

**CITY OF RUSTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 6, 2018**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:00PM Mayor Hopkins called the Regular Council Meeting to order. Councilmembers present were: Jim Hedrick, Lyle Hardin, Deb Kristovich and Bradley Huson. Councilmember Syler was excused. Following the flag salute, Mayor Hopkins called for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve the Agenda, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

MINUTES

Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of February 20, 2018. Councilmember Huson moved to amend page 4 line 9, replacing the word hoover to hover. As amended, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

STAFF REPORT –

Ruston Engineer – Jerry Morrissette – Was excused.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS – Nothing at this time.

BUSINESS – Nothing at this time.

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

MAYOR'S TIME – City Engineer Jerry Morrissette will be updating the City of Ruston 2018 Six Year TIP early this year and planned to present the 2018 Six Year TIP to Council at the next Council meeting. Once the 2018 Six Year TIP is adopted the City will begin grant applications with Pierce County. Along with an available \$853,000 grant from the Department of Ecology the City planned to address three Ruston projects, Pearl Street Greenway Bulb Outs, Pedestrian Priority Crossing and Traffic Signalization and Calming at 51st and Winnifred, and Pedestrian Sidewalk Replacement on the north side of 51st up the hill from the roundabout at 51st and Ruston Way. Mayor Hopkins believed that these funds could complete the three projects at no cost to the City. Mayor Hopkins provided an update on the Silver Cloud permit letting Council know the permit had not been picked up yet. Mayor Hopkins noted that what the City and developer had negotiated was still unacceptable to the owners of the Silver Cloud hotel and the City was waiting for additional comments. The City had planned to meet with the developer, but the meeting was canceled. EPA sent a letter, dated February 22, 2018, to the developer regarding the superfund site and Asarco Tacoma Smelter Third Amended Consent Decree between the United States and Point Ruston, LLC, outlining how behind the developer was in meeting deadlines imposed by the EPA. Mayor Hopkins was concerned about the developer's movement of contaminated soil and the effects it would have to the residents of Ruston.

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COUNCIL TIME –

Councilmember Hedrick – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Hardin – Wanted to clarify which Point Ruston properties were in the penalty stage. Mayor Hopkins noted there were three parcels in the City of Tacoma, parcel 4, 5 and 6, and one parcel in the City of Ruston which is at the bottom of Yacht Club Road.

Councilmember Kristovich – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Syler – Was excused.

Councilmember Huson – Nothing at this time.

MEETING AJOURNED -

At 7:36PM Councilmember Hedrick moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

Mayor Bruce Hopkins

ATTEST:

Judy Grams