

**TOWN OF RUSTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008
7:00 PM**

**AGENDA
AMENDED**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

AGENDA APPROVAL

MINUTES

- Regular Council Meeting – November 3, 2008

STAFF REPORTS

BUSINESS

1. Rural Metro Ambulance Service (Stebner)
2. Jeff Wherrett – Website Update
3. Master Licensing Presentation
4. Ordinance No. 1272 – An Ordinance for a supplemental budget for Engineering Services (second reading)
5. Resolution No. 435 – Engineering Services
6. Resolution No. 436 - Pierce County Fire District – Interlocal Agreement for Hazmat Team Services
7. Resolution No. 437 - Infectious Waste Agreement – Discussion
8. Discussion of Mayor appointment

CLAIMS/PAYROLL

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

MAYOR'S TIME

- December Schedule for budget meetings

COUNCIL TIME

MEETING ADJOURNED

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:00 pm, Mayor pro-tem Huson called the meeting to order. Councilmembers present were: Hunt, Albertson, Hedrick and Stebner. Following the flag salute and approval of the agenda, Mayor pro-tem Huson continued with the meeting.

MINUTES

- Regular Council Meeting – November 3, 2008 – Motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilmember Stebner. With a second from Councilmember Hedrick, motion passed 5-0.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Don Torbet was on hand to provide his fire department report for the month of October, 2008.

Police Chief Reese submitted her police department report for October 2008.

BUSINESS

1. Rural Metro Ambulance Service – Scott Jones from Rural Metro Ambulance service discussed the need for a transport ambulance for the area in/or around the Town of Ruston.
2. Jeff Wherrett – Gave an update of the progress of the Town of Ruston website.
3. Master Licensing Presentation – John Jacob made a presentation to the Mayor and Council on the process of a Master Business Licensing program.
4. Ordinance No. 1272 – An Ordinance for a supplemental budget for Engineering Services. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1272 with amendments was made by Councilmember Hedrick. With a second from Councilmember Stebner, motion passed 5-0.
5. Resolution No. 435 – Engineering Services. Motion to approve Resolution No. 435 was made by Councilmember Stebner. With a second from Councilmember Hedrick, motion passed 5-0.
6. Resolution No. 436 - Pierce County Fire District – Interlocal Agreement for Hazmat Team Services. Resolution No. 436 was tabled until December 1, 2008 in order for Police Chief Reese to give her comments on the issue.
7. Resolution No. 437 - Infectious Waste Agreement. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 437 was made by Councilmember Hedrick. With a second from Councilmember Hunt, motion passed 5-0.
8. The discussion of the appointment of Mayor to serve the remaining term started with Mayor pro-tem Huson withdrawing his application for Mayor. Also withdrawing their applications were Bryan Ficiala and Councilmember Stebner. The two remaining candidates Bruce Hopkins and Kim Wheeler responded to the questions as presented by the Mayor and Council. Motion to appoint Bruce Hopkins as Mayor was made by Councilmember Stebner. With a second from Councilmember Albertson, motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL

Motion to approve claims warrants #'s 37720 through 37763 in the amount of \$55,865.31 and payroll warrants #'s 27167 through 27218/27239 in the amount of \$24,075.56 for the period ending September 30, 2008 and warrant #'s 27240 through 27293 in the amount of \$37,763.53 for the period ending October 31, 2008 was made by Councilmember Councilmember Stebner. With a second from Councilmember Hunt, motion passed 5-0.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lyle Hardin – thanked Bruce Hopkins and Kim Wheeler for participating in the process of appointment of a Mayor and wanted to thank Bradley Huson for his time as Mayor pro-tem.
Marla Miller – thanked Bradley Huson for sitting in as Mayor pro-tem and brought up some hazardous places on and around sidewalks around town that needed attention.
Jim Wingard – felt that Bradley Huson did a magnificent job, was disappointed that Kim Wheeler didn't get the Mayor appointment and hopes that the issues with the Unicorn won't lead to another lawsuit for the Town.

MAYOR'S TIME

Mayor pro-tem Huson discussed the following items: meetings for the 2009 budget; update on Town projects; Ruston Shoreline; Bennett Street; the Comprehensive Plan; planning commission schedule for 2009; Pt. Ruston; the town's electrical system; LID; Tacoma services; Phase II of power for the Commencement; and will do whatever he can for a smooth transition for Mr. Hopkins.

COUNCIL TIME

Councilmember Stebner

- Sewer and Electrical Infrastructure

Councilmember Hedrick

- Welcomed former Councilmember Joyce to the meeting
- Thanked Bradley for his time as Mayor pro-tem

Councilmember Albertson

- 2009 budget
- Asked for copies of building permits as specified in the ordinance
- Streetlights

Councilmember Hunt

- Streetlights
- Thanked Bradley for all he has done while being Mayor pro-tem

OATH OF OFFICE

Bruce Hopkins was sworn into the Mayor's position by Town Clerk Karen Carlisle, then took his seat.

MEETING ADJOURNED

At 9:00 pm, Mayor Hopkins adjourned the meeting with a motion by Councilmember Stebner, a second from Councilmember Huson and an approval of 5-0.

Mayor Bruce Hopkins

ATTEST:

Town Clerk/Treasurer