

**TOWN OF RUSTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 18, 2008
7:00 PM
AGENDA**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

AGENDA APPROVAL

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(s)

- Meeting minutes for July 21, and August 4, 2008 will be presented at a later date.

STAFF REPORTS

BUSINESS

The business agenda will be set by the council at the start of the meeting

CLAIMS/PAYROLL (Will be presented on September 2, 2008)

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

MAYOR'S TIME

COUNCIL TIME

MEETING ADJOURNED

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At 7:00 pm, Councilmember Stebner called the meeting to order. Councilmembers present were: Stebner, Huson, Hedrick, Albertson and Hunt. Following the flag salute, Councilmember Huson made a motion to appoint Councilmember Hedrick as Mayor Pro-tem. With a second from Councilmember Hunt, motion passed unanimously. Mayor pro-tem Hedrick asked for an approval of the agenda. Councilmember Huson asked to add an Ordinance (no number has been assigned as of this meeting), for the first reading toward approval of the Point Ruston Master Development Plan. With a second from Councilmember Hunt, motion passed with a vote of 3-2 (Albertson and Stebner). Councilmember Huson also asked for an executive session following Council time for thirty minutes relating to personnel, potential litigation and an ongoing investigation. Councilmember Stebner asked for some time under business to discuss the fact that currently the Town of Ruston is without a Mayor. With a second from councilmember Albertson, motion passed.

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STAFF REPORTS

Chief Don Torbet and Chief Sharon Reese provided their reports for the month of July 2008.

BUSINESS

- First reading toward approval of the Point Ruston Master Development Plan. (first reading) Town Planner Rob White gave an overall description of what the Planning Commission did and discussed to arrive at these recommendations. This item will be brought back on September 2, 2008 for a second reading.
- Mayor discussion - Mayor pro tem advised the public that Mayor Everding submitted his resignation effective August 17, 2008. Mayor pro-tem Hedrick made a motion to appoint senior Councilmember Stebner as Mayor pro-tem. No second was offered. Councilmember Huson volunteered to be Mayor pro-tem for a period of two weeks. Motion to appoint Councilmember Huson as Mayor pro-tem was made by Mayor pro0tem Huson through September 5, 2008. With a second from Councilmember Hunt, motion passed with a vote of 4-1 (Albertson).

CLAIMS/PAYROLL

Claims and payroll will be presented on September 2, 2008

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments from the public were offered by: Bev Wombacher, Karen Pickett, Mike Cohen, Jim Wingard, John Schroeder, Bill Walker, Connie Maglione, Edie Tallman, Lyle Hardin,

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MAYOR'S TIME

Mayor pro-tem Hedrick had nothing at this time.

COUNCIL TIME

Councilmember Stebner had nothing at this time.

Councilmember Huson had nothing at this time.

Councilmember Albertson spoke on Point Ruston; former Mayor Everding.

Councilmember Hunt wanted to thank former Mayor Everding for his time served.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:20 the council recessed into executive session for a period of 30 minutes.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and passed.

Mayor pro-tem Hedrick

ATTEST:

Town Clerk-Treasurer