

**TOWN OF RUSTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008  
7:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

AGENDA APPROVAL

MINUTES

- Regular Council Meeting – December 1/8, 2008

STAFF REPORTS

- Fire Department
- Police Department
- Planning Department

PUBLIC HEARING

- 2009 Budget

BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 1274 – B & O Taxes (second reading)
2. Ordinance No. 1275 – Silver Cloud Hotel Substantial Development Permit (first reading)
3. Ordinance No. 1276 – An Ordinance adopting a salary classification plan for Town Officers and Employees for Budget year 2009
4. Ordinance No. 1277 – An Ordinance adopting the 2009 Budget
5. Interlocal Datasharing Agreement – Washington Dept of Licensing

CLAIMS/PAYROLL

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

MAYOR'S TIME

COUNCIL TIME

MEETING ADJOURNED

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**TOWN OF RUSTON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

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

**MINUTES**

- Regular Council Meeting – December 1/8, 2008 – Motion to approve the council minutes as presented was made by Councilmember Albertson. With a second from Councilmember Hedrick, motion passed 5-0.

**STAFF REPORTS**

- Fire Department – Fire Chief Don Torbet presented his report for November, 2008.
- Police Department – Police Chief Sharon Reese presented her report for November 2008 and gave the Mayor and Council an update on the hiring process for the Chief of Police position.
- Planning Department – Town Planner Rob White was on hand to update the Mayor and Council on issues concerning development around Town.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 2009 Budget – At 7:30 pm, Mayor Hopkins opened the public hearing for the 2009 budget. Comments were made by Don Torbet and Connie Maglione. The public hearing closed at 7:32 pm.

**BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance No. 1274 – B & O Taxes (second reading) Motion to approve Ordinance No. 1274 was made by Councilmember Stebner. With a second from Councilmember Huson, motion passed 5-0.
2. Ordinance No. 1275 – Silver Cloud Hotel Substantial Development Permit (first reading). Will be brought back for a second reading at a Special Council Meeting on Monday, December 22, 2008

**BUSINESS CONT'D.**

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4. Ordinance No. 1277 – An Ordinance adopting the 2009 Budget (first reading). Will be brought back for a second reading at a Special Council Meeting on Monday, December 22, 2008
5. Interlocal Datasharing Agreement – Washington Dept of Licensing – Motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into this agreement was made by Councilmember Hedrick. With a second from Councilmember Stebner, motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

**CLAIMS/PAYROLL** – Motion to approve claims warrants #'s 37803 through 37826 in the amount of \$47,157.54 and payroll warrants #'s 27311 through 27355 in the amount of \$31,037.95 for the period ending November 30, 2008 was made by Councilmember Huson. With a second from Councilmember Hedrick, motion passed with a vote of 3 to 2 abstentions (Albertson and Stebner).

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Connie Maglione

- thanked Chief Reese for a great job
- congratulated Bruce Hopkins on his Mayoral appointment
- asked if the money for the Reinhold lawsuit was in the budget
- asked the council to increase the pay for the fire chief

Sherri Forch

- also thanked Chief Reese for the job she's been doing
- stated that she was in favor of the building of the Silver Cloud Hotel as it would be a better sight than the old Asarco plant

**MAYOR'S TIME**

- AWC Insurance
- School building space rental
- Thanked Chief Reese for the job she's been doing
- Lighting for streetlights

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**COUNCIL TIME**

Councilmember Stebner

- thanked Chief Reese for the job she's done
- looking at grants for sewer and lighting in 2009

Councilmember Huson

- thanked Chief Reese for her time here in Ruston
- and wished everybody "Happy Holidays"

Councilmember Hedrick

- thanked Chief Reese for all the work she has done with Ruston
- thanked the candidates for the Chief of Police position for coming to the meet and greet and wished them luck in the interview process

Councilmember Albertson

- thanked Chief Reese for her time in Ruston
- and agreed with Sherri Forch regarding the Silver Cloud v. the Asarco Plant

Councilmember Hunt

- thanked Chief Reese for the work she's done in Ruston

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

At 8:45 pm, Councilmember Stebner made a motion to adjourn. With a second from Councilmember Huson, motion passed 5-0.

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Bruce Hopkins, Mayor

Attest:

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Karen Carlisle,  
Town Clerk-Treasurer