

**TOWN OF RUSTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2008**

7:00 pm

AGENDA

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

AGENDA APPROVAL

PUBLIC HEARING – Adoption of the Ruston Municipal Code

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(s)

- Minutes for July 21, 24, 28, August 4, 18, & 25, Sept 2 will be presented at a later date

STAFF REPORTS

BUSINESS

1. Street Light Upgrade – Tim Burtron
2. W.R. Rust Park – Dog litter solutions
3. Ordinance No 1265 - An Ordinance for the Codification of Ordinances (second reading) – please bring materials previously provided
4. Tree Committee Report
5. RFP Sewer System – Study & Scope of Work (Stebner)
6. Ordinance No. 1266 – Rental of Town owned facilities
7. Town Administrator – potential budget

CLAIMS/PAYROLL

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

MAYOR'S TIME

COUNCIL TIME

MEETING ADJOURNED

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At 7:00 pm. Mayor pro-tem Huson called the meeting to order. Councilmembers present were Hunt, Albertson, Hedrick and Stebner. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilmember Stebner. With a second from Councilmember Hedrick, the following changes were made to the agenda: remove item #4 - Tree Committee and add an executive session to discuss real estate matters and potential litigation for a period not to exceed 30 minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING – Adoption of the Ruston Municipal Code - the public hearing opened at 7:04 pm and closed at 7:07 pm.

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STAFF REPORTS

Fire Chief Don Torbet and Police Chief Sharon Reese submitted their reports for the month of August 2008.

BUSINESS

1. Street Light Upgrade – Tim Burtron gave an overall update on the conditions of street lighting around the town. It was decided that a scope of work and a timetable be put together to address the street lighting issues. It was also decided that RFP's should be put together for paving alleys and underground electric utilities.
2. W.R. Rust Park – Dog litter solutions was talked about.
3. Ordinance No 1265 - An Ordinance for the Codification of Ordinances (second reading) – please bring materials previously provided. Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Stebner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1265. With a second from Councilmember Hunt, motion passed 5-0.
4. Tree Committee Report will be presented on October 6, 2008.
5. RFP Sewer System – Study & Scope of Work (Stebner). Town Planner Rob White was asked to put some numbers together for cost of upgrading and or replacing the sewer systems around the town.
6. Ordinance No. 1266 – Rental of Town owned facilities (first reading). The second reading of this ordinance will be on the agenda for October 6, 2008.
7. Town Administrator – potential budget and requirements for a town administrator was discussed.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL

Motion to approve claims warrants #'s 37354 through 37592 in the amount of \$73,537.51 and payroll warrants #'s 27086 through 27104 for the period ending 08/15/08 in the amount of \$26,391.55 and warrant #'s 27105 through 27146 for the period ending 08/31/08 in the amount of \$23,041.96 was made by Councilmember Hedrick. With a second from Councilmember Hunt, motion passed 5-0.

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GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were made by: Jim Wingard, Connie Maglione, Terry Knapp, Karen Pickett, Sherri Forch, Jon Anderson and Nan Leiter

MAYOR'S TIME

Mayor pro-tem Huson spoke about a meeting with Paul Wageman from the Commencement Group concerning utilities, reconnection of Bennett Street, infrastructure and the L.I.D.; and police and fire issues with the Pt. Ruston development.

COUNCIL TIME

Councilmember Stebner spoke of the fence at the Ruston Park and letter from the auditor's office regarding the entrance conference for the audit,

Councilmember Hedrick spoke of the letter from the auditor's office, music fest, secretary/examiner for the civil service commission, his disappointment to see the resignation letter from Chief Reese and putting together a letter of recommendation for Chief Reese.

Councilmember Albertson agreed with Councilmember Hedrick on the resignation letter from Chief Reese, voiced that no time did he want to see the manager/council issue on the ballot, Jim Wingard's lawsuit, call for Mayor, personal animosity between the Mayor and Council, dysfunctional government in Ruston and the Pt. Ruston.development.

Councilmember Hunt talked about an infrastructure committee and the information published by AWC on tax and user fees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:50 pm, council recessed into executive session for a period not to exceed 30 minutes. At 9:23 pm, council was back on record.

MEETING ADJOURNED

At 9:30 pm, Councilmember Stebner made a motion to adjourn. With a second from Councilmember Hedrick, the meeting adjourned.

Mayor pro-tem Huson

ATTEST:

Town Clerk-Treasurer