

**CITY OF RUSTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, June 16, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Ruston met on this date via Virtual Teleconference

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:01PM Mayor Hopkins called the regular Council Meeting to order. Councilmembers present were Councilmember Hedrick, Councilmember Hardin, Councilmember Syler and Councilmember Huson. Following the flag salute, 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 meeting of June 2, 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 –

Kevin Moser – Expressed appreciation and respect for the Ruston Police Department. Recognizing how small our police force was Mr. Moser offered his support if ever the Police Department would need his assistance.

Jan Griffiths – Expressed concerns related to the new garbage service. Having read through the documentation Ms. Griffiths realized this change was better fiscally for the City however as a resident she would see an increase, not only in the garbage rate but would also incur a new recycling fee. Looking at the rates in the new contract with Murrey's, Ms. Griffiths noted her current rate of \$40 would move to almost \$52 for the same service and this did not include a recycling fee. Another concern was the frequency by which Murrey's Disposal could change rates in the future. As a resident Ms. Griffiths would be taking two rate increases by moving to Murrey's Disposal.

Tom Poole – As a member of the Commencement Homeowners Association, Mr. Poole wanted to respond on Resolution 711 – Murrey's Disposal Solid Waste contract. Mr. Poole noted that a change from the Commencement's current service to the new contract with Murrey's Disposal, would increase their costs substantially. It would increase costs from \$33 to \$52, per month, per resident, as well, as the overall operation of the homeowner's association. The Commencement felt there should be an alternative as currently they have with a trash compactor with bin pickup 3-4 times a week.

Previously the City of Ruston was unable to provide this service due to lack of equipment, so the Commencement entered a contract with the City of Tacoma. With a change in the service provider, the contract amount and the first-year rates set, any future increases would cause substantial impact on the Commencement operations. The Commencement is 12.9% of the population in the City of Ruston and around 20% market value. Murrey's contract would have a dramatic impact to the overall market values at the Commencement and the City of Ruston. The Commencement was opposed to Resolution 711 and Murrey's contract.

BUSINESS –

RES 711 - Solid Waste Service Agreement - For many years, the City of Ruston has had its own solid waste utility for hauling garbage, recycling and yard waste for the residents and businesses in Ruston. Over the past several years, operational costs have increased, and the long-term sustainability of the services is at risk. Therefore, the City decided to issue an RFP to contract out these services. The City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) earlier this year for solid waste services and Murrey's Disposal Company, Inc. responded to the RFP and has offered to provide these services in a manner that will provide good services to the customers in Ruston at fair rates. This also brings all Ruston customers into the same system. We have had Tacoma serving some commercial customers due to the lack of Ruston having the proper equipment for providing this service.

Rates. The rates for 2020-2021 under this agreement are as follows:

<u>Residential Rates:</u>	
Garbage Cart Service:	Per Month
20 Gallon Cart	\$ 29.69
35 Gallon Cart	\$ 34.45
65 Gallon Cart	\$ 44.84
95 Gallon Cart	\$ 57.90
50' Maximum Walk-in / Drive-in Fee (per cart)	\$ 18.97
Recycling Cart Service:	
2nd Recycling Cart (65 gallon)	\$ 7.29
Occasional Extra Unit	\$ 5.57
Yard Waste Cart Service:	
65 Gallon Cart (Yard Waste)	\$ 17.34
2nd Yard Waste Cart (65 gallons)	\$ 17.34
Occasional extra per unit	\$ 17.34

Commercial Container Services Rates:

Garbage Container Service:	Per Month
35 Gallon Cart Once per Week	\$ 29.28
65 Gallon Cart Once per Week	\$ 36.51
95 Gallon Cart Once per Week	\$ 53.40
1 Yard Once per Week	\$ 161.48
1 Yard Twice per Week	\$ 322.96
1-1/2 Yard Once per Week	\$ 224.60
1-1/2 Yard Twice per Week	\$ 449.20
2 Yard Once per Week	\$ 271.32
2 Yard Twice per Week	\$ 542.64
2 Yard Three Times per Week	\$ 813.96
4 Yard Once per Week	\$ 473.10
4 Yard Twice per Week	\$ 946.20
4 Yard Three Times per Week	\$ 1,419.30
6 Yard Once per Week	\$ 669.29
6 Yard Twice per Week	\$ 1,338.58
6 Yard Three Times per Week	\$ 2,007.87
6 Yard five times per Week	\$ 3,346.45

Commercial Compactor Service (customer owned containers):

1 Yard compactor Once per Week	\$ 893.16
2 Yard compactor Once per Week	\$ 1,147.02
2 Yard compactor Twice per Week	\$ 2,294.04
2 Yard compactor Three Times per Week	\$ 3,441.06
3 Yard compactor Once per Week	\$1,400.88
3 Yard compactor Twice per Week	\$2,801.76
4 Yard compactor Once per Week	\$ 1,654.74
Connect/reconnect fee	\$ 67.00

The rates proposed are well within the market rates for solid waste hauling in Pierce County. We have had some inquiries about the cost of commercial compactor service. This was a service that the City could not provide, so the City provided Tacoma a license to perform these services in Ruston. Tacoma's rates are well below market. For example, the Commercial Compactor Service in the Agreement for a 2 Yard Twice weekly pick up is \$2,294.04 per month. In the City of Milton, that same service is \$3,502.92 and in Puyallup the service costs \$4,200.76. However, Tacoma currently charges approximately \$1,383.33 for this service. So, while the customers who are being served by Tacoma will see a rate increase, the rates under the Agreement are at or below market rate for this service. When spread across the number of units in a residential building, the rate per unit is also well below the average month rates for solid waste services for single family homes.

