

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

Rusk Council Chambers
116 East 5th Street Suite B, Rusk, Texas 75785
Thursday, August 8, 2024– 5:30 P.M.

Ben Middlebrooks, Mayor
Martha Neely, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Place 4
Jim Beindorf, 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):

Pinning of New Sergeant
Pinning of New Officer

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. Minutes for July 11, 2024, City Council Meeting.

6. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given on the 23 day of May, 2024, **Mark Raiborn**, herein called the applicant, filled an application to the Planning and Zoning Commission requesting a modification to the Rusk Zoning Map so as to permit the property at **875 Copeland St. Rusk, TX 75785** to be used for the following purpose:

From (R-1) to (B-2)

[Single-Family Residential District to General Business District]

Legal Description:

**A 341 BLK 1006 TR 2 J HUNDLEY K11
A 341 BLK 1010 TR 12A, 16, and 17B J HUNDLEY K11**

The request to rezone the aforesaid property is to accommodate cabins for rental at the golf course and further provide additional overnight lodging for golfers and tourists in Rusk.

2nd Public Hearing

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given on the 17 day of July 2024, **Josh and Tessa Morgan**, herein called the applicant, filled an application to the Planning and Zoning Commission requesting a Special Use Permit as to permit the property at **157-159 Henderson St. Rusk, TX 75785** to be used for the following purpose:

Special Use Permit

Legal Description:

LOT 9B BLK 16 RUSK

The request to rezone the aforesaid property is to accommodate a Special Use Permit at 157-159 Henderson Street and further provide a location to help with housing for the City of Rusk.

7. ACTION ITEM(S):

- A. Discuss and consider approving Ordinance from R-1 to B-2 for Mark Raiborn.
- B. Discuss and consider approving Special Use Permit for Josh and Tessa Morgan.
- C. Discuss and consider approving the Resolution Calling November 2024 Special Election.
- D. Discuss and consider Texas State Railroad Lease.
- E. Discuss and consider approving the Resolution board member appointment for Texas State Railroad Authority.

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
City Manager.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION (S): The City Council will reconvene into Open Session to act, if necessary, 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 August 5, 2024
City Hall Bulletin Board
By 4:40 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 on 903-683-2213 for information.