

**CITY OF RUSTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, January 19, 2021**

**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 Hedrick moved to approve the agenda, with a second from Councilmember Hardin passed 5-0.

**MINUTES**

Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of January 5, 2021, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 5-0.

**STAFF REPORT** –

Ruston Police – Chief Bautista – See attached.

Ruston Fire – Chief Allen – See attached.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Nothing at this time.

**BUSINESS** –

**ORD 1541 – Budget Amendment – TIB Grant (2<sup>nd</sup> reading) -** The City of Ruston applied for grant money from the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) for grant money to fund the 53<sup>rd</sup> Street Project – Pearl Street to Bennett Street. TIB has approved the City’s Grant Application and awarded \$644,504.00 which will provide 94.999 percent of the award toward this Project. In order to formalize the Grant, TIB requires the City to approve the grant agreement. This action is proposed under Resolution No. 723. Under the Grant Application, the City agreed to provide matching funds in the amount of five percent of the total grant award (\$33,922), which also must be appropriated in the 2021 budget. Neither the Grant Funds nor the match were included in the City’s adopted 2021 Budget. Therefore, the 2021 Budget needs to be amended if the City Council accepts this Grant.

The changes to the Budget needed to accept this TIB Grant is detailed below:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>BARS Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
101	334.03.80.12	TIB Grant Funds – 53 <sup>rd</sup> St. Project	644,504.00
		<i>Net Revenue Increase</i>	644,504.00
101	595.44.63.00	53 <sup>rd</sup> St. Project, Phase 1 & 2, TIB Grant	644,504.00
101	595.44.63.01	53 <sup>rd</sup> St. Project, Phase 1 & 2, Match	33,922.00
		<i>Net Expenditure Increase</i>	678,426.00
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Fund 101 is the City's Street Fund. In addition to appropriating the funds, the Ordinance authorizes the Mayor to expend the funds. The approval of the Grant Agreement is addressed in Resolution No. 723 which is on for Council adoption on January 5, 2021. By accepting this grant, the City obtains \$644,504 to do both Phase I and Phase II of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Street Project (Pearl Street to Bennett Street) and is obligated to expend 5 percent in matching funds (\$33,921). Council Hedrick move to approve Ordinance 1541, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 5-0.

**PAYROLL** – Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve Payroll, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 5-0.

**MAYOR'S TIME** – Silver Cloud Hotel invited Ruston City staff on a tour of the hotel. Silver Cloud Project Manager, Hotel Manager and Marketing Manager will present a soft introduction on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2PM. Mayor Hopkins asked Councilmembers to send an email if they were interested in attending. There are a limited number of hard hats available and at this time the tour group size is seven. Mayor Hopkins will reach out to locate enough hard hats in city inventory for all those who wish to attend. Their soft opening was targeted for April 2021 which was dependent on issuance of their Certificate of Occupancy by the end of December 2020. The Certificate of Occupancy is planned to be issued the latter part of January or first the of February 2021.

**Councilmember Hedrick** – Nothing at this time.

**Councilmember Hardin** – Communicated with Ruston Fire Chief Bruce Allen who shared the Fire Department had challenges with their new computer. Chief Allen did not have anything significant to report.

**Councilmember Holland** – Nothing at this time.

**Councilmember Syler** – Nothing at this time.

**Councilmember Huson** – Nothing at this time.

**MEETING AJOURNED** – At 7:12PM Councilmember Hedrick moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 5-0.

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Mayor Bruce Hopkins

ATTEST:

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Judy Grams