

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

**AGENDA**

Rusk Council Chambers  
116 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street Suite B, Rusk, Texas 75785  
July 10, 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, City Manager  
Cinda Thompson, 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):**

**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 May 2025, Account Balances for May 2025 and Credit Card Statements for March and April 2025.
- b. Minutes for June 12, 2025, Special City Council Meeting June 16, 2025.

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

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

- a. Presentation from Southern Pine Locomotive Company Inc.
- b. Discuss and consider **RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF Rusk (“CITY”) SUSPENDING ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC’S PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF JULY 31, 2025, FOR NINETY DAYS IN CONNECTION WITH ONCOR’S STATEMENT OF INTENT TO INCREASE RATES FILED ON OR ABOUT JUNE 26, 2025; REQUIRING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF MUNICIPAL RATE CASE EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE COALITION OF SIMILARLY SITUATED CITIES; AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION AND**

**PARTICIPATION IN RELATED RATE PROCEEDINGS; AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF SPECIAL COUNSEL; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

- c. Discuss and consider Resolution for Rusk Economic Development Corporation Board members.
  - d. Discuss and consider Resolution for Rusk Cemetery Board Members
  - e. Discuss and consider Resolution for Planning and Zoning Board Members
  - f. Discuss and consider Resolution 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 551.072 - Real Property Morgan building.
  - b. Government Code Section 551.072- Real Property Railroad Right of Way Property
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. **EDC Report**

12. **ADJOURN**

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**City Hall Bulletin Board**

**By 4:15 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.**