

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

Rusk Civic Center  
555 Euclid Street, Rusk, Texas  
Thursday, March 9, 2023– 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 January 2023, Summary R & E, Account Balances Report,  
January Bank Reconciliation and Credit Card Statements for January 2023.
  - B. Minutes for February 13, 2023 Special City Council meeting.
  
6. **PUBLIC HEARING(S): N/A**
  
7. **ACTION ITEM(S)**
  - A. Discuss and consider approving the engineer as needed for city services.
  - B. Discuss and consider approving the Chapman Building renovation proposal.
  - C. Discuss and consider approving the Resolution to lease purchase two new police vehicles.

- D. Discuss and Consider a Resolution suspending for 45 days the effective date proposed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas – Beaumont/East Texas Division, in its application filed on or about March 2, 2023, pursuant to section 104.301 of the Gas Utility Regulatory Act.
- E. Discuss and consider Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Rusk Independent School District and Rusk Police Department.
- F. Discuss and consider swimming pool operations 2023.
- G. Discuss and consider participation of the New Opioid Settlements with Allergan, CVS, Walmart, and Walgreens.

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**

**Posted: Monday, March 06, 2023**  
**City Hall Bulletin Board**  
**By 4:00 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.**