

**CITY OF RUSTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, June 21, 2016**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

At 7:01 PM Mayor Hopkins called the Regular Council Meeting to order. Councilmembers present were: Jim Hedrick, Jane Hunt, Lyle Hardin, and Deb Kristovich. Councilmember Syler was excused. Following the flag salute, Mayor Hopkins called for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Hedrick moved to amend the agenda to remove Resolution 632 - Six Year TIP and move it to Council Meeting of July 5, 2016, with a second from Councilmember Hunt, passed 4-0. The agenda as amended passed 4-0.

**MINUTES**

Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of June 7, 2016, with a second from Councilmember Hunt, passed 4-0.

**STAFF REPORT** –

Ruston Police – Chief Celis – See Attached.

Ruston Fire – Chief Allen – See Attached.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS** –

Lori Meldahl – Questioned why Steve Taylor painted a small white mark eight feet along the curb in front of her home where she parks two cars. Ms. Meldahl was concerned they would lose one parking spot because of where the white mark was placed. One year ago Ms. Meldahl was told there would be two parking spots between her house and her neighbors house. Mayor Hopkins stated the inquiry is with the City Engineer for clarification and response. Ms. Meldahl also questioned why the street at the busy intersection at N. 51<sup>st</sup> and N. Winnifred was not painted.

**BUSINESS**

**Point Defiance Ruston Business District** – Joseph Atkinson, President of the Point Defiance Ruston Business District provided an update and appreciated the collaborative relationship between the City of Ruston and the Business District. Ruston Family Fair will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2016. Karen Pickett will email the Family Fair information to the City Clerk so it can be included in the July 2016 Ruston newsletter and the Ruston website. The bricks will be installed and ready for the Rust Bust dedication on July 30, 2016. Mr. Atkinson invited Council and Mayor Hopkins to attend and say a few words at the dedication. A mural was approved and will be installed at Don's Market. Mr. Atkinson also thanked Mayor for clarifying the City's position regarding the Pearl Street Project. Tacoma was moving forward with installing street lights on Pearl Street.

**RES 630** – Washington State Patrol – Sector ILA - The City of Ruston has had an on-going agreement with the Washington State Patrol (WSP) for Statewide Electronic Collision. The City is permitted to recover the cost to the City of processing permit applications, inspecting and reviewing plans or preparing and Ticket Online Records (SECTOR) processes since 2010. The Agreement defines the roles and expectations for SECTOR and governs how the City and State will process the information and resolve technical issues. The original agreement was executed on January 12, 2010 by former Police Chief Jeremy Kunkel and expired on June 30, 2014. The agreement contains a mutual hold harmless provision and requires cooperation and compliance with both technical and legal standards but does not require the payment of money from either party to the other. Recently, the WSP contacted the City to seek an amendment of the Agreement to extend the termination date to “until terminated” under the 90-day notice provision and also to update the contact for the WSP. After receiving the amendment request, the City could find no evidence that the original agreement was ever approved by the City Council. Therefore, the Council is being asked to both amend and ratify the Agreement. In addition to the WSP changes, the Amendment will also update the City’s contact to the current Police Chief Victor Celis. Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve Resolution 630 with a second from Councilmember Hunt, passed 4-0.

**RES 634** – Update to Master Fee Resolution - Detailed statements as required by Chapter 43.21C RCW. The City has adopted a Master Fee Resolution which is amended from time-to-time. Because the City has completed the update to the Electric Meters, the Master Fee Resolution needs to be updated to reflect the increase in meter pricing and to clarify that engineering and testing are not included in the meter fees. The only changes from the prior master fee resolution are contained in Section 7. The Strike Draft of these changes are shown in ~~strike out~~ or double underlining below:

**Section 7.** The City Council establishes the following fees for installation or upgrading of electrical service meters as described in Chapter 18.05 RMC as follows

Meter installation, <u>including Temporary Power</u> , exclusive of permit, <u>engineering, testing</u> or inspection fees ( <u>which must be</u> paid prior to connection of new service).	\$1,000.00 per meter
<b>Note 1:</b> <del>The City is in the process of upgrading its meter system.</del> This pricing is for Standard <u>120/240V 1Ph Residential and Commercial</u> Meters. Deviation from these standard meters will require custom pricing to account for the differential in meter prices for the upgraded system.	
Upgrade meter installation, exclusive of permit, <u>engineering, testing</u> or inspection fees ( <u>which must be</u> paid prior to connection of an upgraded service).	<del>\$250.00</del> <u>400.00</u> per meter
Meter installation, for structures with multiple meters ( <u>which must be</u> paid prior to connection of new service). Fee is exclusive of permit, <u>engineering, testing</u> or inspection fees.	\$1,000.00 for first meter, plus \$400.00 for each additional meter thereafter.

