

**CITY OF RUSTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 18, 2020**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:00PM Mayor Hopkins called the regular Council Meeting to order. Councilmembers present were Councilmember Hedrick, Councilmember Hardin, Councilmember Syler and Councilmember Huson. Councilmember Holland 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 the agenda passed 4-0.

MINUTES

Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meetings of January 21, 2020 and February 4, 2020, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

STAFF REPORT –

Ruston Police – Chief Bautista – See attached.

Ruston Fire – Chief Allen – See attached.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Fred Byzinker – Wanted to thank Ruston First Responders for their help with a medical event. The support from both the Ruston Fire and Ruston Police Departments was much appreciated. Chief Nestor Bautista and Lieutenant Bill Ashcraft visited Mr. Byzinker and Mr. Byzinker thanked them for their concern and support. Mr. Byzinker acknowledged Police Chief Nestor Bautista’s great leadership and having a dramatic presence in the City of Ruston.

BUSINESS –

RES 708 – Public Works Contract – Electrical Undergrounding – The City is in the process of undergrounding electrical distribution lines as funding becomes available. Rust Way is next location the City desires to underground the electrical lines. Using the small works roster process as adopted by the City under the small works roster bidding process, the City solicited bids from qualified contractors who are on the MRSC Small Works Roster. Salish Construction was determined to be the lowest responsible bidder with a bid of \$56,163.00, tax not included. The other bid was \$67,580.00, tax not included. The maximum contract price is of \$56,163.00, tax not included. However, there are also options offered for additional work. These options are \$10,270.00 (topping poles to comms height) and \$6,645.00 (remove and dispose of poll butts once comms are removed). If these two optional components are authorized, then the total contract price would increase accordingly. Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve Resolution 708, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

RES 709 – Maintenance Contract – City Landscaping - The City desires to have regular landscape maintenance service in its parks and along some city streets. The City had previously awarded landscape maintenance contracts. The most recent contract had increased in price substantially, so the City sought bids as it expired at the end of 2019. The City used the small works roster public bidding process for obtaining the bids for this project. Five contractors were solicited, including our current provider. The City received three bids with American Landscape Services being the lowest responsibility bidder as defined by RCW 39.04.010 with an annual price of \$21,120.00. This is less than the City had been recently paying. The contract is for a year but may be extended by four one-year increments for up to a 5-year period. The contract requires the payment of prevailing wages, so the price may be adjusted as the prevailing wage scales are adjusted over time. Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve Resolution 709, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL – Nothing at this time.

MAYOR'S TIME – Mayor Hopkins sent the latest communication, from the City of Tacoma, regarding permits for buildings 9 and 11, sewer connection fees and SEPA, to all Councilmembers for their review. Mayor Hopkins planned to meet with City of Tacoma the week of February 24, 2020 to hold discussions. City Planner Rob White has been working on a grant for tourist signage at the entry to the City of Ruston located at the first roundabout on Ruston Way. The trees at this roundabout may need to come down. Mayor Hopkins will be meeting with the EPA the week of February 24, 2020, to discuss wrapping up the Super Fund site.

COUNCIL TIME –

Councilmember Hedrick – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Hardin – When speaking with City of Tacoma regarding sewer connection fees Councilmember Hardin recommended Mayor Hopkins ask City of Tacoma to provide other instances, within Tacoma, where developers requested Tacoma to forego their sewer fees.

Councilmember Holland – Was excused.

Councilmember Syler – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Huson – Nothing at this time.

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MEETING AJOURNED – At 7:31PM Councilmember Hedrick moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

Mayor Bruce Hopkins

ATTEST:

Judy Grams