

**CITY OF RUSTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, October 3, 2017**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:01PM City Clerk Grams called the Regular Council Meeting to order. Councilmembers present were: Jim Hedrick, Jane Hunt, Lyle Hardin, Deb Kristovich. Mayor Hopkins and Councilmember Syler were excused. Councilmember Hunt moved to elect Councilmember Hedrick as Mayor Pro Tem, with a second by Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0. Following the flag salute, Councilmember Hunt moved to approve the agenda, with a second from Councilmember Hardin passed 4-0.

MINUTES

Councilmember Hunt moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of September 19, 2017, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

STAFF REPORT –

Ruston City Engineer – Jerry Morrissette was excused.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Kevin Moser – Brought before Council his concerns regarding City of Tacoma’s disregard for our most valuable asset - the City of Ruston view. City of Tacoma has raised lines and power poles on 54th Street fifteen feet in the air. It is a real eye sore for those who live in the Stack Hill area. Mr. Moser has notified City Planning Director Rob White to see if there was any way to lower the power poles and wanted this on the record. As Special Projects Manager, Mr. Moser is responsible for undergrounding utilities throughout the City of Ruston and City of Tacoma was going against what City of Ruston was trying to accomplish. Mr. Moser wanted Council to be aware as Council are having discussion with City of Tacoma. Mr. Moser also noted the City of Ruston light fixtures have a flat bottom so the light reflects downward. The City of Tacoma installed lighting at the entrance of Peninsula Park/Tacoma Yacht Club using the right fixture but wrong globe. This broadcasts everywhere and up the hill, which is another example reflecting no regard for their neighbor, City of Ruston.

Jennifer Jensen – Noted that she had time on her hands and will be coming to Council meetings. Ms. Jensen has an 18-year-old who will be voting for the first time. Ms. Jensen found the City of Ruston website did not have enough information about our elected officials and those whom are running for office this year and suggested that Mayor and Council provide a bio and goals. Ms. Jensen also recommended a link to the Pierce County Elections website be added to the Ruston website. Councilmember Hardin would reach out to City Attorney Robertson to confirm requirements. Ms. Jensen also requested an update on the Winnifred Hill and where City of Ruston was on conversations with Metro Parks, since a year ago Metro Parks began the elevation of dirt. Councilmember Hunt noted this topic should be included on a future agenda for further discussion. Councilmember Hardin provided a brief update on the Metro Parks elevation.

Harry Hunsberger – Brought before Council the advantages of using BioBags and because they are biodegradable they have a great environmental impact. Mr. Hunsberger proposed the City of Ruston give away sample boxes to residents noting how this could be a cost savings to the City in the long run.

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BUSINESS – No Business at this time.

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

MAYOR’S TIME – Was excused.

COUNCIL TIME –

Councilmember Hedrick – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Hunt – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Hardin – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Kristovich – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Syler – Was excused.

MEETING AJOURNED -

At 7:21PM Councilmember Hunt moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

Mayor Bruce Hopkins

ATTEST:

Judy Grams