

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

Rusk Council Chambers
116 East 5th Street Suite A, Rusk, Texas 75785
Thursday, September 14, 2023– 5:30 P.M.

Ben Middlebrooks, Mayor
Martha Neely, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Place 4
John Hood, 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

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 2023, Complete June R & E, Summary R & E, Account Balances Report, July Bank Reconciliation and Credit Card Statements for July 2023.
 - B. Minutes for August 8, 2023 Special City Council minutes, August 10, 2023 City Council minutes, August 22, 2023 Special City Council minutes, and August 31, 2023 Special City Council minutes

6. **PUBLIC HEARING(S):**
Notice of Public Hearing on 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget
Notice of Public Hearing on the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

7. **ACTION ITEM(S)**
 - A. Discuss and consider Ordinance for 2023-2024 F. Y. Budget.

- B. Discuss and consider approving a total tax rate .33542.
- C. Discuss and consider ratifying the tax rate for F.Y. 2023-2024.
- D. Discuss and consider approving an M & O rate of .32175.
- E. Discuss and consider approving the I & S rate of .01367.
- F. Discuss and consider Ordinance adopting the tax rate for F.Y. 2023-2024.
- G. Discuss and consider approval of the Rusk Economic Development Corporation annual operating budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.
- H. Discuss and consider soliciting RFP for cemetery ground maintenance contract.
- I. Discuss and consider Emergency Management Service agreements with MP2 Energy LLC dba. Shell Energy Solutions.
- J. Discuss and consider confirming Kody Killion as Fire Marshall.
- K. Discuss and consider Hometown Christmas donation.
- L. Discuss and consider budget amendments.


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 for 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, September 11, 2023
City Hall Bulletin Board
By 3:00 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.