

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

Rusk Council Chambers
116 East 5th Street Suite A, Rusk, Texas 75785
Thursday, November 9, 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
Vacant, 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 August 2023 and September 2023, September 2023 R & E, Quarterly Investment Report, August 2023 Bank Reconciliation and Credit Card Statements for August 2023 and September 2023.
- b. Minutes for September 14, 2023 City Council meeting. Minutes for October 12, 2023.

6. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

7. ACTION ITEM(S):

- 1. Discuss and consider nomination and swearing in of District 2 City Council Member.

2. Discuss and consider the Ordinance abandonment of a portion of Weems Street.
3. Discuss and consider the Ordinance abandonment of a portion of 12th Street.
4. Discuss and consider the Ordinance updating the city fees.
5. Discuss and consider Resolution to cast votes for the Board of Directors for The Cherokee County Appraisal District.
6. Discuss and consider 2023 Certified Tax Roll Levy.
7. Discuss and consider the renewal of the Republic Services Waste Management contract.
8. Discuss and consider awarding the cemetery maintenance contract from bids.
9. Discuss and consider reseeded recreation land.
10. Discuss and consider USDA grant application.
11. Discuss and consider Hometown Christmas Sponsorship.
12. Discuss and consider moving water lines on Kennedy Street.
13. Discuss and consider a resolution that denies an increase in revenue and a change in rates proposed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corporation, D/B/A, CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas; authorizes continued participation in the Alliance of CenterPoint Municipalities; representation of the City by special counsel intervention in proceedings related to CenterPoint's Statement of Intent; and requires the reimbursement of municipal rate case expenses;

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

- a. Government Code Section 551.071 litigation and certain consultation with attorney. Cause No 2021090267 and Cause No. 2022060132 and CV2023-168 any other related issues.
- b. Government Code Section 551.074 personnel deliberations City Manager.

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

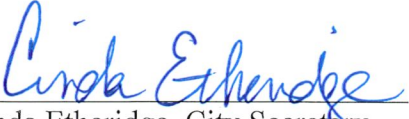
- a. To take any necessary action.

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 November 6, 2023
City Hall Bulletin Board
By 11:30 A.M.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cinda Etheridge". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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.