

**CITY OF RUSTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, January 19, 2016**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

At 7:00 PM Mayor Hopkins called the Regular Council Meeting to order. Councilmembers present were: Jane Hunt, Lyle Hardin, Deb Kristovich and Lynn Syler. Councilmember Hedrick was excused. Following the flag salute, Mayor Hopkins called for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Hunt moved to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session directly after Council Time and to adjourn directly after Executive Session, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0. Councilmember Hunt moved to approve the agenda as amended, with a second from Councilmember Hardin passed 4-0.

**MINUTES**

Councilmember Hunt moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of January 5, 2016, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

**STAFF REPORT –**

Ruston Police – Interim Police Chief Victor Celis - See attached.

Ruston Fire – Chief Torbet – See attached.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS** – No Public Comments at this time.

**BUSINESS**

- 1. Ruston Point Defiance Business District** – John Trueman introduced Joseph Atkinson as the new President of the Ruston Point Defiance Business District and owner of the Urban Oasis Hair Salon in the City of Ruston. Mr. Atkinson provided an update on current Business District projects: Light poles on the Tacoma side of Pearl Street, Brick Sale program for the William Rust Statue, Working on a plastic bag ordinance similar to Seattle. Mr. Atkinson would like to keep lines of communication open and was excited about all the new potential business.

**CLAIMS/PAYROLL** – Councilmember Hunt moved to approve Payroll, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

**MAYOR’S TIME** – Accounts Payable will be paid once a month to establish efficiencies within the Clerk’s office which outweighs any small late fees. The Silver Cloud Hotel permit is nearly finalized. Permit applications for Buildings 18A and 18B have been submitted and sign off is very close. Farrellis Pizza will be located there. The property will be beautiful when completed.

**COUNCIL TIME -**

**Councilmember Hedrick** – Excused.

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

**Councilmember Hardin** – Requested updates on two items. The first regarding the Winnifred Street Project and the walk through with the City Engineers office and Contractor to review the punch list that was rescheduled to Friday, January 15, 2016. Mayor Hopkins noted there were 17 items on the punch list which were addressed. Councilmember Hardin noted he would email Steve Willie with the City Engineer’s office for an update.

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The second item was an update on the retaining wall failure at 51<sup>st</sup> Street. Mayor Hopkins noted this item was being reviewed by the City Attorney. In the interim the City will leave the sidewalk closed. Councilmember noted it was dangerous for pedestrians walking that route.

Councilmember Kristovich – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Syler – Nothing at this time.

**Executive Session** - Council adjourned to Executive Session

**MEETING AJOURNED** -

At 7:47 PM Councilmember Hunt 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 January 19, 2016**

**Chief of Police:**

During the month of December the Police Department responded to over 159 calls for service. Fortunately most were relatively lower in priority and there were no major incidents in the month. Things with the new CAD system seem to be getting better and SS911 is continually working out issues that arise. The police department teamed up with the fire department for the Christmas holiday and was very successful in collecting a large amount of food for the local food bank as well as a large amount of donated toys that were donated to Toys for Tots program as well as the Salvation Army. I would like to thank all of those in the community that made the food and toy drive a great success.

**Other Personnel Issues:**

As of January 1, part time officer John Roberts was reclassified as a full time officer with the department and is doing very well. I am currently working on conducting a background investigation on another potential part time officer.

**Civil Service Commission:**

The commission is working with the mayor at this time to fill the Chief of Police position full time.

**Officers were involved in:**

In December officers responded to various types of incidents such as suspicious vehicles/persons, vehicle prowls, welfare checks, disabled vehicles, public disturbances, security checks, traffic hazards, fire/medical assists, business and residential alarms, 911 hang up calls, court order violations, animal calls, disorderly subjects, DUI's, thefts, trespass complaints, citizen assists, unwanted subjects, domestic violence calls, misdemeanor warrant arrests, and numerous traffic related arrests.

Police reports were filed in almost all of these cases.

**Equipment:**

There were a couple of large repairs that needed to be made to two of our cars. I am continuing to work on the purchase of the new vehicles so that Systems for Public Safety can begin outfitting them and getting them ready for the road. As part of the SS911 contract a desktop radio was installed in the police station.

**Training:**

Due to the holiday, there was no department training or meeting in the month of December. In the upcoming month we will conduct CPR/first aid recertification with the assistance of the fire department.

Please contact me by phone (253) 761-0272 or by email [victor.celis@cityoffruston.net](mailto:victor.celis@cityoffruston.net) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this month's report.

Submitted By:  
Victor M. Celis  
Interim Police Chief  
01/19/16



## Ruston Fire Department Monthly Review for December 2015

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

Presented by Fire Chief Don Torbet

**Total Incidents: 3** (0 Fire Service, 3 Medical Aid)

**Membership Roster (out of 25): 19** (14 FF, 5 Officers)

**Recent Membership Changes:** Retired Truckey and Storer

**Total Volunteer Hours for April:** 215

### State of the Business:

- Two of our members, Nick Truckey and Curtis Storer, have accepted employment as carrier Fire Fighters. We wish them well and thank them for their contributions.
- The department's annual Food and Toy Donation Drive set records again this year. We would like to thank all who participated. Thanks to One to One Physical Therapy for so many toys donated.
- The department yearend holiday party took place on December 19. Nick Truckey was awarded Fire Fighter of the Year; A.J. Garcia EMT of the Year; and Captain Pat Piper won the Most Inspirational of the Year. Congratulations to these men for the outstanding efforts.
- **Fire Engine 339 received maintenance** to repair a leak in the heater/defroster system.
- **CPR training** is offered quarterly by Ruston Fire Department. We will continue to strive to meet or goal to train all residents in CPR. To date we have trained 159 through the classes given by our instructors. As always, community members may enroll at City Hall or by emailing [rustonfire@rustonwa.org](mailto:rustonfire@rustonwa.org).

### Ruston Fire Department's Master Business Objectives for April/May

MBO	START DATE	TARGET COMPLETION	COMPLETE %	ACTION OWNERS
Training Prop Planning	12/2015	6/1/2016	40%	TORBET/ALLEN
Recruitment	12/2015	ongoing	19 of 25	WHERRETT