

**CITY OF RUSTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, July 16, 2019**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:00PM Mayor Hopkins called the Regular Council Meeting to order. Councilmembers present were Jim Hedrick, Lyle Hardin, Lynn Syler and Bradley Huson. Councilmember Deb Kristovich was excused. Following the flag salute, Mayor Hopkins called for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Hedrick moved 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 July 2, 2019, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

STAFF REPORT –

Ruston Police – Lt. Ashcraft – see attached.

Ruston Fire – Assistant Chief Allen – see attached.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Doug Hammond - Apologized for missing the July 2, 2019 meeting. Mr. Hammond had two questions to bring before Council. The first question was related to the parking garage at Point Ruston and if the Mayor had met with the Pierce County Assessor on a resolution regarding the property tax issue at Point Ruston? The second question was related to recycling of glass. Would the City consider a central depository of glass and once or twice a month take the glass to a glass recycle center in Tacoma? Commencement residents would be willing to help.

BUSINESS –

Ruston-Point Defiance Business District – Nothing at this time.

RES 702-A – Amendment of City of Ruston 2020-2025 (6Year TIP) – City Planner, Rob White provided and overview. On June 18, 2019 the City Council held a public hearing on the adoption of the City’s 6-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Following the public hearing, Council adopted the TIP by passage of Resolution No. 702. Shortly after the passage of Resolution No. 702, the City staff met with a grant representative of the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) to discuss the condition of Ruston's transportation network and to help prioritize potential projects which would allow the city to both maintain existing streets as well as make progress in its Complete Streets efforts to improve pedestrian safety. As a result of this meeting, it was suggested by TIB that an amended 6-Year TIP should be presented to Council for approval so that its projects may be considered in the upcoming TIB grant application cycle in August. Staff agreed with this suggestion as it would put Ruston in a better position to compete for grant funding this cycle.

Staff brought this subject to the Council on July 2nd. In order to amend the TIP, the Council needed to adopt an amended version of the TIP. Resolution No. 702-A amended Resolution No. 702. Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve Resolution 702-A, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

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

MAYOR'S TIME – Pierce County Assessor's Office will be available to discuss the parking garage any time after July 16th. Mayor Hopkins asked Councilmember Hedrick and Councilmember Hardin to confirm dates they would be available to attend. Mayor Hopkins addressed the topic of glass recycle. It was a great idea but was not certain where the City would deposit the glass. Mayor Hopkins presented a handout to Council which reflected Ruston's current garbage rates and how the City's rates compared to what other municipalities are charging. Mayor Hopkins noted Ruston has been considerably less and would be seeking Council discussion on an increase of the City's garbage rates. Recycle and yard waste rates will be presented as separate line items. Mayor Hopkins provided a snapshot of the current garbage fund. City of Tacoma is attempting to back charge the City of Ruston \$44,000 for yard waste, going back three years. City of Tacoma increased their rates but had not notified the City of Ruston. City Attorney Robertson was working with the Tacoma's attorney on this issue. Ruston is now taking yard waste to a new location at no cost to the City. Mayor Hopkins noted there would not be a Council meeting on August 3, 2019 in observance of National Night out. Mayor Hopkins thanked Councilmember Hardin for his technology support. Mayor Hopkins announced an advertisement to post the City Clerk Treasurer position. It could take time to find a replacement and wanted ample time to find someone prior to the City Clerk's retirement in December 2020.

COUNCIL TIME –

Councilmember Hedrick - Thanked the City Clerk for her public service. Councilmember Hedrick noted Pierce County Assessor was not even close to getting a resolution on Point Ruston's three years outstanding property taxes. Councilmember Hedrick would be happy to meet with Doug Hammond and the Commencement to discuss ways to recycle glass. Councilmember Hedrick thanked the Ruston Police and Fire Departments for all their support at the 4th of July bicycle parade.

Councilmember Hardin – Requested clarification on the proposal of garbage rates and when it would take effect. Mayor Hopkins will bring a proposal and further discussion before Council at the second Council meeting in August. Councilmember Hardin noted his availability to attend a meeting with the Pierce County Assessor's office, any day the week of July 15th.

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Councilmember Kristovich – Excused.

Councilmember Syler – Asked if the City would consider garbage, recycle and yard waste pick up every other week instead of every week.

Councilmember Huson – Nothing at this time.

MEETING AJOURNED -

At 7:40PM Councilmember Hedrick moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

Mayor Bruce Hopkins

ATTEST:

Judy Grams



**Chief's Report
Ruston Police Department
Tuesday, July 16, 2019**

Chief of Police:

During the month of June 2019, the Police Department responded to 193 calls for service. We have 2 priority investigations of a sensitive nature, but neither involve future potential harm for our residents.

- The Police Department received no complaints from residents during the Taste of Tacoma event. Conversely, Tacoma residents to our west have been highly critical of the event, especially toward Metropolitan Parks. One car just west of our city limits was vandalized by gunfire. We attribute the differences to the 4 roving officers we dedicated to pro-active patrol.
- This afternoon, officers from Ruston and Tacoma arrested Jared Windsor for burglary and assault a block south of our city limits. Windsor, a suspect in many of our city's property crimes, has been arrested and/or escorted out of Ruston several times in the past and the Department hopes this incident will keep him incarcerated for a longer period than normal.

Prepared by Nestor Bautista



Ruston Fire Department Monthly Review for June 2019

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Presented by Assistant Chief Bruce Allen

Total Incidents: 7 (2 Fire/ Service, 5 Medical Aid)

Total Volunteer Hours: Total 5693 Hours June 767 Hours

Membership Roster 20 (out of 25): (16 FF, 4 Officers)

Recent Membership Changes: None

State of the Business:

- We have 4 potential members in the pipeline
- Member Kevin Fowler has completed EMT training and is awaiting state approval
- E33 is at Hughes Fire Equipment. They are waiting on a design to change the way the pump operates.
- All fire tools are fully operational
- Recurring CPR training is offered quarterly for the Ruston community. Over 195 people have been CPR certified since the training has been offered. Although we didn't meet our goal of 100% CPR certification for the city, we continue to provide training as needed. As always, community members may enroll at City Hall or by emailing rustonfire@rustonwa.org.
- **Fire Station tours** are provided to the public when resources are available. Please contact rustonfire@rustonwa.org for further information.
- Fire Academy at Browns Point starting July 31, we will have 5 students attending.
- We are continuing to clean out and upgrade the Engine bay.
- We recycled \$426.00 of old "Brass", retired and obsolete fittings that we had stored.

Ruston Fire Department's Master Business Objectives for May 2019

| OBJECTIVE | START DATE | TARGET COMPLETION | COMPLETE % | ACTION OWNERS |
|---------------|------------|-------------------|------------|---------------|
| Recruitment | 5/2019 | <i>ongoing</i> | 20 of 25 | B. ALLEN |
| CPR Training | 5/2019 | <i>ongoing</i> | 100% | S. ANDERSON |
| Fire Training | 5/2019 | <i>ongoing</i> | 100% | C. WILDER |