This contract will cover the properties that use commercial compactor services as the City will be terminating Tacoma's license to serve these properties effective July 31, 2020. The City will need to complete a major overhaul of its solid waste ordinances prior to the date Murrey's will commence service in Ruston (August 1, 2020). These ordinances will come forward in June. In addition, Murrey's will be purchasing the City's trucks and the carts as part of implementing this contract. Those actions will come forward in July with the effective date being July 31st. The City will collect its standard solid waste utility tax on the contract. In addition, Murrey's will pay the City a 2.5 percent administrative fee to the City and will collect the City's solid waste at no additional cost. In addition, Murrey's will be purchasing Ruston's current inventory of carts for \$8,000 and will purchase Ruston's two existing trucks for \$30,000. These transfers will be effective July 31st. Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve Resolution 711, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

Public Hearing – RES 713 – Six Year Tip - Councilmember Hedrick moved to open Public Hearing, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0. There was no Public Comment. Councilmember Hedrick moved to close the Public Hearing, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

RES 713 – Six Year TIP 2020 - State law mandates all local jurisdictions to annually adopt and submit to the state a six-year program of transportation improvements, known as the Local TIP. To be eligible to seek federal and state funding, the City must comply with state law and adopt an annual TIP. The six-year Local TIP serves as a general work plan for the development of local transportation systems and, as such, represents an important planning component under the State's Growth Management Act. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) use Local TIPs as a tool for coordinating the transportation programs of local jurisdictions with those of regional agencies. PSRC monitors Local TIPs for projects of regional significance (to be modeled for air quality conformity) and projects supported by federal funds. These projects are incorporated into the Regional TIP, which is then forwarded for inclusion in the State TIP. In most instances, projects must be included on a Local TIP to be eligible for state and federal grant programs. Local TIPs need not be revenue constrained; jurisdictions can include projects they would choose to implement within the timeframe if funding were available. The TIP that Council adopted last June was amended during the intervening 12 months at least twice to move projects onto the list as grant funding was made available. The updated TIP reflects those revisions as well as the movement of projects which have been funded. Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve Resolution 713, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

PAYROLL – Nothing at this time.

MAYOR'S TIME – Mayor Hopkins wanted to give the Commencement the City's empathy and wished there was an answer that would have made everyone happy. The City did the very best in finding a solution for the garbage, recycle, yard waste service. Keeping solid waste collection service inhouse was not viable. It kept both Mayor Hopkins and Ray, Public Works, up at nights worried about mechanical issues. Without a relief driver Mayor Hopkins praised Ray in taking care of himself never missing a collection day. Mayor Hopkins recognized Council for their tough decision approving Resolution 711.

COUNCIL TIME –

Councilmember Hedrick – Appreciated the good discussion on the solid waste contract and thanked everyone for giving additional time to research this in the past two weeks. Councilmember Hedrick was sensitive to plight of the Commencement and recognized them as an important part of the community. Even though they are high end condos, Councilmember Hedrick understood that being on a fixed income, no matter who you are or where you live, when budgeting an income, one would not want it eaten up by utility costs. Councilmember Hedrick wanted to recognize the Ruston Police Department for their excellent service and offered support to the City's outstanding police officers.

Councilmember Hardin – Thanked both the Ruston Police and Ruston Fire departments, during these stressful times. Councilmember Hardin appreciated the departments for their excellent service to the City of Ruston community during these difficult times.

Councilmember Holland – Councilmember Holland noted that she joined the Council Meeting at 7:03PM. Councilmember Holland felt incredibly fortunate to live in Ruston and every time Councilmember Holland sees the Ruston police around town it warms her heart and makes her feel safe. Thank you.

Councilmember Syler – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Huson – Nothing that hasn't already been said.

MEETING AJOURNED – At 7:39PM Councilmember Hedrick moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 5-0.

Mayor Bruce Hopkins

ATTEST:

Judy Grams



**Chief's Report
Ruston Police Department
Tuesday, June 16, 2020**

In the previous 30 days, the Police Department logged 114 CAD incidents with the South Sound 911 dispatch system; this is 62 less police incidents during the same period in 2019, a reduction of 64%.

- There has been no static protest activities inside the City, except for minor displays at Point Ruston (private property). We have also observed some on Metro Parks property (Tacoma Police jurisdiction). There are reports of moving demonstrations on Pearl Street and 51st, but the officers have been instructed to allow those to pass unimpeded.
- I am preparing a short public document for our webpage entitled "Principles for Community Trust." It will demonstrate our agency values as it relates to our prime mission of community-oriented policing, and much of it will come from documents provided to me by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.
- The officers and I were extremely humbled by a recent outpouring of community support. We received baskets containing fruits, snacks, and other things meant to demonstrate how much our community supports us. The national and local events of today have been very distressing for all of us, but I can affirm that each officer and I are extremely thankful to work for such a peaceful town containing great citizens.

Prepared by Nestor Bautista



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Ruston Fire Department Monthly Review for May 2020

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Presented by Chief Bruce Allen

Total Incidents: 7 (1 Fire/ Service, 6 Medical Aid)

Total Volunteer Hours: Total 4734 Hours May 688 Hours

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

State of the Business:

- We are happy to be able to report that we have had No Covid 19 related calls in our City
- All fire tools are fully operational
- G. Ceballos is just finishing up at the Regional Fire Academy
- JJ Melson just finished the EMT program and is getting ready to take his National Test

Ruston Fire Department's Master Business Objectives for April 2020

OBJECTIVE	START DATE	TARGET COMPLETION	COMPLETE	ACTION OWNERS
Recruitment	1/2020	<i>ongoing</i>	20 of 25	B. Allen
CPR Training	1/2020	<i>ongoing</i>	100%	S. Anderson
Fire Training	1/2020	<i>ongoing</i>	100%	M. Anderson