

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

Rusk Civic Center  
555 Euclid Street, Rusk, Texas  
Thursday, July 08, 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

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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 June 2021, the Credit Card Statements for June 2021, quarterly investment report and detailed R & E.
  - B. Minutes for the June 17, 2021, City Council Meeting.
  
6. **PUBLIC HEARING(S):**

Public hearing. Public notice is hereby given, that on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2021, Bobby Tosh, herein called *applicant*, filed a major plat application requesting the Planning and Zoning Commission review and approve a five (5) lot subdivision in accordance with the Subdivision Ordinance of the City of Rusk, Texas. The creation of four or more lots require Planning and Zoning approval. The property details and location of the proposed subdivision is as follows.

The property under consideration is addressed as **817 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Rusk, TX 75785** and located at the corner of S. Easy St. and U.S. Highway 84 (W. 6<sup>th</sup> St.) and approximately 640 feet east of Joplin St.

Currently, there is no structure on the property. Previously, this location had a structure and was used as Rusk Nursing Home. The nursing home was demolished in 2020.

The property under consideration is addressed as 272 N. Main St. Rusk, TX 75785, and located 487 feet north of E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street at N. Main St. and 321 feet South of E. Hill at N. Main St. Currently, there is no structure on the property.

**Currently Zoned (R-1) Single-Family Detached Residential – No Zone Change Required**

**7. ACTION ITEM(S):**

- A. Discuss and consider the approval of a five (5) lot subdivision from the public hearing above.
- B. Receive and consider annual audit for F.Y. 2019-2020.
- C. Discuss and consider Golf Course Lease.
- D. Discuss and consider an Ordinance creating a cemetery advisory board.
- E. Appointment of Cemetery Board members.
- F. Discuss and consider and Ordinance (s) to adopt 2015 International Building Codes.
- G. Discuss and consider updating the personnel policy adopting Police and Fire mental health (S. B. 1359) and communicable disease policy (H. B 2073).
- H. Discuss and consider budget amendments.

**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 551.072 – deliberation regarding purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

**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, July 5, 2021  
City Hall Bulletin Board  
By 4:30 P.M.**

  
Cinda Etheridge, City Secretary

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