

**CITY OF RUSTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, March 16, 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, and Councilmember Huson. Councilmember Syler was excused. Following the flag salute, Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve the agenda, with a second from Councilmember Hardin passed 4-0.

**MINUTES**

Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of March 2, 2021, 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** –

**Dan Albertson** – Mr. Albertson addressed Council to express his concerns related to budgetary issues, municipal issues, and general management.

**BUSINESS** – Nothing at this time.

**PAYROLL** – Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve Payroll, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

**MAYOR’S TIME** – Mayor Hopkins requested Mr. Albertson, speaker during Public Comment, to submit his comments to the City Clerk for response.

**Councilmember Hedrick** – Requested consideration to revise the RMC criminal code to address the recent Washington State Supreme Court decision in State v. Blake. Councilmember Hedrick met with Ruston Police Chief Bautista to discuss. Councilmember Hedrick shared that the City of Ruston would soon receive federal funding in the amount of \$184,020 related to the American Rescue Plan Act – COVID 19.

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**Councilmember Hardin** – Thanked Councilmember Hedrick for updating Council on the federal funding awarded to the City of Ruston. Councilmember Hardin questioned if funds could be used to support rent reparation and property owner relief.

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

**Councilmember Syler** – Was excused.

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

**MEETING AJOURNED** – At 7:15PM Councilmember Hedrick moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Hardin, passed 4-0.

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Mayor Bruce Hopkins

ATTEST:

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Judy Grams



**Chief's Report  
Ruston Police Department  
Tuesday, March 16, 2021**

**Chief of Police:**

During the 30 days prior to March 15, 2021, the Police Department logged 101 calls for service. This is still less than were logged in the same period of 2020 and consistent with the downward trend since COVID.

- Two candidates have passed background investigations, but because they graduated from police academies from other states, they must attend a 2 week online equivalency academy to receive their Washington Peace Officer certification. One candidate is an active duty Army Apache helicopter pilot, the other is a retired 29-year veteran of a large sheriff's office in Michigan.

Prepared by Nestor Bautista

## Ruston Fire Department Monthly Review for February 2021

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Presented by Chief Bruce Allen

**Total Incidents: 18** (7 Fire/ Service, 11 Medical Aid)

**Total Volunteer Hours: Total 2348 Hours, February, 1124 Hours**

**Membership Roster 22 (out of 25):** (18 FF, 4 Officers)

### State of the Business:

- All fire tools are fully operational.
- The regional Fire Academy has started.
- We have 4 recruits in the Academy.
- We have 1 recruit graduating from the EMT program.

### Ruston Fire Department's Master Business Objectives for March 2021

OBJECTIVE	START DATE	TARGET COMPLETION	COMPLETE	ACTION OWNERS
Recruitment	1/2021	<i>ongoing</i>	22 of 25	B. Allen
CPR Training	1/2021	<i>ongoing</i>	100%	S. Anderson
Fire Training	1/2021	<i>ongoing</i>	100%	M. Anderson