By adopting Resolution 634, the City will ensure collection of meter fees that reflect the City's increased costs and provided greater clarity as to what is excluded from the meter fees. Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve Resolution 634, with a second from Councilmember Hunt, passed 4-0.

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

**MAYOR'S TIME** – Mayor Hopkins has looked further into the opportunity of solar energy system in the City of Ruston. The new automated meters are compatible and can read bi-laterally. Mayor Hopkins will continue to explore this concept in its entirety. Mayor Hopkins gave a brief overview on the number of building permits under process.

**COUNCIL TIME** –

Councilmember Hedrick – Thanked Lynette, Ruston Fire and Ruston Police departments for keeping the annual bicycle parade alive and on track. Councilmember Hedrick has noticed the size of rabbit population growing in the City of Ruston. Councilmember Hedrick wanted to recognize Dawson Hedrick, as a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader at his Catholic school, Dawson was presented the Citizenship Award.

Councilmember Hunt – Has also noticed the size of the rabbit population in Ruston.

Councilmember Hardin – Edie Tallman a long standing resident of the City of Ruston is serious about selling her house and moving. Edie will be missed.

Councilmember Kristovich – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Syler – Excused.

**MEETING AJOURNED** -

At 7:34 PM Councilmember Hedrick moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Hunt, passed 4-0.

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Mayor Bruce Hopkins

ATTEST:

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Judy Grams



**Chief's Report  
Ruston Police Department  
Tuesday June 21, 2016**

**Chief of Police:**

During the month of May the Police Department responded to 130 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 theft of motorcycles from the backyard of a residence on N Highland St. All other calls were both misdemeanor and felony in nature and were documented in police reports. Just a reminder that the Taste of Tacoma is this weekend. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Freedom Fair is the following week. Ruston Way will be closed as usual. N 51 St will also be closed to vehicular traffic the entire day from N Winnifred St to N Baltimore St, it will be open for pedestrian traffic. The annual bicycle parade will also be held that day at noon on N Winnifred St.

**Other Personnel Issues:**

Nothing to report

**Civil Service Commission:**

Nothing to report.

**Equipment:**

The new vehicles are scheduled to arrive at Systems for Public Safety in approximately two weeks. They will then be outfitted and hopefully road ready a month or so after that.

**Training:**

The police department conducted annual firearms training during the monthly department meeting. Due to the Taste of Tacoma, there will be no monthly training this month.

Please contact me by phone (253) 761-0272 or by email [victor.celis@cityofruston.net](mailto: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  
06/21/16



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## Ruston Fire Department Monthly Review for May 2016

Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

Presented by Interim Chief Bruce Allen

**Total Incidents: 11** (2 Fire/ Service, 9 Medical Aid)

**Total Volunteer Hours: Total 1,100 Hours May 69 Hours**

**Membership Roster (out of 25): 14** (7 FF, 7 Officers)

**Recent Membership Changes:** Chris Velazquez and Dylan Ward off-boarded

### State of the Business:

- Welcome Ryan Haverberg to the department. He comes to us with 10 years of EMT experience
- Travis Sherman was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and has been working very hard on recruitment
- RFD has held two oral boards for potential new members and we have had many interested candidates come to drill
- We staffed the Tacoma Marathon and had no incidents
- 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](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 March/April 2016

OBJECTIVE	START DATE	TARGET COMPLETION	COMPLETE %	ACTION OWNERS
Recruitment	5/2016	<i>ongoing</i>	14 of 25	WHERRETT/SHERMAN
CPR Training	5/2016	<i>ongoing</i>	100%	ANDERSON