

**CITY OF RUSTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, August 20, 2019**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:01PM 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 16, 2019, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

STAFF REPORT –

Ruston Police – Chief Bautista – see attached.

Ruston Fire – Assistant Chief Allen – see attached.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS – Nothing at this time.

BUSINESS –

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

RES 704 – South Correctional Entity (SCORE) Inmate Housing Contract - The Interlocal Cooperation Act, authorizes the City is to contract with other governmental agencies to provide services that the City is authorized to perform. The City has contracted with several entities for jail services, including Pierce County, and the Cities of Forks, Fife and Puyallup. On occasion, these jails will reject inmates due to mental problems, medical problems or insufficient inmate space. By having the South Correctional Entity (SCORE) in the City’s available arsenal, the police will have an additional option for placing inmates should they be turned away from other facilities. SCORE operates a jail facility in Des Moines, WA and is willing to continue to contract with the City of Ruston to accept inmates when needed, including inmates with mental or physical health concerns.

1. Rates for Inmate Beds.

The SCORE contract does not require a minimum obligation for inmate beds and may be utilized as needed by the City. This results in a higher daily bed rate than having contracted to “guarantee” a certain number of beds. The guarantee rate is \$128 per bed while the rate with no minimum obligation is \$184 per bed. The 2014 contract had a rate of \$90 for guaranteed beds and \$135 for non-guaranteed beds.

The new contract also has specialty surcharge rates for inmates with special needs, which is on top of the daily bed rate: mental health bed \$159, medical bed, acute \$217, and mental health bed, acute \$278. The prior 2014 surcharge was \$50 per day. In addition, the transport fee as well as hospital security fee is now \$65 per hour. Video arraignment fees which were \$25 are now included in the daily rate.

2. Indemnification and insurance.

The Agreement contains mutual indemnity provisions whereby each party indemnifies each other for its own acts or omissions. The Agreement also has a shared indemnity clause whereby for mutual negligence each party is liable for its proportional share of such negligence. Each party is required to provide evidence of insurance in the amounts of \$1 million per occurrence and \$2 million aggregate for liability exposure.

3. Effective date and termination.

The agreement takes effect on January 1, 2020 and may be renewed and rates and terms by an addendum process whereby notice is given by SCORE and accepted by Ruston. Resolution No. 704 provides the Mayor with authority to amend the agreement by this process. The Agreement may be terminated by either party on ninety (90) days' notice.

4. Police Chief Recommendation.

The City originally entered into a contract for SCORE in 2014 by passage of Resolution No. 572. The City has used SCORE very intermittently, as it is more costly than the other jails that the City contracts with. The City has utilized SCORE only three times since the first contract was approved in 2014: twice in 2014 and once in 2015. The City has not used SCORE since that time. However, if the City has an inmate in need of additional care due to medical or mental illness, having the ability to use SCORE is important. Police Chief Bautista recommends entering into this Agreement and using the non-guaranteed bed rate.

The costs for this Agreement are as follows:

- The non-guaranteed bed rate is \$184 per inmate per day. There is no set minimum. The City pays only for the inmate beds that it utilizes.
- The City will be charged an additional daily housing surcharge for any inmate requiring "specialty housing". These categories and costs are mental health bed \$159, medical bed, acute \$217, and mental health bed, acute \$278.
- The City is also required to reimburse SCORE for any medical or dental care provided to the inmate outside of the SCORE facility.
- If the inmate is admitted to a hospital, the City is responsible for hospital security which may be provided by SCORE for an additional cost if staff is available at the rate of \$65 per hour.
- If the inmate dies in custody, the City is responsible for all "reasonable expenses for the preparation and shipment of the body."

Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve Resolution 704, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

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

MAYOR'S TIME – Mayor Hopkins noted he would not attend the Council Meeting of September 3, 2019 and invited Councilmember Hedrick to lead the staff meeting on September 3rd at 3:30pm. City of Tacoma has attempted to back charge the City of Ruston \$44,255.95 for solid waste disposal. City Attorney Robertson continues to work with City of Tacoma Chris Bacha to negotiate this charge. City of Tacoma increased their rates but never notified the City of Ruston. Ruston is now taking solid waste to a different location. This issue will come before Council for discussion at the September 17, 2019 Council meeting. Mayor Hopkins will forward City Attorney Robertson's communication to Ruston Councilmembers. In the past the City of Ruston received payment for all recycle. The City is now paying about \$1,000 a month to discard recyclables. The cost to discard garbage, recycle and yard waste is spiraling out of control. Mayor Hopkins continues to look for options to save costs.

COUNCIL TIME –

Councilmember Hedrick - Questioned if City of Tacoma produced the contract for the higher rate? Mayor Hopkins noted the City of Tacoma was relying on Public Notice to announce the higher rate.

Councilmember Hardin – Provided an update on the meeting with the Pierce County Assessor noting the Pierce County Assessor's office had some takeaways to address and would get back to the City of Ruston.

Councilmember Kristovich – Excused.

Councilmember Syler – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Huson – Asked Mayor Hopkins to provide a synopsis of his meeting with the Pierce County Assessor regarding the parking garage and outstanding taxes.

MEETING AJOURNED -

At 7:32PM Councilmember Hedrick moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

ATTEST:

Mayor Bruce Hopkins

Judy Grams



**Chief's Report
Ruston Police Department
Tuesday, August 20, 2019**

Chief of Police:

During the month of July 2019, the Police Department responded to 125 calls for service. We still have 2 priority investigations of a sensitive nature, but neither involve future potential harm for our residents. One will be completed in the coming weeks.

In the coming days I will be altering the deployment of our officers with the instruction to focus on speed enforcement in the early mornings and evenings on Stack Hill, on 49th Street, and on Pearl. Our hope is to discourage morning commuters from speeding in our City during periods of the day in which they don't typically encounter our officers.

Finally, the Department anticipates no more permit applications for special events for the remainder of the year.

I am prepared to answer any questions you may have regarding the SCORE contract agenda item.

Prepared by Nestor Bautista



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Ruston Fire Department Monthly Review for July 2019

Tuesday, August 20th, 2019

Presented by Assistant Chief Bruce Allen

Total Incidents: 11 (5 Fire/ Service, 6 Medical Aid)

Total Volunteer Hours: Total 4435 Hours July 862 Hours

Membership Roster 21 (out of 25): (17 FF, 4 Officers)

Recent Membership Changes: Remove Ryan Kress, Add Olysea Baz, Rachel Evanoff, Nathan Nogis, Zach Bainsville

State of the Business:

- We have 5 members at the Browns Point Academy and three signed on for EMT school
- We have promoted FF/EMT Chad Wilder to the position of Lieutenant. He is currently in charge of organizing weekly drills
- We have 2 potential members in the pipeline for hire and many more that are observing
- We are expecting E-33 back in service by the end of September
- We are beginning driver training with all new recruits
- 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.

Ruston Fire Department's Master Business Objectives for July 2019

OBJECTIVE	START DATE	TARGET COMPLETION	COMPLETE %	ACTION OWNERS
Recruitment	7/2019	<i>ongoing</i>	20 of 25	M.ANDERSON
CPR Training	7/2019	<i>ongoing</i>	100%	S.ANDERSON
Fire Training	7/2019	<i>ongoing</i>	100%	C. Wilder