

**CITY OF RUSTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, December 5, 2017**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:00PM Mayor Hopkins called the Regular Council Meeting to order. Councilmembers present were: Jane Hunt, Lyle Hardin, Deb Kristovich and Lynn Syler. Councilmember Hedrick was excused. 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 4-0.

MINUTES

Councilmember Hunt moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of November 21, 2017, with a second from Councilmember Hardin passed 4-0.

STAFF REPORT –

Ruston City Engineer – Jerry Morrissette was excused.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Jennifer Jensen – Attended a focus group, along with other Ruston residents, and was invited to discuss opinions on Ruston. Ms. Jensen read an article in the News Tribune related to Point Ruston Development and the fight with the Town of Ruston. Ms. Jensen requested the City better communicate with residents regarding the City’s position in a Town Hall meeting.

BUSINESS –

ORD 1499 – City Budget FY2018 (2nd reading) - In accordance with State law, the Mayor of the City of Ruston completed and placed on file with the City Clerk-Treasurer a proposed budget and estimate of the amount of monies required to meet the public expenses, interest, reserve funds, and expense of government of the city of Ruston for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018. The Council is required to adopt its budget ordinance prior to January 1, 2018.

The City Council Budget consideration schedule for Fiscal Year 2018 is as follows:

Mayor’s Budget Message to Council:	November 21, 2017
Council discussion of revenue sources:	November 7, 2017
Public Hearing on Proposed Budget:	December 5, 2017
Public Hearing on Revenue Sources:	November 7, 2017
Budget Discussion #1:	November 7, 2017
Budget Discussion #2:	November 21, 2017
Budget Discussion #3:	December 5, 2017
Budget Discussion #4:	December 19, 2017
Adoption of Tax Levy:	November 21, 2017
Adoption of Final Annual Budget for 2018:	December 19, 2017

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Prior to budget adoption, the City Clerk will have fully complied with state law by publishing notice of the availability of the budget for public review and publishing notice of the required. public hearings on the City’s proposed tax levy (November 7th) and budget (scheduled for December 5th). The totals of estimated revenues and appropriations for each separate fund and the aggregate totals for all such funds combined are set forth below:

Fund Name	Resources	Uses
Fund 001 – General Fund	\$1,308,891	\$1,308,891
Fund 005 – Surplus Real Estate	\$2,304,432	\$2,304,432
Fund 101 – City Street Fund	\$152,900	\$152,900
Fund 102 – Equipment Reserve	\$1,000	\$1,000
Fund 105 – Street Reserve	\$108,000	\$108,000
Fund 110 – Winnifred Street	\$1,000	\$1,000
Fund 301 – Capital Construction	\$286,400	\$286,400
Fund 401 - Electric Utility	\$635,500	\$635,500
Fund 402 – Electric Utility Reserve	\$227,060	\$227,060
Fund 403 – Sewer Utility	\$1,304,700	\$1,304,700
Fund 404 – Sewer Reserve	\$360,500	\$360,500
Fund 405 – Garbage Utility	\$318,000	\$318,000
Fund 406 – Garbage Utility Reserve	\$66,650	\$66,650
Fund 407 – Storm Sewer Utility	\$237,600	\$237,600
Fund 410 – Sewer Capital Projects	\$255,000	\$255,000
Fund 622 – WR Rust Playfield	\$33,500	\$33,500
Fund 623 – Electric Meter Deposits	\$106,000	\$106,000
Fund 624 – School Building	\$299,000	\$299,000
Total	\$8,006,133	\$8,006,133

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Approval of this Ordinance adopts the 2018 Budget and establishes the appropriations necessary to authorize expenditures for each of the City's funds as detailed in Ordinance #1499.

Honorable Judge Sandy Allen presented an overview of the Ruston Municipal Court 2018 budget

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

MAYOR'S TIME – Mayor Hopkins responded Ms. Jensen's public comment noting Council held an open discussion at the Council meeting of November 7, 2017 and the City will be holding a Town Hall meeting in the near future, sending postcards with the date and time to all Ruston residents.

COUNCIL TIME –
Councilmember Hedrick – Was excused.

Councilmember Hunt – Was concerned about the article in the News Tribune regarding the Frozen Fountain located at Point Ruston and permit requirements. Councilmember Hunt agreed to importance of holding a Town Hall meeting for all residents to attend sometime in January or February 2018.

Councilmember Hardin – Concurred with the importance of holding a Town Hall meeting with Ruston residents. Councilmember Hardin discussed the Tacoma News Tribune article on the Pt Ruston Frozen Fountain Ice Rink and his meeting with Kate Martin, the reporter with the News Tribune.

Councilmember Kristovich – Was proud of where the City is on the Ruston side of the Point Ruston development and excited for what is to come in the future.

Councilmember Syler – Nothing at this time.

MEETING AJOURNED -

At 8:17PM Councilmember Hunt moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 5-0.

Mayor Bruce Hopkins

ATTEST:

Judy Grams