

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

Rusk Council Chambers
116 East 5th Street Suite B, Rusk, Texas 75785
Thursday, December 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
Maxine 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):**
Bob Goldsberry Graduation from Certified Public Management.

 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 October 2023, October 2023 Summary R & E, Account Balances Report, October 2023 Bank Reconciliation and Credit Card Statements for October 2023.
 - b. Minutes for November 7, 2023 Special City Council Meeting, Minutes for November 9, 2023 City Council Meeting and November 30, 2023 Special Meeting.

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

 7. **ACTION ITEM(S):**

1. Discuss and consider the Ordinance updating the city fees. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RUSK, TEXAS, TO RENEW THE FEE SCHEDULE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SPECIFIC SERVICES OF THE CITY OF RUSK FOR THE YEAR 2024; REPEALING ANY ORDINANCE OR PART THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A PENALTY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
2. Discuss and consider **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUSK, TEXAS AMENDING, CHAPTER 150 – BUILDING REGULATIONS, SECTIONS 150.105 – BUILDING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE, AND ADDING SUBSECTIONS 150.105(A) AND 150.105 (B) TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY TO REMOVE CONSIDERATION OF VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS AND TO REMOVE CONSIDERATION OF COST OF CONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVING RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS RELATED TO RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS AND INSPECTION FEES; AND ADOPTING RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT FEES BASED ON THE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE STRUCTURE; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS AND REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
3. Discuss and consider **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUSK, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 91 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RUSK, SECTIONS 91.18, 91.19, 91.24, 91.25, 91.26, AND 91.28 AS AMENDED, UPDATING THE MINIMUM STANDARD OF CARE AND TREATMENT OF ANIMALS; BY DEFINING RUNNING AT LARGE; PROVIDING THAT ALL IMPOUNDED ANIMALS SHALL BE PLACED IN A CITY-APPROVED PLACE OF IMPOUNDMENT; DISCONTINUING EUTHANASIA POLICY FOR ABANDONED PETS, AND UPDATING THE CITY’S DOG BITE POLICY CONCERNING ANIMALS SUSPECTED OF HAVING RABIES; UPDATING SHELTER FEES IN THE EVENT OF MULTIPLE IMPOUNDMENTS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**
4. Discuss and consider USDA grant application.
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 551.071 litigation and consultation with attorney concerning possible future litigation concerning unpaid hotel motel tax.
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.**

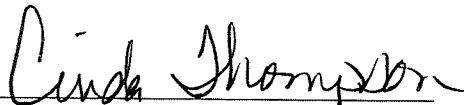
10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT(S): Water Projects, Wastewater Projects, Drainage Projects, Road Projects, Capital Improvement Projects, Special Projects and Developments and Departmental Reports. **NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON THESE ITEMS.**

11. ADJOURN

Posted: Monday December 11, 2023

City Hall Bulletin Board

By 10:30 A.M.


Cinda Thompson, 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.