

**TOWN OF RUSTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AT RUSTON TOWN HALL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009
7:00 PM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

AGENDA APPROVAL

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Don Evans – UULC – Locating Information

MINUTES

- Regular Council Meeting – January 20, 2009

BUSINESS

- Mo Fesharaki – Ruston Street Lighting
- Jerry Morrisette – JWM & A
- Municipal Energy Consultants, LLC
- Ordinance No. 1279 – Fire Inspections (first reading)
- Pt. Ruston Lease
- Discussion of Budget (Albertson)

CLAIMS/PAYROLL

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

MAYOR'S TIME

COUNCIL TIME/LIAISON REPORTS

MEETING ADJOURNED

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:00 pm, Mayor Hopkins called the meeting to order. Councilmembers present were: Stebner, Huson, Hedrick, Albertson and Hunt. Following the flag salute, Councilmember Huson made a motion to approve the agenda. With a second from Councilmember Hedrick, motion passed 5-0

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Don Evans – UULC – Provided information on the process of Call Before You Dig and how the process is structured.

MINUTES

- Regular Council Meeting – January 20, 2009 – Motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Councilmember Hedrick. With a second from Councilmember Hunt, motion passed 5-0.

BUSINESS

- Mo Fesharaki – Ruston Street Lighting – Mr. Fesharaki was in attendance to discuss engineering costs for street lighting in the Town.
- Jerry Morrisette – JWM & A – Mr. Morrisette was in attendance to discuss the costs of engineering and costs for the sewer infrastructure
- Municipal Energy Consultants, LLC – is a company that comes in to review fuel records to get credits for municipalities. It was decided to authorize the Mayor to enter into services with Municipal Energy Consultants
- Ordinance No. 1279 – Fire Inspections – this was the first reading for this ordinance.
- Pt. Ruston Lease – Motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement was made by Councilmember Hunt. With a second from Councilmember Hedrick, motion passed 5-0.
- Discussion of Budget (Albertson) – Councilmember Albertson brought up discussion of the 2009 budget. He said he regretted voting in favor of the 2009 budget as it really wasn't a balanced budget. He wanted the Town to explore possibilities of annexing into Tacoma before we were completely out of money.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL

Councilmember Hedrick made a motion to approve claims warrants #'s 37926-37929 and 37931-37959 in the amount of \$19,908.85 and payroll warrants #'s 27424 through 27450 in the amount of \$26,423.04 for the period ending January 15, 2009. It was also stated that we would still not remit payment to Utility Detection Services. With a second from Councilmember Huson, motion passed 5-0.

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GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Wingard

- Town lawsuits
- Felt the Fire Chief should be paid accordingly

Sherry Forch

- Asked about the Rural Metro Ambulance in Town of Ruston

Karen Pickett

- Said she didn't appreciate the talk of annexation by the Council

Terry Knapp

- Was concerned that during the presentation of the repairs to the sewers, that nobody asked how much it was going to cost

Ken Brown

- Felt that is was a beginning step in the right direction for the street lights and sewer
- Thanks should go to Don Torbet for getting the Rural Metro ambulance in Town

MAYOR'S TIME

Mayor Hopkins had nothing at this time.

COUNCIL TIME/LIAISON REPORTS

Councilmember Stebner

- Ambulance on Pearl Street
- Sewers
- Street lighting
- Studying the issue of annexation into Tacoma
- Public Comments on major issues should be brought up during General Public Comment time not Council Time

Councilmember Huson

- Engineering services for sewer and street lighting

Liaison Report

- Wants to have a study session on March 2nd to update and discuss Pt. Ruston
- Pt. Ruston shoreline permit; schedule for grading; Ruston Way re-alignment; and what was going on with the Tacoma side; LID; and property values and phasing of the project.

Councilmember Hedrick

- Thanked Council for considering Ordinance No. 1279
- Wants to meet with the Mayor regarding FBR (Fire Bureau Rating)
- Side arms for the police department

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COUNCIL TIME/LIAISON REPORTS cont'd.

Councilmember Albertson

- Disagreed with a comparison of Ruston with the State of Washington Taxing Authority and the Federal Government
- Feels that the residents of Ruston expect the Council to spend the Town's funds looking out for and keeping the best interest of resident's in mind.
- Agrees with Councilmember Stebner in putting annexation to vote of the people

Councilmember Hunt

- Provided a handout showing a schedule for the development of Pt. Ruston

MEETING ADJOURNED

At 9:45 pm, motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Stebner. With a second from Councilmember Hunt, motion passed 5-0.

Bruce Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen Carlisle, Town Clerk-Treasurer