

**CITY OF RUSTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, October 16, 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 and Lynn Syler. Councilmember Huson was excused. 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 4-0.

**MINUTES**

Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of October 2, 2018, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

**STAFF REPORT –**

Ruston Police – Chief Baustista – See attached.

Ruston Fire – Chief Torbet – See attached.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Nothing at this time.

**BUSINESS –**

**Ruston Point Ruston Business District** – Nothing at this time.

**ORD 1513 – 2019 Property Tax Levy (1st reading)** - As part of the budget process, Ruston will consider a budget and the revenue sources for City operations and capital expenses. As part of that process, the City is required to hold a public hearing on this topic. The public hearing and the budget and revenue sources is currently scheduled to coincide with Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1513 on November 6, 2018. Ruston is required to adopt its property tax levy in November of each year by ordinance and transmit a certified copy of the ordinance to Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer and to the Pierce County Council no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>. A Levy Certification must also be transmitted with the Ordinance. Adoption of this Ordinance should be scheduled on the agenda for after the public hearing on the budget and revenue during the meeting on **November 6, 2018**. This levy ordinance increases the property taxes levied by Ruston by the maximum amount allowed by law (one percent plus new construction, etc.). The total estimated 2019 levy amount is **\$496,033.07**, which includes additional property tax estimated from new construction (**\$20,074.58** based on a new construction value of \$10,043,792.00) and the estimated additional revenue from the increase in administrative refunds (**\$1,052.02**). In 2018, the City collected \$469,962.00.



**PAYROLL** – No Claims presented. Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve Payroll, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

**MAYOR'S TIME** – On November 1, 2018 the City of Ruston will enter into mediation with Point Ruston and a mediator has been selected. Tentatively the City, along with the City of Tacoma and Point Ruston had planned to meet Senator Takko, Chair of the Senate Local Government, to give an update on the Point Ruston project during the Senate's Committee Assembly Days on November 15, 2018. This meeting has been rescheduled to the first hearing during the first week of the legislative session, January 15, 2019. The Point Ruston Public Market should be issued shortly. One hurdle is the SEPA requirement and the 450 peak traffic count which has been surpassed. The Public Market and the Baker Building places the peak traffic count over. Point Ruston would like to gain occupancy to the Baker Building and the City of Tacoma plans to allow occupancy in a phased approach which should keep the peak traffic count under the 450. Point Ruston will have to address the mitigation contained in SEPA. City of Ruston requested a meeting with the City of Tacoma Manager to discuss mitigation. SEPA is clear that mitigation must be completed prior to giving occupancy and any new permits are issued. We are quickly approaching the 600 peak traffic count, which triggers all major mitigation. Mayor Hopkins will look to Council to determine how aggressive the City wants to be with SEPA requirements. The City Planner met with the Environmental Protection Agency, last week, and hoped to hold a meeting every other week. Shawn Blocker, with the EPA, would like to attend a Council meeting to present the Explanation of Significant Difference (ESB), which pertains to the onsite containment facility, commonly referred to as the OCF. The OCF was always intended to be a park however there were overtures made that it would be built on. The ESB clearly prohibits any construction of any building on top of the OCF. Mayor Hopkins addressed the Lime electric bikes and scooters seen around town. The City will collect the electric bikes and scooters and contact Lime Bike Company to pick them up. Catholic Community Services notified the City that they will not be renewing their lease at the Mary Joyce Community Center as they need more space. Mayor Hopkins discussed the undergrounding project which is currently taking place on Rust Way. Kevin Moser has taken the lead on this project and will continue to underground utilities throughout the City of Ruston in phases. Mayor Hopkins will bring the 2019 budget proposal before Council at the next Council meeting on November 6, 2018.

**COUNCIL TIME** –

**Councilmember Hedrick** – Did not think there was anything behind the delay in the work session with the City of Tacoma and Point Ruston. Councilmember Hedrick was not aware that Point Ruston would be attending.

**Councilmember Hardin** – Wanted to remind everyone that The Ruston Point Defiance Business District will be holding the Art and Wine walk on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 6PM. Tickets are still available.

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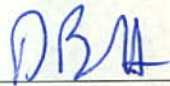
**Councilmember Kristovich** – Nothing at this time.

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

**Councilmember Huson** – Was excused.

**MEETING AJOURNED** -

At 7:26PM Councilmember Hedrick moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.



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Mayor Bruce Hopkins

ATTEST:



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Judy Grams





**Chief's Report  
Ruston Police Department  
Tuesday, October 16, 2018**

**Chief of Police:**

During the month of September 2018, the Police Department responded to 222 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.

**Personnel Issues:**

New lieutenant is currently in the background phase of pre-employment, and the anticipated start time is approximately mid-November. The Department will adjust its' schedule on January 1, 2019, to make the double coverage day on Friday instead of Wednesday. Double coverage shifts occur approximately 3 out of every 4 weeks.

**Civil Service Commission:**

Next Commission meeting is October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The current topic is Ms. Loeber's replacement. Ms. Loeber will retire in December.

**Equipment:**

The Department modernized their sidearms almost cost-free (additional cost was incurred by adding dedicated weapon lights and new holsters). The next anticipated upgrades will be to place lights and electronic sights on patrol rifles, and retro-fit shorter barrels to make them more portable. A project on less-lethal equipment is underway, and during an attempt to lower the cost of our cellular account a less expensive alternative has emerged from a federally-subsidized company whose lines are hosted by AT&T. A 45-day field trial will commence in the next week.

**Training:**

Officer Andres attended the week-long Western States Auto Theft Investigators' school in DuPont. Within the next 9 months, all officers will be attending a 40 hour class in critical incident de-escalation. Chief Bautista will be attending a 2-day class for new police chiefs in Ellensburg taught by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.

Please contact me by phone (253) 328-1427 or by email [nestor.bautista@rustonwa.org](mailto:nestor.bautista@rustonwa.org) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this month's report.

Submitted By: Nestor Bautista



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

## Ruston Fire Department Monthly Review for August 2018

Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Presented by Chief Torbet

**Total Incidents:** 5 (3 Fire/ Service, 2 Medical Aid)

**Membership Roster (out of 25):** 19 (15 FF, 4 Officers)

**Recent Membership Changes:** One new application awaiting approval. Two applications pending oral board. Three new recruits ready to make application.

### State of the Business:

- Completed our elevator rescue class with hands on training.
- Researching a residential Lock box program to provide police and fire access to homes should the occupant desire it.
- Training focus for August was Single Engine Company Operations in preparation for 1403 final assessment.
- Ongoing review and re-write of Fire Department rope rescue plan and training outline.
- Recurring CPR training is offered quarterly for the Ruston community. 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 September 2018

OBJECTIVE	START DATE	TARGET COMPLETION	COMPLETE %	ACTION OWNERS
Recruitment	1/2018	<i>ongoing</i>	19 of 25	TORBET/MILLER
CPR Training	12/2017	<i>ongoing</i>	100%	ANDERSON
EVIP Cert	5/18/2018	7/312018	11 of 20	TORBET