

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

Rusk Civic Center
555 Euclid Street, Rusk, Texas
Thursday, December 09, 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):

Swearing in Officer Jeremy Farmer and Scott Heagney.

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. EXECUTIVE SESSION(S): The City Council will enter Executive Session to discuss and consider the following-
None

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION (S): The City Council will reconvene into Open Session to act, if any, on items discussed in the Executive Session.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Check Register Report for November 2021, Summary R & E, Credit Card Statement for October charges 2021, account balances.
- B. Minutes for the November 11, 2021, City Council Meeting.

8. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that on the 9th day of December 2021, the Rusk City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss amending the City's Zoning Map to an area located in the Dickinson 1st Addition, (District 2) in the City of Rusk, Texas, from Single-family detached (R-1) zone to Single-family attached zone (R-3). The proposed rezone is being sought by the City of Rusk in order to address a growing number of requests to build smaller and more efficient homes within the City of Rusk. Recent amendments to the Rusk Unified Development Code were approved by City Council amending §153.29 *Dimensional Standards*, to include a minimum square footage allowed in each residential zone. Single-family attached (R-3) zones allow a minimum of 375 square feet. The proposed rezone will provide a designated area in which affordable single-family residential homes are permitted to be constructed. The area being proposed to the Planning and Zoning Commission for rezoning has been selected for the number of undeveloped parcels available to accommodate new construction.

The properties under consideration are identified as parcel numbers: 227358000, 227373000, 227366000, 227367000, 227364000, 227363000, 227365000, 227362000, 227361000, 227368000, 227460000, 227374000, 227369000, 227370000, 227372000, 227371000, 227353000, 227354000, 227359000, 227355000, 227357000, 227356000.

From (R-1) to (R-3)

[Single-Family Detached District to Single-Family Attached (Duplex) District]

9. ACTION ITEM(S)

A. Discuss and consider granting a zone change Ordinance from R-1 to R-3 The properties under consideration are identified as parcel numbers: 227358000, 227373000, 227366000, 227367000, 227364000, 227363000, 227365000, 227362000, 227361000, 227368000, 227460000, 227374000, 227369000, 227370000, 227372000, 227371000, 227353000, 227354000, 227359000, 227355000, 227357000, 227356000.

From (R-1) to (R-3)

- A. Discuss and consider approving Ordinance for street abandonment description of abandonment in Hilltop Addition Plat Cabinet A, Slide 105AB Plat Records of Cherokee County, Texas requested by Doug Hassell.
- B. Discuss and consider the Resolution to cast a vote for the Board of Directors of the Cherokee County Appraisal District.
- C. Discuss and consider and authorize the execution of tax sale redemption deed.
- D. Discuss and consider an Interlocal Agreement with Cherokee County for radio repeaters.
- E. Discuss and consider Rental Inspection Ordinance.
- F. Discuss and consider Food Truck Ordinance.
- G. Discuss and consider Rusk Civic Center rental fees.
- H. Discuss and consider an Ordinance amendment to Chapter 92-Cemetery.
- I. Discuss and consider the Resolution appointing the charter review committee.

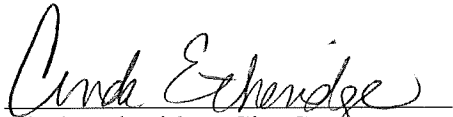
10. ANNOUNCEMENT(S):

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.


Cinda Etheridge, City Secretary

Posted: Friday, October 8, 2021
City Hall Bulletin Board
By 4:30 P.M.

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