

**CITY OF RUSTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 20, 2020**

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:06PM Mayor Hopkins called the regular Council Meeting to order. Councilmembers present were Councilmember Hedrick, Councilmember Hardin and Councilmember Huson. Councilmember Holland and Councilmember Syler were excused. Following the flag salute, Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve the agenda, with a second from Councilmember Hardin passed 3-0.

MINUTES

Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of October 6, 2020, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 3-0.

STAFF REPORT –

Ruston Police – Chief Bautista – See attached.

Ruston Fire – Chief Allen – See attached.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS – Nothing at this time.

BUSINESS – Nothing at this time.

PAYROLL – Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve Payroll, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 3-0.

MAYOR'S TIME – City Hall remains closed due to COVID-19. To ensure we are ready for reopening the City is taking steps to modify current workspaces to meet the social distancing requirements to protect residents and staff. Mayor Hopkins had the opportunity to meet with Silver Cloud Hotel management and discussed their planned opening. Silver Cloud expects a soft opening in Spring 2021 and to be fully online in June or July 2021. The Silver Cloud still has a lot of work to do to meet that timeframe. Mayor Hopkins planned to bring the 2021 budget before Council at the next council meeting.

COUNCIL TIME –

Councilmember Hedrick – Thanked Mayor Hopkins for the Silver Cloud Hotel update. Councilmember Hedrick wanted everyone to know there had been multiple coyote sightings with many roaming Ruston Park. The rabbit population has been reduced and Councilmember Hedrick questioned if the City should contact the Animal Control agency for help. Ruston Police Chief Bautista stated he would make some calls for a resolution.

Councilmember Hardin – Wanted to thank Karen Pickett for all her work preparing the commendation for Chief Don Torbet. A Ruston resident approached Councilmember Hardin recommending that the City name the Ruston Fire House in honor of Chief Don Torbet and place a plaque onto the outside of the house.

Councilmember Holland – Was excused.

Councilmember Syler – Was excused.

Councilmember Huson – Apologized to Council for his delay in getting into the virtual Council Meeting. Councilmember Huson noted that with the numbers of coyotes in the area the rabbit population had decreased and a week before, a small dog was attacked. Councilmember Huson learned there was a den of coyotes underneath the Winnifred Street Bridge and suggested everyone keep their pets indoors.

MEETING AJOURNED – At 7:22PM Councilmember Hedrick moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 3-0.

Mayor Bruce Hopkins

ATTEST:

Judy Grams



**Chief's Report
Ruston Police Department
Tuesday, October 20, 2020**

Chief of Police:

During the 30 days prior to October 15, 2020, the Police Department logged 99 calls for service. This is 32 less than were logged in the same period of 2019 and we attribute it to less traffic nuisance calls in the area.

- Metro Parks, with financial donations from Anthony's Restaurant, WSDOT and Pierce Transit, has secured funding to install gates at the two multi-purpose parking lots at the north end of Pearl Street.
- The Department has sent two perspective part-time officers to our background investigator. One is a former city police officer from California who is now an active-duty Army Apache helicopter pilot, and the other is a retired deputy-sheriff who move to our area from Michigan.

Prepared by Nestor Bautista



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Ruston Fire Department Monthly Review for September 2020

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Presented by Chief Bruce Allen

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

Total Volunteer Hours: Total 7528 Hours July 713 Hours

Membership Roster 23 (out of 25): (19 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
- Over the weekend our recruits passed the live burn section of the Fire Academy
- We said goodbye Kate Jones, she moved to Idaho and is in a paramedic program
- We brought on 4 new recruits Robinson, Peden, Dudley and Edwards

Ruston Fire Department's Master Business Objectives for September 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