

**CITY OF RUSTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 6, 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 and Councilmember Huson. Following the flag salute, Councilmember Hardin moved to approve the agenda, with a second from Councilmember Holland passed 4-0.

MINUTES

Councilmember Hardin moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of September 15, 2020, with a second from Councilmember Holland, passed 4-0.

STAFF REPORT – Nothing at this time.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Jennifer Griffiths – Ms. Griffiths questioned what was happening at Don's Ruston Market and the building on the other side of the Chevron Gas Station.

BUSINESS – Nothing at this time.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL – Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve Claims and Payroll, with a second from Councilmember Holland, passed 5-0.

MAYOR'S TIME – Mayor Hopkins presented a Commendation in recognition of the life and service of Ruston Fire Chief Don Torbet. Chief Torbet's exemplary service and dedication to the people of the City of Ruston was immeasurable and Mayor Hopkins expressed his sincere appreciation for his years of service to the community. Mayor Hopkins responded to Ms. Griffiths questions related to the Ruston Market noting the current owner was still working on this location and no date or what will move into this space was available at this time. The building south of the Chevron Gas Station has an active permit. Mayor Hopkins gave an update on the noise at the ferry terminal and Anthony's Restaurant noting Police Chief continued to work with the City of Tacoma and Metro Parks. The 52nd Street Paving Project was scheduled to be completed on October 8, 2020.

COUNCIL TIME –

Councilmember Hedrick – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Hardin – Wanted to add to the Commendation. During former Mayor Transue’s time in office there were multiple studies completed to review the possibility of outsourcing the Ruston Fire Department. Chief Torbet was instrumental in justifying the need to keep a City Fire Department and making many improvements within his Department. Chief Torbet and the Fire Department’s response to a call is under three minutes, closer to two minutes, and Chief Torbet was always the first one on scene.

Councilmember Holland – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Syler – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Huson – Nothing at this time.

MEETING AJOURNED – At 7:22PM Councilmember Hedrick moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 5-0.

Mayor Bruce Hopkins

ATTEST:

Judy Grams