

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

Rusk Civic Center  
555 Euclid Street, Rusk, Texas  
Thursday, June 15, 2023– 5:30 P.M.

Ben Middlebrooks, Mayor  
Martha Neely, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Place 4  
Kendall Shoemaker, Council Place 1      Zack McNew, Council Place 3  
Walter Session, Council Place 2      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):**

**Swearing in of District 1 City Council Member John S Hood**  
**Swearing in of new police officer Brady Gould**  
**Swearing in of new police officer James Kirkham**  
**Swearing in of new police officer Julie Vickers**  
**Swearing in of new police officer Leisa Geddie**

**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 April 2023, Summary R & E, Account Balances Report,  
April Bank Reconciliation and Credit Card Statements for April 2023.
- B. Minutes for April 13, 2023 May 1, 2023 Workshop and Special Meeting and May 11,  
2023 City Council meeting.

**6. PUBLIC HEARING(S): None**

**7. ACTION ITEM(S)**

- A.** Discuss and consider a Resolution approving the canvass of the June 10, 2023 Special Runoff Election for District 1.
- B.** Discuss and consider Resolution for Planning and Zoning Board.
- C.** Discuss and consider Resolution for Rusk Economic Development Board.
- D.** Discuss and consider Resolution for Board of Adjustments.
- E.** Discuss and consider Resolution for Cemetery Advisory Board.
- F.** Discuss and consider the administration contract for the Street Improvements – Contract #CDV21-0459 with Traylor and Associates.
- G.** Discuss and take possible action to approve a Resolution adopting/reaffirming civil right policies and policies and procedures for citizen participation, civil rights, equal opportunity, fair housing, and limited English proficiency plan as required by the State of Texas for the City's TxCDBG grant #CDV21-0459.
- H.** Discuss and consider the engineering contract with Stephens Engineering for the Street Improvements TxCDBG No. CDV21-0459.

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION(S):** The City Council will enter Executive Session to discuss and consider the following-

- a. Government Code Section 551.074 personnel deliberations  
Annual review for City Manager, City Attorney and City Secretary.
- b. Government Code Section 551.071 litigation and certain consultation with attorney.  
Cause No 2021090267 and Cause No. 2022060132 and any other related issues.

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


- a. To take any necessary action.

**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.**

**10. 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.**

**11. ADJOURN**

**Posted: Monday, June 12, 2023  
City Hall Bulletin Board  
By 4:00 P.M.**

  
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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.**