

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

Rusk Council Chambers
116 East 5th Street Suite B, Rusk, Texas 75785
Thursday, March 13, 2025– 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
Bob Goldsberry, Interim City Manager
Cinda Thompson, 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 January 2025, Account Balances for January 2025 and Credit Card Statements for December 2024.
- b. Minutes for February 13, 2025, City Council Meeting.

6. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

7. ACTION ITEM(S):

- a. Discuss and consider a Resolution canceling the General Election for Council Members for Mayor, District 1, and District 2 for May 3, 2025
- b. Discuss and consider amendment to Ordinance
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUSK, TEXAS,
AMENDING CHAPTER 95 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RUSK, AS
AMENDED, BY AMENDING Section 9 5 . 0 1 CREAT ING AN EXCE P T ION TO
THE 2 0 1 8 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE SECTION 1103.4.1 FOR
REMODELING OF CERTAIN BUILDINGS IN THE OLD TOWN CENTER AND
CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.**

c. Discuss and consider CenterPoint Energy Resolution

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF RUSK, TEXAS, ("CITY")
RESPONDING TO THE APPLICATION OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY
RESOURCES CORP., BEAUMONT/EAST TEXAS DIVISION, TO
INCREASE RATES UNDER THE GAS RELIABILITY
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM; SUSPENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE
OF THIS RATE APPLICATION FOR FORTY-FIVE DAYS;
AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN A
COALITION OF CITIES KNOWN AS THE "ALLIANCE OF
CENTERPOINT MUNICIPALITIES"; REQUIRING THE
REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS; DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING
AT WHICH THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED COMPLIED WITH THE
TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING SUCH OTHER FINDINGS
AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE

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, City Secretary, City Attorney and City Judge.
- b. Government Code Section 551.071 litigation and certain consultation with
attorney. Regarding possible enforcement suit for unpaid motel/hotel tax and any
other related issues.

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.**

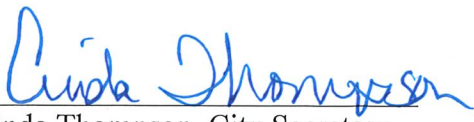
11. **EDC Report**

12. **ADJOURN**

Posted: Monday March 10, 2025

City Hall Bulletin Board

By 3:00 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.

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