

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tempore Denny Waltier called the regular meeting to order at 4:01 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, and Blake Surina were present. Mayor Hunter T. George and councilmembers Brett Wittner and Jamie Nixon were absent and excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT

A. Council Liaison 2019 Assignments

Waltier indicated he had spoken to Mayor George prior to the meeting and stated George would contact each councilmember before year’s end to determine liaison assignments.

B. 2019 Pierce County Regional Council Appointments

City Attorney Smith stated the appointments would need to be done via resolution and could be done at the next regular Council meeting. Reynolds indicated any councilmember could attend a PCRC meeting but would not have the authority to vote until action was taken by Council. Reynolds indicated there was a possibility she could attend the January PCRC meeting and Waltier stated he could attend in her absence.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Waltier invited public comment; none were provided.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Parks and Recreation

As Wittner was absent, no report was provided.

B. Pierce County Regional Council

Reynolds had no new reports.

C. Public Safety, Court

Viafore reported that Fircrest Municipal Court’s last day to accept passport applications was December 31, 2018 and that there would be a short period of time where the City would not be able to accept applications until Planning and Building Department staff was authorized and trained. Viafore indicated he requested a year-end financial report from the City’s two collection agencies, and that the first day of Ruston Court at the Fircrest Municipal Court would be on January 3, 2019. Viafore indicated Fircrest Municipal Court would be closed on December 27, 2018 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. for training. Viafore reported that Police Chief Cheesman was working on a telephone reassurance program/brochure for seniors and disabled.

D. Street, Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain

Surina had no new reports.

E. Other Liaison Reports

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Waltier requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 212282 through Voucher Check No. 212391 in the amount of \$197,417.29; approval of Payroll Check No. 13527 through Payroll Check No. 13532 in the amount of \$101,022.65; and approval of the December 11, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Finance Director Corcoran called attention to the updated voucher report handout, stating the corrected handout removed a duplicate payment of

\$114.51 from the original voucher report. **Reynolds MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as corrected; seconded by Surina. The Motion Carried (4-0).**

PUBLIC HEARING

None scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Acting City Manager Corcoran requested action from Council to authorize the City Manager to open a separate checking account with Columbia Bank in preparation for the Ruston Municipal Court transition in order to track it separately. **Viafore MOVED to authorize the City Manager and/or designee to open a checking account with Columbia Bank in the name of the City of Firecrest/City of Ruston Municipal Court; seconded by Reynolds.** Waltier invited public comment; there was none. **The Motion Carried (4-0).**

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Chief Cheesman wished Council a happy new year, thanked Viafore for his input during his liaison assignment to Public Safety, and thanked Council for their support.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Viafore stated his appreciation for his liaison assignment to Court and Public Safety, and reported his concerns regarding the proposed changes to the hanging flower baskets.
- Reynolds stated her disappointed on the lack of Council action on the PCRC appointments, and requested for better organization.
- Surina provided an update on the dialysis center, stating it was currently in the air conditioning design phase.
- Waltier had no comments.

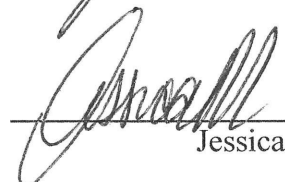
EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Viafore MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 P.M., seconded by Reynolds. The Motion Carried (4-0).


Denny Waltier, Mayor Pro Tempore


Jessica Nappi, City Clerk