

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

Rusk Civic Center
555 Euclid Street, Rusk, Texas
Thursday, September 9, 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):

None

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 July 2021, Summary R&E, Account Balances
- B. Minutes for the August 12, 2021 City Council Meeting, and August 17, 2021 Special City Council Meeting.

6. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

- A public hearing on the tax rate for F.Y. 2021-2022**
- A public hearing on the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget**

7. ACTION ITEM(S):

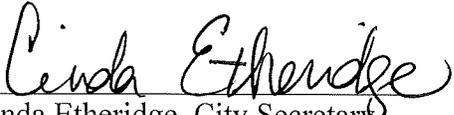
- A. Discuss and consider an Ordinance adopting the tax rate for fiscal year 2021-2022

- B. Discuss and consider an Ordinance adopting the annual operating Budget, for fiscal year 2021-2022.
 - C. Discuss and consider approval of the Rusk Economic Development Corporation's annual operating budget for fiscal year 2021-2022.
 - D. Discuss and consider amendments to Chapters 33, 97, and 153 of the City of Rusk Code of Ordinances.
 - E. Discuss and consider naming the Police Chief as Emergency Coordinator for the City of Rusk.
 - F. Discuss and consider a donation and/or an exchange of land from Frazier Family.
 - G. Discuss and consider bid openings for the sale of 0.109 of acres J.F. Timmons Survey, Abstract No. 829, and the Z. Gibbs Survey, Abstract NO. 325.
 - 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 551.072 – deliberation regarding purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
 - b. Consultation with the City Attorney-Government Code Section 551.071 consultation with counsel on legal matters-Cause No. JP1/CV 2021-006 update.
9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION (S):** The City Council will reconvene into Open Session to take action, if any, on items discussed in the Executive Session.
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: Friday, September 3, 2021
City Hall Bulletin Board
By 5:10 P.M.


Cinda Etheridge, City Secretary

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