

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

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:00PM Mayor Hopkins called the regular Council Meeting to order. Councilmembers present were Councilmember Hedrick, Councilmember Hardin, Councilmember Holland, Councilmember Syler. Councilmember Huson was excused. 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 July 21, 2020, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

STAFF REPORT –

Chief Bautista – See attached.

Chief Allen – See attached.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Jan Griffiths – Wanted to know why the flashing red light at 51st and Winnifred was not replaced after the project was completed. Ms. Griffiths expressed her appreciation of all Ruston Staff for always being accessible during this time of COVID.

BUSINESS –

Public Hearing ORD 1535 – Amending Permit Procedures for Approval of Amendment to Master Development Plan. City Planner Rob White provided an overview. Ordinance 1535 amends the procedures for approving Master Development Plans and major amendments to previously approved Master Development Plans. Section 19.01.011 of the Ruston Municipal Code contains the table that contains the procedures for various permits and approvals in Ruston. The City Planning Director recently reviewed this table and is recommending revisions to the procedure for approving Master Development Plans and major amendments of Master Development Plans. This is because this procedure as currently written is inconsistent with the rezone procedures. Rezones are processed with a report by the Planning Director, followed by a recommendation by the City's Hearing Examiner, with the final decision being made by the City Council. Because a Master Development Plan (MDP) is essentially a rezone, having consistent procedures for rezones and MDPs makes sense. The Planning Director recommended that the rezone process also be used for reviewing Master Development Plans and major amendments thereto. In addition to these changes, the proposed Ordinance corrects some confusing language in the table and updates the code cross-references. No other changes to RMC 19.01.011 were proposed.

Councilmember Hedrick moved to open Public Hearing on Ordinance 1535, with a second from Councilmember Hardin. There was no public comment. Councilmember Hedrick moved to close Public Hearing, with a second from Councilmember Hardin.

ORD 1535 (2nd reading) - Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve Ordinance 1535, 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 responded to Ms. Griffiths public comment regarding the flashing red light at 51st and Winnifred. Mayor Hopkins noted the City was looking to place an aluminated stop sign with border lights at that location. Mayor Hopkins provided an overview on the 52nd Street Project and how quickly the work was getting done. Mayor Hopkins thanked City Planner Rob White for all his efforts in acquiring grant funding for this and other projects. Mayor Hopkins addressed the noise issue in Ruston and was working with the Ruston Police Department and City Attorney Robertson to support enforcement of this issue. Mayor Hopkins will invite City Planner Rob White to the next council meeting to give a status update on SEPA.

COUNCIL TIME –

Councilmember Hedrick – Expressed concern over the loud screeching of cars coming through the City every single night and noted this was a summer like none other. Councilmember Hedrick thanked Ruston Police Chief Bautista for his work on this issue.

Councilmember Hardin – Provided an update on former Ruston Fire Chief Don Torbet. Chief Torbet has undergone treatment for cancer and was in ICU. Chief Torbet was going to move to a new treatment regiment in the next days. Councilmember Hardin thanked everyone for all the love and for getting a banner secured to the Ruston Christmas Tree in support of Don. Councilmember Hardin echoed Councilmember Hedrick’s concern over all the loud cars coming through the City of Ruston.

Councilmember Holland – Echoed Councilmember Hedrick’s concern over all the loud cars coming through the City of Ruston. Councilmember Holland was sending prayers to Don and Beth Torbet.

Councilmember Syler – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Huson – Was excused.

CITY OF RUSTON
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MEETING AJOURNED – At 7:24PM 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, August 18, 2020**

Chief of Police:

During a 30 period ending on August 15th, the Police Department logged 130 calls for service. This is a handful more than were logged in the same period of 2019. We have one priority investigation, a shooting which severely injured a dog.

- Officer Grubb was on a 10-day COVID quarantine after reporting an exposure with a traffic violator who showed proof he was COVID-positive. Officer Grubb tested positive and returned after the proscribed 10-day period.
- There seems to be a marked rise of various crimes occurring on Metro Parks Tacoma (MPT) and/or Point Ruston properties. MPT is attempting to allocate funds with Anthony's Restaurant, WSDOT, and the City of Tacoma for additional gates and physical barriers for their parking lots at the north end of Pearl Street.
- Officer Sergei Andres received Tacoma Police Department's Award of Merit for his assistance to their officers at an apartment fire on North 26th Street. He and other officers alerted and carried some residents to safety last March.

Prepared by Nestor Bautista



Ruston Fire Department | 5117 North Winnifred | Ruston, WA 98407

Ruston Fire Department Monthly Review for July 2020

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Presented by Chief Bruce Allen

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

Total Volunteer Hours: Total 6039 Hours July 725 Hours

Membership Roster 21 (out of 25): (17 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
- We have three recruits in the regional Fire Academy that started this month
- We had one recruit graduate from the EMT course waiting on taking his National Test

Ruston Fire Department's Master Business Objectives for July 2020

OBJECTIVE	START DATE	TARGET COMPLETION	COMPLETE	ACTION OWNERS
Recruitment	1/2020	<i>ongoing</i>	21 of 25	B. Allen
CPR Training	1/2020	<i>ongoing</i>	100%	S. Anderson
Fire Training	1/2020	<i>ongoing</i>	100%	M. Anderson