

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:00 PM City Clerk Grams called the Regular Council Meeting to order. Councilmembers present were: Jane Hunt, Lyle Hardin, Deb Kristovich and Lynn Syler. Councilmember Hedrick took his seat at 7:26 PM and Mayor Hopkins was excused. Councilmember Hardin moved to elect Councilmember Hunt as Mayor Pro Tem, with a second by Councilmember Kristovich, passed 4-0. Following the flag salute, Mayor Pro Tem Hunt called for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Hardin moved to approve the agenda, with a second from Councilmember Kristovich, passed 4-0.

MINUTES

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

STAFF REPORT –

Ruston Police – Chief Victor Celis – See attached. Chief Celis presented a Commendation to Ruston Police Officer Jeff Evans for his service and dedication to the community. Councilmember Hardin recognized and congratulated Victor Celis on his appointment to the position of Ruston Police Chief.

Ruston Fire – Assistant Bruce Allen – See attached.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Kevin Moser – Thanked the Ruston Fire Department and Ruston Police Department for being watchful for things that are unusual when residents are away. The Ruston Police Department did not recognize a car that was parked at Mr. Moser's home and questioned it to find it was Mr. Moser's son. Mr. Moser appreciated their efforts in protecting the citizens of Ruston.

BUSINESS

Point Defiance – Ruston Business District – Joseph Atkinson, President of the Ruston - Point Defiance Business District, provided an update and appreciated the open lines of communication with the City of Ruston. Mr. Atkinson was happy to hear that Don Torbet was doing well and was interested in the CPR class the Ruston Fire Department presents. The Business District is close to installing the Rust Bust statue bricks sometime in the middle of May. John Trueman, Vice President of Business District, is working to bring a Farmers Market into the area and has collaborated with other Tacoma Farmers Markets to get this off the ground. Ruston Family Fair is planned for July 30, 2016 and hoped an announcement could be placed into the Ruston Newsletter. The Business District appreciated being kept in the loop regarding the storm water project and understood this takes time. This project is important to the Business District because they have a guarantee with City of Tacoma to put up lights on the Tacoma side of Pearl Street. This will allow the Business District to install banners and make the area whole. Members of the Business District had concerns about the retaining wall failure and the owner selling his property.

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The Business District encourages the City of Ruston to take any action that would compel the homeowner to fix the retaining wall. Councilmember Hardin explained the issue is going through its legal process and that the failed retaining wall is on the homeowner's property and proper notifications have been made.

Resolution 628 – Public Safety Testing Subscriber Service Agreement. Ruston Police Chief Celis provided an overview of Resolution 628. The City of Ruston has the need for pre-employment services when it recruits and hires new law enforcement officers. Public Safety Testing, Inc. (“PST”) provides pre-employment testing services to police, fire, and other public safety agencies consistent with the State Civil Service Statutes. These services include advertising and recruiting assistance, application processing, and administration of pre-employment written examinations and physical ability tests. In addition, PST will report the scores of applicants, with all information necessary for the City to place passing applicants upon its eligibility list, and ranks the candidates relative to other candidates. If needed PST will appear in civil service proceedings for the City to provide information regarding the validity of the testing process. The City has contracted with PST for many years. The most recent one-year contract was approved a year ago under Resolution No. 602. This is a new one-year agreement to replace the expiring agreement. The City can choose when the agreement expires: at the end of 2016, or a three-year agreement which would expire in 2018. However, because the City budgets annually, the Chief is asking for approval for a one-year period. The agreement may be terminated prior to the expiration date with 60-days written notice. Authorizing this contract will allow the City to continue to utilize Public Safety Training, Inc. for pre-employment screening for police hires. The cost for this service is \$548 annually per candidate for law enforcement officer testing (written and physical abilities) to be paid 25% quarterly when incurred. If the contract term is selected for three years, then the costs per candidate will be \$512 for 2016, \$524 for 2017 and \$536 for 2018. The costs of travel for appearing at any civil service proceeding, if needed, will also be billed to the City. Additional services may be utilized by the City as needed and billed in addition to the \$548/applicant fee. Councilmember Hardin moved to approve Resolution 628, with a second from Councilmember Kristovich, passed 4-0.

