

**CITY OF RUSTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, October 4, 2016**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

At 7:01PM Mayor Hopkins called the Regular Council Meeting to order. Councilmembers present were: Jim Hedrick, Jane Hunt, Lyle Hardin, Deb Kristovich and Lynn Syler. Following the flag salute, Mayor Hopkins called for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve the Agenda of October 4, 2016 with a second from Councilmember Hunt. Councilmember Hunt moved to amend the agenda to move item one, Ordinance 1490, to the November 15, 2016 Council Meeting so the community could provide feedback, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 5-0. The agenda as amended passed 5-0.

**MINUTES**

Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of September 20, 2016, with a second from Councilmember Hunt, passed 5-0.

**STAFF REPORT** –

Ruston City Engineer – Jerry Morrisette – Nothing at this time.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS** –

Jennifer Jensen – Wanted to address the construction in the triangle portion at Metro Parks of the Phase I – Master Plan Development and the hill that is built directly across the street where the go carts used to be. This appears to be a permanent hill not temporary. Ms. Jensen contacted Shanta Franz, Permit Officer with the City of Tacoma, letting Ms. Franz know she was not in favor of the direction they are headed with the construction. Ms. Franz suggested that the community call and write letters to have their voices heard and suggested City of Ruston send a letter also.

Kevin DuBois - Attended a Metro Parks meeting and appreciated seeing Councilmember Hardin at this meeting. Mr. DuBois received information at this meeting regarding a boutique hotel and changes to City of Ruston's small streets as feeder lanes to a parking lot below. Mr. DuBois is not for the proposed changes.

Ginger Kryger – Attended a Metro Parks meeting and was disappointed with the misinformation with the Master Plan and the information that was provided by the consultants at the Metro Parks meeting. Ruston residents do not pay taxes to Metro Parks and Ms. Kryger wanted to know what voice the community had with Metro Parks, we can make a little noise but can we hold Metro Parks to anything? Ms. Kryger said we needed get more information out to the community and had email addresses for: the Park Commissioner, Water Front Phase I, Master Planner and Shawna Thomas with the Tacoma Land Use Department, where they issue permits. Ms. Thomas recommended that folks send in their concerns along with pictures. Ms. Kryger also asked what the City was doing about the deer in town.

**BUSINESS**

**RES 640** – Fleet Car Wash Agreement. The City of Ruston keeps its police patrol vehicles clean by using the local Brown Bear carwash (owned by Car Wash Enterprises, Inc.). Recently, the City received notice that the procedures for utilizing these services have changed and Car Wash Enterprises has requested the City execute an agreement confirming the new procedures which include the use of a RFID program for all fleet account. The City is then billed \$5 per wash used and will have 30 days to pay each monthly invoice. The standard agreement required payment in a 10-day period, however, at the request of the City, this was changed to 30 days (due to the logistical challenge of council meeting timing). The new system will generate monthly invoices that provide a detailed report with the monthly bill regarding who washed what car, when, and where. The added benefit for the City is that it allows us to use other Brown Bear car washes for fleet vehicle cleaning. The price is the same and is in the City's police budget. Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve Resolution 640 with a second from Councilmember Hunt, passed 5-0.

**CLAIMS/PAYROLL** – Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve Claims and Payroll, with a second from Councilmember Hunt, passed 5-0.

**MAYOR'S TIME** – Thanked all those that came forward in Public Comment regarding Metro Parks and their plans. Ruston City Planner, Rob White has attended and continues to be involved through the process. Through the years Metro Parks has shown the City of Ruston well laid out plans. There has been a leadership change with Metro Parks and the City will continue to voice what we hope to see. Councilmember Hardin will continue to stay involved and has kept the Mayor and community updated. Mayor Hopkins and Ruston Planner Rob White planned write a letter to Metro Parks.

**COUNCIL TIME** –  
Councilmember Hedrick – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Hunt – Was shocked after seeing Metro Parks presentation last year and the changes to Pearl Street and the traffic flow that was proposed. Councilmember Hunt noted that Council was against the proposal at that time and had confidence that Mayor Hopkins and staff will do their part in voicing these concerns.

Councilmember Hardin – Thanked all residents that attended the Metro Parks meeting. Councilmember Hardin was impressed by all that came before the consultants in presenting their concerns. Everyone was respectful in their presentations to the consultants. Several concerns were raised, one being the construction noise at 3AM and continually working outside the noise ordinance.

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Another concern was dirt from dump trucks spilling onto Highland and Winnifred streets and the consultant’s denial that trucks were not traveling down these City of Ruston streets. After the Metro Parks meeting Councilmember Hardin witnessed a dump truck traveling down Winnifred off 54<sup>th</sup> Street. Ruston residents are discouraged that their voices are not being heard. Councilmember Hardin thanked Ginger Kryger, Jennifer Jensen for their research and work and Ray who took a great picture of Winnifred showing the dirt that was left behind from a dump truck that was traveling down Winnifred. Councilmember Hardin had a tag line “Metro Parks will build that wall and Ruston will pay for it”.

Councilmember Kristovich – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Syler – Nothing at this time.

**MEETING AJOURNED** -

At 7:48PM Councilmember Hedrick moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Hunt, passed 5-0.

ATTEST:

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Mayor Bruce Hopkins

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Judy Grams