

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

Rusk Civic Center  
555 Euclid Street, Rusk, Texas  
Thursday, August 11, 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  
Zack McNew, 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 July 2022, Summary R & E, Credit Card Statement for May charges 2022, June Consolidated Bank Reconciliations, and Account Balances.
- B. Minutes from July 28, 2022 Special City Council Meeting Workshop; Minutes for July 14, 2022 regular scheduled meeting; August 1, 2022 Special City Council Meeting; August 4, 2022 Workshop.

**6. PUBLIC HEARING(S):**

The public hearing is to solicit comments from citizens and other interested parties concerning proposed amendments to miscellaneous sections of the City of Rusk's Code of Ordinances and the Unified Development Code: To-wit:

- Amendment to Chapter 33 Departments, Boards and Commissions, amending 33.36
- Amendments to Chapter 96 Health and Sanitation to add a new section, 96.40 -Short-Term Rental Registration.
- Various text amendments; Table 153-1, adding minimum floor area for Single/Multi/Mobile Home Family Dwelling Unit; 153.37 District Purpose – Non-Residential Districts – OTC: 153.74 – Use Allowances, including amendments to Table 153-5 – Residential District Use Table, Non-Residential District Use Table, and Industrial District Use Table.
- Amend Section 153.82 – Special Uses adding a subsection R that will allow Short-Term Rentals by Special Use.

## 7. ACTION ITEM(S)

A. Discuss and consider AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUSK, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 33 DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS SPECIFICALLY SECTION 33.36; CHAPTER 96 HEALTH AND SANITATION ADDING SECTION 96.40 – SHORT TERM RENTALS ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS AND A PERMITTING REQUIREMENT FOR OPERATION OF A SHORT TERM RENTAL; PROVIDING AN INSPECTION PROCESS; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE FOR VIOLATIONS; AND TITLE XV “LAND USE REGULATIONS” CHAPTER 153 “UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE” (UDC) OF THE RUSK CODE OF ORDINANCES UPDATING PROVIDING MINIMUM FLOOR AREA PER SINGLE/MULTI/MOBILE HOME FAMILY DWELLING UNIT; CLARIFYING THE RELATIONSHIP OF PRIMARY USE AND ACCESSORY USE; AND UPDATING DEFINITION OF TERMS AND OTHER CLARIFICATION OF USES IN EACH ZONE BY UPDATING TABLES 153-1 AND 153-5. RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT USE TABLE; AND CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

B. 2021 Audit Presentation

C. Discuss and consider accepting the reforest bid for reseeded of recreation land.

8. **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.**

**9. 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.**

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

**Posted: Monday August 8, 2022**  
**City Hall Bulletin Board**  
**By 4:45 P.M.**

  
Cinda Etheridge, City Secretary

This meeting will be conducted pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq. At any time during the meeting, the Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session on any of the above-posted agenda items in accordance with the sections 551.071 [litigation and certain consultation with attorney], 551.072 [acquisition of interest of real property] 551.073 [contract for gift to City], 551.074 [certain personnel deliberations] or 551.076 [deployment /implementation of security personnel or devices]. A quorum of the governmental body will be physically present at the location noticed above. Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code 551.127, one or more members of the governing body may appear via videoconference call. The City of Rusk is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request.

**Please call the City Secretary at 903-683-2213 for information.**