

**CITY OF RUSK, TEXAS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA**

Rusk Civic Center
555 Euclid Street, Rusk, Texas
Thursday, June 17, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.

Ben Middlebrooks, Mayor
Walter Session, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Place 2
Kendall Shoemaker, Council Place 1 Martha Neely, Council Place 4
Martin Holsome, Council Place 3 Frances Long, Council Place 5
Amanda Hill, City Manager
Cinda Etheridge, City Secretary
Anthony J. King, City Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. Invocation.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags.

2. PROCLAMATION(S)/RECOGNITION(S):

3. MAYOR COMMENTS: Comments will be from Mayor Middlebrooks.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, THE CITY COUNCIL MAY NOT DISCUSS OR TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM WHICH HAS NOT BEEN POSTED ON THE AGENDA.

4. CITIZENS COMMENTS: At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter that is not included on the agenda. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, THE CITY COUNCIL MAY NOT DISCUSS OR TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM WHICH HAS NOT BEEN POSTED ON THE AGENDA.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Check Register Report for May 2021, the Credit Card Statements for May 2021, and account balances and summary R & E.
- B. Minutes for the May 13, 2021, City Council Meeting, and June 3, 2021, Special City Council Meeting.

6. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

7. ACTION ITEM(S):

- A. Discuss and consider a Resolution Denying the Distribution Cost Recovery Factor Rate Request of ONCOR Electric Delivery Company, LLC, made on or about April 8, 2021.

- B. Discuss and consider abandoning 12th street and a fifty-foot strip along Weems Street.
- C. Discuss and consider.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUSK, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 51 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RUSK, CLARIFYING DEFINITION OF TAMPERING; PROVIDING THAT ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES OR FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDINANCE WILL RESULT IN THE METER BEING LOCKED OR REMOVED AND ASSESSED A FEE ON THEIR ACCOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) AND A REINSTALLATION CHARGE OF THIRTY DOLLARS (\$30.00); UPDATE THE WATER RATE SCHEDULE; UPDATE ASSORTED FEES ASSOCIATED WITH WATER SERVICE AND CLARIFYING THE PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING BILLING DISPUTES; AND CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE .

- D. Discuss and consider Golf Course Lease.
 - E. Consider and adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$2,630,000 City of Rusk, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021 and ordaining other matters relating to the issuance of the Certificates”.
 - F. Discuss and consider adding additional streetlights to City of Rusk.
 - G. Discuss and consider 2020-2021 Rusk Economic Development budget amendment.
 - H. Discuss and consider Resolution appointing board members to the Rusk Economic Development Board of Directors.
 - I. Discuss and consider Resolution appointing board members to the Planning and Zoning Board.
 - J. Discuss and consider Resolution appointing board members to the Board of Adjustments.
 - K. Discuss and consider appointing board member(s) to the Texas State Railroad Authority board.
8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION(S):** The City Council will enter Executive Session to discuss and consider the following-
- A. Consultation with the City Attorney-Government Code Section 551.071 consultation with counsel on legal matters-Cause No. JP1/CV 2021-006 update.
 - B. Consultation with the City Attorney-Government Code Section 551.071 consultation with counsel on legal matters-railroad/Goff easement issue.
 - C. Consultation with the City Attorney-Government Code Section 551.074 and Section 551.071. To hear a complaint or charge against a council member (public officer) and to discuss potential discipline of said council member who the complaint is made against and to discuss potential litigation and liabilities with the City Attorney.
9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION (S):** The City Council will reconvene into Open Session to act if needed.
10. **ANNOUNCEMENT(S):** Comments may be made by Council or Staff on the following topics without specific notice: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolences;

information on holiday schedules; recognition of public officials, employees, or citizens other than employees or officials whose status may be affected by the council through action; reminders of community events. **NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON THESE ITEMS.**

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT(S): Water Projects, Wastewater Projects, Drainage Projects, Road Projects, Capital Improvement Projects, Special Projects and Developments and Departmental Reports. **NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON THESE ITEMS.**

12. ADJOURN

The City Council reserves the right to hear any of the above-described agenda items that qualify for an Executive Session in an Executive Session by publicly announcing the applicable section number of the Open Meetings Act, (Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code) that justifies Executive Session treatment.

**Posted: Monday, June 14, 2021
City Hall Bulletin Board
By 4:30 P.M.**


Cinda Etheridge, City Secretary

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