

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

Rusk Council Chambers
116 East 5th Street Suite B, Rusk, Texas 75785
Thursday, February 15, 2024– 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

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 December 2023, December 2023 Complete R & E, Quarterly Investment Report, December 2023 Bank Reconciliation and Credit Card Statements for December 2023.
 - b. Minutes for January 11, 2024 City Council Meeting, February 1, 2024 Special City Council Meeting and February 6, 2024 Special City Council Meeting.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING(S): N/A**

7. **ACTION ITEM(S):**
 - A. Presentation of the Rusk Police Department 2023 Racial Profiling Report
 - B. Discuss and consider potential lease agreements for city vehicles.

- C. Discuss and consider applying for TxDOT's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant program.
 - D. Discuss and consider a Resolution ordering a General Election for Council Members for District 3, District 4, and District 5. Along with the Order and Notice of the General Election May 6, 2024.
 - E. Discuss and consider a Resolution ordering a Special Election for Council Member for District 2 along with the Notice of the Special Election May 6, 2024.
 - F. Discuss and consider a joint election agreement with Rusk ISD and the City of Rusk.
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. 2022060132 and any other related issues.
 - b. Government Code Section 551.074 personnel - City Manager and City Secretary
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 February 12, 2024
City Hall Bulletin Board
By 1:30 P.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.