Resolution 629 – Tacoma Pierce County DUI & Traffic Safety Task Force Interlocal Agreement. The Interlocal Cooperation Act, authorizes the City is to contract with other governmental agencies to provide services that the City is authorized to perform. On March 15, 2016, the City Council passed Resolution No. 624 to enter into an Inter-Agency Agreement with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) for grant-funding for certain traffic emphasis activities, such as the DUI Patrols over the New Year's holiday, Spring “Click it or Ticket” campaigns and the like. The activities contemplated under the WTSC grant funding are carried out by a regional task force which the City may join. This Interlocal Agreement is a companion to the agreement approved by Resolution No. 624. The other members of the Task Force are Pierce County, and the cities of: Buckley, Bonney Lake, Du Pont, Fife, Fircrest, Gig Harbor, Lakewood, Milton, Orting, Puyallup, Steilacoom, Sumner, Tacoma and University Place. Other cities may also be joining the Task Force in the future. These cities and county will work together across jurisdictional boundaries to provide DUI and Traffic Safety Emphasis patrol. Each party will be responsible for its own costs and each parties agrees to allow the other parties to work within its jurisdiction as part of the Task Force activities.

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This means that Ruston could have officers and marked vehicles from other cities patrolling and ticketing offenders in Ruston. The Agreement is for a two-year period and expires on March 18, 2018 but will automatically renew for an addition three years. The Agreement is terminable by any parties with 90-days' notice. Each party to the agreement bears its own costs. The City may incur costs for participation in Task Force activities. Participating in the Task Force makes the city eligible for receipt of grant funds from WTSC under the agreement authorized by Resolution No. 624.

Mayor Pro Tem acknowledged Councilmember Hedrick's attendance. Councilmember Hardin moved to approve Resolution 629, with a second from Councilmember Kristovich, passed 5-0.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL – Nothing at this time.

MAYOR'S TIME – Was excused.

COUNCIL TIME –

Councilmember Hedrick – Apologized for being late.

Councilmember Hunt – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Hardin – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Kristovich – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Syler – Nothing at this time.

MEETING AJOURNED -

At 7:45 PM Councilmember Hardin moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Kristovich, passed 5-0.

Mayor Bruce Hopkins

ATTEST:

Judy Grams



**Chief's Report
Ruston Police Department
Tuesday April 19, 2016**

Chief of Police:

During the month of March the Police Department responded to 184 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. The most noteworthy of the calls was a residential burglary where the homeowner confronted a suspect breaking into their garage. The male fled but evidence was located and we are currently awaiting forensic and DNA results. All other calls were both misdemeanor and felony in nature and were documented in police reports. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Mayor, the council, and the citizens of Ruston for putting their trust in me to serve them as the new Police Chief for the Ruston Police Department. I would like to recognize Officer Jeff Evans with a letter of commendation as a result of a job well done that was relayed to me by the Ruston Fire Department.

Other Personnel Issues:

We are still in the process of looking for a full time officer as well as a part time officer but have no candidates at this time.

Civil Service Commission:

Nothing to report.

Equipment:

The new police vehicles have been ordered and with any luck will arrive and be outfitted and ready for the road by the time the Taste of Tacoma comes around.

Training:

The police department did not hold training in the month of March but are scheduled for defensive tactics training at the April meeting and will conduct firearms recertification in June.

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

Submitted By:
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Chief of Police
04/19/16



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Ruston Fire Department Monthly Review for March 2016

Tuesday, April 19th, 2016

Presented by Fire Chief Bruce Allen

Total Incidents: 12 (3 Fire Service, 9 Medical Aid)

Total Volunteer Hours: 812 Hours

Membership Roster (out of 25): 17 (11 FF, 6 Officers)

Recent Membership Changes: added Ryan Pragnell

State of the Business:

- The ST. Patty's Day half marathon came through the city. We were on hand to handle any emergencies-none were reported
- Members Ryan Gillette and Ryan Pragnell are currently in EMT school and Recruit John Lamb just finished EMT school and is now certified
- RFD is currently interviewing applicants for Firefighter/EMT positions
- All vehicles and 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.
- **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 March/April 2016

OBJECTIVE	START DATE	TARGET COMPLETION	COMPLETE %	ACTION OWNERS
Recruitment	3/2016	<i>ongoing</i>	17 of 25	WHERRETT
CPR Training	3/2016	3/31/2016	100%	ANDERSON