Estes was excused – See attached.

Ruston Fire – Chief Torbet – See attached.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Jennifer Jensen – Requested an update on Point Defiance-Metro Parks during Mayor and Council Time.

BUSINESS –

Ruston-Point Defiance Business District – Joe Atkinson, Point Defiance Business District President provided an overview of current projects. The Business District is planning a Beer, Art History and Wine Walk event which is tentatively planned for October 2018. The Business District has an event planner in budget for this event. The business district applied for a Tacoma Initiative Grant, which is an annual grant in the amount of \$20,000. The City of Tacoma currently has five applications. The Co-op on Pearl Street has an opening date planned for June 2018. Mr. Atkinson was disappointed to see City of Tacoma's attempt at the annexation of Ruston and happy that it failed. Mr. Atkinson was pleased to see the City of Ruston stuck to their guns and happy that the Silver Cloud was going up.

RES 676 – 2018 Six Year TIP Update Discussion

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. 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. Local TIPs need not be revenue constrained, jurisdictions can include projects they would choose to implement within the timeframe, if funding were available. The draft TIP was being presented to the Council for consideration and discussion. The Council will hold the required Public Hearing on the proposed City of Ruston 2019-2024 TIP project list on April 3, 2018 after which time the Council may adopt the updated TIP. There is no direct fiscal impact of adopting the 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program. However, the projects listed on the TIP become eligible for federal and state grant funding.

PAYROLL – Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve Payroll, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 5-0.

MAYOR'S TIME – Mayor Hopkins responded to Jennifer Jensen's question regarding Metro Parks, stating the relationship with Metro Parks is not going well. Mayor Hopkins encouraged Ms. Jensen to stay in contact with City Planner Rob White. Mayor Hopkins will reach out to the City Planner White and ask him to keep residents and Council informed. The amount of material Metro Parks wants to bring in is massive. Mayor Hopkins was not certain where the material was coming from and what Metro Park planned to do with it. Mayor Hopkins noted that the Silver Cloud Hotel permit had not been picked up yet. Mayor Hopkins met with the developer and their land use attorney regarding issues and the changes they wanted to make to the verbiage within the building permit. The developer wanted to remove the City Building Official completely from the documentation. The City cannot legally make this change. The City Building Official is only operating in a review capacity, with no interaction with the developer. Point Ruston met with Commencement residents giving them an overview on what was planned for the superfund site. Mayor Hopkins is now waiting for the results of EPA's meeting with Point Ruston regarding the EPA letter sent to Point Ruston, dated February 22, 2018, hoping that within the next thirty days there will be a completion plan in place. EPA is optimistic it will be completed. Currently there are parcels not in compliance and the developer has not met their remediation timelines. Mayor Hopkins met with a potential business owner who is interested in opening a pub/restaurant at the old casino on Pearl Street. This business is willing to put two to three hundred into improving the building, they plan to have live music on Saturday evenings, targeting an older crowd and wanted to discuss police presence.

COUNCIL TIME –

Councilmember Hedrick – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Hardin – Wanted to make a comment regarding the Silver Cloud Hotel permit. Councilmember Hardin read Point Ruston's response to City Attorney Robertson, noting both Loren and Mike Cohen saw no problems with the permit and were taking the permit to their client, the Silver Cloud. Are we being played one against the other? Is Point Ruston using the Silver Cloud as an excuse and is Silver Cloud using Point Ruston as an excuse for the changes to the building permit?

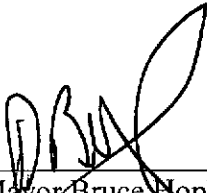
Councilmember Kristovich – Wanted to remind everyone about Ruston’s annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at 10AM. Councilmember Kristovich noted support and donations were welcome and was looking forward to seeing everyone.

Councilmember Syler – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Huson – Nothing at this time.

MEETING AJOURNED -

At 7:41PM Councilmember Hedrick moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 5-0.



Mayor Bruce Hopkins

ATTEST:



Judy Grams



**Chief's Report
Ruston Police Department
February 2018**

Chief of Police:

During the month of February the Police Department responded to 160 calls for service in Ruston. This number does not include any calls for service that took place in the City of Tacoma where Ruston officers responded. That is compared with 101 calls for service in February, 2017.

There were 21 cars impounded under the suspended driver impound program during February.

OF NOTE:

No major events noted.

Other Personnel Issues:

We currently have one opening and a list of five candidates. Sgt Baker is doing the initial background investigations on all five.

Civil Service Commission:

The Civil Service Commission met earlier this month and certified a new list.

Equipment:

The new cars should arrive at the end of this month.

Training:

Officer Andres is out of training and working on his own.

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

Submitted By:
Anders Estes
Chief of Police



Ruston Fire Department | 5117 North Winnifred | Ruston, WA 98407

Ruston Fire Department Monthly Review for February 2018

Tuesday, March 20th, 2018

Presented by Chief Torbet

Total Incidents: 8 (2 Fire/ Service, 6 Medical Aid)

Total Volunteer Hours: Total 4347 Hours December 622 Hours

Membership Roster 21 (out of 25): (16 FF, 5 Officers)

Recent Membership Changes: Remove Pat Piper, add Ryan Kress, Bill King, Andrey Adespya, Ray Walianny and MacGregor Butler.

State of the Business:

- Commercial fire inspections are being completed
- We will be offering home visits for fire safety
- Former Captain Roger King has passed away
- Two of our new fire fighters are career fire fighters and fully trained
- We have 1 more applicant in the pipeline
- 1403 training is going well and we have had great participation
- All fire tools are fully operational
- Recurring CPR training is offered quarterly for the Ruston community. Over 195 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.
- Fire Station tours are provided to the public when resources are available. Please contact rustonfire@rustonwa.org for further information.

Ruston Fire Department's Master Business Objectives for February 2018

OBJECTIVE	START DATE	TARGET COMPLETION	COMPLETE %	ACTION OWNERS
Recruitment	2/2018	<i>ongoing</i>	20 of 25	WHERRETT/MILLER
CPR Training	2/2018	<i>ongoing</i>	100%	ANDERSON