

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

Rusk Civic Center
555 Euclid Street, Rusk, Texas
Monday, February 7, 2022 – 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

Discuss and consider the recommended Charter Amendments from the Charter Amendment Committee.

2. Article III

Section 2 B Section 6 Vote for Term Limits

Charter states

The members of the City Council shall receive for their services an amount as set up by the City Council, and the terms of the members except as hereinafter provided, shall be for two (2) years.

Discuss and consider action on the above listed item.

3. Section 2 C Change from 18 to 21

Charter states

No person shall be eligible as a candidate for the City Council unless he/she is eighteen (18) years of age or older on the commencement of the term to be elected, a qualified voter, a citizen of the United States and a resident citizen of this state for a period of twelve (12) months prior to the date of the election. The candidates of Mayor and City Council must be a resident of the city, must have resided in the city for a period of six (6) months prior to the date of the election, and must continuously reside within the city and the district they seek to represent during

his/her term of office. The Mayor need not reside in any particular district but must reside within the city limits.

Discuss and consider action on the above listed item.

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Discuss and consider action the above listed item.

4. Article IV Section 1

Charter states

The City Council, by not less than (3) affirmative votes of the City Council, shall appoint a City Manager who shall be the Chief Administrative and Executive Officer of the city. He/she shall be chosen by the City Council on the basis of his/her executive and administrative training, experience, ability and character, and need not, when appointed, be a resident of the City of Rusk; but shall, within six (6) months after such appointment, reside within the City during the balance of the tenure of his/her appointment, with up to a six-month extension granted by the City Council upon a showing of good cause.

Discuss and consider action on the above listed item.

5. Article VI Powers of the City

Section 2

The corporate limits of the City of Rusk may hereafter be extended by ordinance passed and adopted by the City Council after publication of such notices and holdings of such public hearings as are required by law. Such ordinances shall be limited and controlled only by the laws of the State of Texas. (Adopted by electorate, 8-8-87)

Discuss and consider action on the above listed items.

6. Title III Administration

Chapter 30

30.01 Adoption of Title 28

The provisions of Tex Rev Civ Stat, Title 28, insofar as its provisions are applicable to the city, are adopted and accepted. With the adoption of Title 28, the city operates under the general law of the state.

Discuss and consider action on the above listed item.

7. ARTICLE XIII INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL

Section 12 Recall: General through Section 18 Limitations of Recall

Discuss and consider action on the above listed item.

8. Section 17 Results of Recall Election

If a majority of the votes cast at a recall election shall be against the recall of the officer named on the ballot, he or she shall continue in office for the remainder of his or her unexpired term, subject to recall as before. If a majority of the votes cast at such an election be for the recall of the officer named on the ballot, he or she shall, regardless of any technical defects in the recall petition, be deemed removed from office and the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with law or this Charter. (Adopted by electorate, 8-8-87).

Section 18 Limitations on Recall

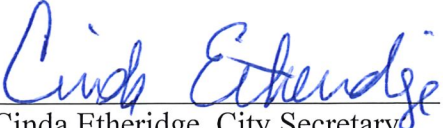
No recall petition shall be filed against a Councilperson or Mayor within ninety (90) days after he/she takes office or during the final six (6) MONTHS OF AN ELECTED OFFICIAL'S TERM OF OFFICE. No Councilperson or Mayor shall be subjected to more than one (1) recall election during a term of office. (Adopted by electorate, 8-8-87) Amended by Ord. 12-17-2020.

Discuss and consider action on the above listed items.

9. 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 officially announcing the applicable section number of the Open Meetings Act, (Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code) that justifies Executive Session treatment.

**Posted: Thursday, February 3, 2022
City Hall Bulletin Board
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Cinda Etheridge, City Secretary

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