

**CITY OF RUSTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, August 16, 2016**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:04 PM Mayor Hopkins called the Regular Council Meeting to order. Councilmembers present were: Jane Hunt, Lyle Hardin and Deb Kristovich. Councilmember Syler was excused. Councilmember Hedrick joined at 7:12 PM. Following the flag salute, Mayor Hopkins called for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Hunt moved to approve the agenda, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 3-0.

MINUTES

Councilmember Hunt moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of July 19, 2016, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 3-0.

STAFF REPORT –

Ruston Police Department – See attached.

Ruston Fire Department – See attached.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS – Nothing at this time.

BUSINESS

Ruston – Point Ruston Business District - Joseph Atkinson wanted to thank everyone for their participation in the Ruston Family Fair, which was a success and a great event for kids. Mr. Atkinson thanked the Ruston Fire Department for allowing the kids the opportunity to spray the fire hose and also thanked Councilmember Hardin for his support with the dedication of the William Rust Bust. This event raised about \$600. Mr. Atkinson gave an update on the Ruston Sunday Market with twenty vendors participating and they had an excellent turn out. The hope is to hold the Sunday Farmers Market in 2017 and the business district will be applying for grants to support it. There was great publicity which brought attention to the market. The City of Tacoma currently has six over the street banner poles and are funding eight more which will give greater Ruston – Point Defiance Business District focus.

RES 636 – Update Master Fee Resolution. The City is permitted to recover the cost to the City of processing permit applications, inspecting and reviewing plans or preparing detailed statements as required by Chapter 43.21C RCW. The City has adopted a Master Fee Resolution which is amended from time-to-time. The Council adopted an updated Master Fee Resolution (Resolution No. 634) on June 21, 2016.

After that adoption, the staff administering electrical meter and bills recommended additional revisions to Section 7 of the Resolution which sets the rates for electrical meters. Specifically, staff recommends that a separate category be established for temporary power at the rate of \$275 and that the type of meters be clarified. Only Section 7 contains revisions which are set forth in strike-draft text below (deleted) or double underlining (new text) 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:

<p><u>Permanent</u> Meter installation, including Temporary Power, exclusive of permit, engineering, testing or inspection fees (which must be paid prior to connection of new service).</p> <p>Note 1: This pricing is for Standard 120/240v – <u>200A</u> 1Ph Residential and Commercial Meters. Deviation from these standard meters will require custom pricing to account for the differential in meter prices for the upgraded system.</p>	<p>\$1,000.00 per meter[1]</p>
<p>Upgrade meter installation, exclusive of permit, engineering, testing or inspection fees (which must be paid prior to connection of an upgraded service).</p>	<p>\$400.00 per meter^{See Note 1}</p>
<p><u>Temporary Service (120/240v – 200A)</u> ^{See Note 1}</p>	<p><u>\$275.00 per meter</u> ^{See Note 1}</p>
<p>Meter installation, for structures with multiple meters (which must be paid prior to connection of new service). Fee is exclusive of permit, engineering, testing or inspection fees.</p>	<p>\$1,000.00 for first meter, plus \$400.00 for each additional meter thereafter. See Note 1</p>

By adopting Resolution #636, the City will establish a separate charge for temporary power and will provided greater clarity as to the type of meter used by the City. Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve RES 636, 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 had several inquiries about the new cars for the Ruston Police Department and how the City was able to afford them. Mayor Hopkins referenced Chief Celis and the great job Chief did in presenting to Council his justification and need for new vehicles. The Silver Cloud Hotel foundation was being poured. Once completed Point Ruston will then begin on the parking garage. The developer will complete this project in 49 days and the City is looking forward to that completion. Mayor Hopkins will be meeting with the developer to hold a State of the Union to iron out communication. On August 31, 2016 the City will hold a retirement gathering for Steve Taylor who has given the City of Ruston 39 years of service. Mr. Taylor has agreed to help on a part time as needed basis. A memorial for Michael Tallman will be held at the Mary Joyce Community August 20, 2016. Cannon Construction, whom Michael Tallman worked for, will be on site that day to pay tribute and honor Michael Tallman. Michael attended Ruston School so it was fitting to hold a memorial in his honor here. Mayor Hedrick was working with the City's accounting firm to evaluate the utility rates and this will come before Council at the next meeting on September 6, 2016. The City Building Official Mike Barth complimented the Ruston Fire Department for their extremely quick response to the Unicorn Fire. If it had been 5 minutes longer the entire building would have been engulfed. Last month Mayor Hopkins, Councilmember Hedrick and staff met with EPA. The City has a wish/wants list to present to the EPA and the City is looking for EPA's assistance in future Public Works Projects and the handling of contaminated material. A representative from the Commencement joined the City in the meeting with EPA to discuss the issues regarding the developer and the storing of equipment on the property in front of the Commencement. EPA will assist by writing a letter to the developer.

