

**CITY OF RUSTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 2, 2018**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:00PM City Clerk Grams called the Regular Council Meeting to order. Councilmembers present were: Jim Hedrick, Lyle Hardin, Deb Kristovich, Lynn Syler and Bradley Huson. Mayor Hopkins was excused. Councilmember Hardin moved to elect Councilmember Hedrick as Mayor Pro Tem, with a second by Councilmember Kristovich, passed 5-0. Councilmember Hardin moved to approve the agenda, with a second from Councilmember Kristovich, passed 5-0.

MINUTES

Councilmember Hardin moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of September 4, 2018, with a second from Councilmember Kristovich, passed 5-0.

STAFF REPORT – Nothing at this time.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS – Nothing at this time.

BUSINESS –

ORD 1511 – New Chapter 5.05 D – Short Term Rental License (3rd reading) - As the City started reviewing its business licensing code in order to comply with the state-mandated update, it became clear that the City's code is in need of a major overhaul as it was quite out of date and lacking many procedures (such as revocation and appeal procedures) that are found in most business licensing codes. The City used the Tacoma Business Licensing Code as a model for many of the new chapters. Tacoma's code, however, has many more additional chapters that were not included in the new ordinances either because Ruston deals with those issues already (i.e. adult entertainment, alarms permits) or because these are things the City has never specifically licensed with special licenses (i.e. food trucks, sign erectors, scrap metal dealers, gambling, septic and side sewer contractors) and thus any of these businesses would be covered under the general business license. Ordinance #1511 which addresses licensing for short term rentals is a new type of license to Ruston. At the time the business license code was being re-drafted, the Planning Commission was taking up zoning regulations for short term rentals in the City. Therefore, the drafting of the new Chapter 5.05D which requires licensing of this use dovetails nicely timing-wise with the upcoming zoning code change to regulate this use. All business licensing ordinances, along with the Master Fee Resolution, were adopted on September 4, 2018 with the exception of the short-term rental license (Ordinance #1511). This Ordinance is now back before Council for a Third Reading and potential adoption.

A. Third Reading Update.

During the Second Reading of this Ordinance on September 4, 2018 the City Council received testimony from a Ruston Planning Commissioner regarding this Ordinance. That testimony was from that person in her individual capacity and not on behalf of the Commission. That testimony informed the Council that the Planning Commission had not had the opportunity to review the short-term rental business licensing ordinance and suggested revisions to the Ordinance as well as requesting a delay to provide the Commission the opportunity to provide input.

In addition, the Council discussed the insurance provision requirement in Section 5.05D.050(d) as being unclear because it had no amount of required insurance. The Council directed staff to provide the Planning Commission an opportunity to provide input and to bring the Ordinance back for Third Reading on October 2, 2018. Following that meeting, the staff corrected an error in Ordinance #1511 and set the minimum insurance amount at \$300,000 in the Ordinance. In addition, the City Attorney's office learned that the Planning Commission had, in fact, already reviewed Ordinance #1511 on August 8, 2018. At that time, the Commission only recommended slight revisions to Ordinance #1511 regarding the reference to the land use process. These changes were made prior to the Council having a First Reading on Ordinance #1511 on August 21, 2018. Nevertheless, the staff took Ordinance #1511 (as updated following Second Reading) back to the Planning Commission with the query as to whether the Commission wanted to revisit Ordinance #1511 and provide additional input to the Council. After a review and discussion, the Commission declined to recommend additional revisions to Ordinance #1511. They did point out a language clarity issue regarding record keeping in Section 5.04D.070 which has been corrected. Councilmember Hardin moved to approve Ordinance 1511, with a second from Councilmember Kristovich, passed 5-0.

Street Renaming – Discussion only - Winnifred Place (location shown on the attached map) has long created confusion as it is adjacent to Winnifred Street. This confusion has caused deliveries, including US Mail, to go astray. The City Council considered renaming of Winnifred Place to resolve this issue and referred this matter to the Planning Commission to consider potential new names and to then send its recommendation back to the City Council. The Council asked the Commission to consider Barbary Lane or Madrigal Lane as possibilities but did not limit the Commission to those two possibilities. The Planning Commission met on August 8, 2018 to consider the renaming. The Commission considered the two suggested names and asked staff to research other possible names, particularly those with a historical connection to the area. After conducting this research, staff returned to the Planning Commission on September 19, 2018 with the following list:

1. Argyle Addition (Plat)
2. Clarks Addition (Plat)
3. Budinich (Plat)
4. Green Street (Former street name for what is now Winnifred Street from 51st to Park Ave)
5. Market Street (Former street name for what is now Winnifred Street from 49th to 51st)

The Argyle Addition added lots to the City of Ruston in the vicinity of Winnifred Place, and therefore provides the most relevant local historic name. On this basis, the Planning Commission found that Argyle Place added the most historic context. Therefore, the Planning Commission recommended that the Council change the name of Winnifred Place to Argyle Place. There is one property owner that needs to be notified prior to Council taking action, if the Council provides direction to move forward. The property owner on the Southeast corner of 50th Street and Winnifred Street contacted the City recently. That 50th Street is not considered an alley in this location has created a hardship on the property owner. Therefore, this issue was brought to the Planning Commission along with the Winnifred Place street renaming. After discussing the matter, the Planning Commission also recommends that the portion of 50th Street which is east of Winnifred Street where it becomes an alley be changed from 50th Street to 50th Place.

PAYROLL – Councilmember Hardin moved to approve Payroll, with a second from Councilmember Kristovich, passed 5-0.

MAYOR’S TIME – Excused.

COUNCIL TIME –

Councilmember Hedrick – Shared the City of Ruston lost a very good friend. Edith Tallman was a long-standing serving resident who passed away on September 9, 2018. If ever Edie would disagree with Councilmember Hedrick she would address him in German. Edie was much loved and will be missed.

Councilmember Hardin – Endorsed Councilmember Hedrick comments about Edie Tallman and will miss her teasing Councilmember Hardin about being the same age.

Councilmember Kristovich – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Syler – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Huson – Attended the city staff meeting and was really impressed by the interaction between staff and departments. Councilmember Huson enjoyed it so much he plans to attend more in the future.

MEETING AJOURNED -

At 7:27PM Councilmember Hardin moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Kristovich, passed 5-0.

Mayor Bruce Hopkins

ATTEST:

Judy Grams