COUNCIL TIME –
Councilmember Hedrick – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Hunt – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Hardin – Wanted to know the date of building completion for Farrelli's Pizza. Mayor Hopkins noted October 1, 2016 but thought it may be extended. Councilmember Hardin wanted an update on the construction of Coles and when will they would be completed. Mayor Hopkins and the Building Inspector have not had the opportunity to speak to the owner. The schedule is to be determined. Building Inspector Mike Barth has visited the site and found Coles is doing an incredible job with their craftsmanship.

Councilmember Kristovich – Wanted to know will the Unicorn Tavern would be reopening. Mayor Hopkins noted that Building Inspector Mike Barth gave his approval to turn the power on after L&I completed their inspection. The Unicorn should open for the weekend of August 20, 2016.

CITY OF RUSTON
Regular Council Minutes
August 16, 2016

Councilmember Syler – Was excused.

MEETING AJOURNED -

At 7:28PM Councilmember Hedrick moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Hunt, passed 4-0.

Mayor Bruce Hopkins

ATTEST:

Judy Grams



**Chief's Report
Ruston Police Department
Tuesday August 16, 2016**

Chief of Police:

During the month of July the Police Department responded to 192 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 weapons brandishing as a result of a road rage incident N 51 St and N Pearl St. Both involved parties were gone before we could arrive and no contact was made.

Freedom Fair came and flooded the city with vehicles and pedestrians. Officers working that day dealt with many parking and traffic violations but little other criminal activity.

Other Personnel Issues:

We are currently doing the background investigation on one person to fill the part time spot and civil service should be certifying a current hiring list in the next couple of weeks and I plan to begin a background investigation at that time for a full time officer.

Civil Service Commission:

Nothing to report.

Equipment:

The new vehicles are fully complete and on the road as we speak. It was a very long and involved process, one that could not have been as smooth as it was if it weren't for the work of our town clerk Judy Grams. I would like to openly thank Judy for the time and effort she put in to put all the moving parts together.

Training:

The police department conducted evidence handling and processing training in the month of July. Our neighbor, Catholic Community Services, will be providing training to the police department in August. The training will be informational in nature and they will tell us what it is they do and how their service can assist the police department.

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.

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Chief of Police
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Ruston Fire Department Monthly Review for July 2016

Tuesday, August 16th, 2016

Presented by Chief Torbet

Total Incidents: 6 (1 Fire/ Service, 5 Medical Aid)

Total Volunteer Hours: Total 1,625 Hours June 217 Hours

Membership Roster (out of 25): 18 (11 FF, 7 Officers)

Recent Membership Changes: none

State of the Business:

- The Ruston Family Fair went well. Many kids stopped by and had fun squirting water
- We have had 3 more applications turned in and oral boards completed
- Two members have recently completed EVIP
- Past member Paul Kuriatnyk passed away. We will be sending an engine to his memorial service this weekend
- 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 July 2016

OBJECTIVE	START DATE	TARGET COMPLETION	COMPLETE %	ACTION OWNERS
Recruitment	5/2016	<i>ongoing</i>	18 of 25	WHERRETT/SHERMAN
CPR Training	5/2016	<i>ongoing</i>	100%	ANDERSON