



CITY OF RUSK CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

RUSK CITY COUNCIL
BEN MIDDLEBROOKS, MAYOR
MARTHA NEELY, MAYOR PRO TEM

JIM BEINDORF, PLACE 1
MAXINE SESSION, PLACE 2
ZACK MCNEW, PLACE 3
MARTHA NEELY, PLACE 4
FRANCES LONG, PLACE 5

RUSK COUNCIL CHAMBERS
116 EAST 5TH STREET, SUITE B,
RUSK, TEXAS 75785

RUSK CITY STAFF
BOB GOLDSBERRY, CITY MANAGER
VICTORIA MINTON, CITY SECRETARY
ANTHONY J. KING, CITY ATTORNEY

MAY 14, 2026, AT 6:00 PM

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- a. Invocation.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags.

2. PROCLAMATION(S)/RECOGNITION(S):

None.

3. MAYOR COMMENTS:

Comments and updates from the Mayor. **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. OATH OF OFFICE / SEATING OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Administer Oath of Office to Newly Elected and Re-Elected Council Members Following the May 2026 Election.

- Jan “Chucky” Pate for District 5
- Martha Neely for District 4
- Yash Asarsa for District 3

Recognition and Seating of Newly Sworn Council Members.

5. 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.**

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Consider approval of the Minutes** for the City Council meeting(s) held on January 23, 2026; January 29, 2026; February 4, 2026; February 12, 2026; March 6, 2026; March 12, 2026; March 23, 2026; and March 24, 2026.
 - b. **Consider approval of Check Register Report for March 2026, Account Balances for March 2026, and Credit Card Statements for February 2026.**
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7. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

- a. None.
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8. ACTION ITEM(S):

- a. **Discuss and consider** acceptance of the resignation/retirement of a Rusk Economic Development Corporation (REDC) Board Member and appointment of a replacement member as recommended by the Mayor.
 - b. **Discuss and consider** the reappointment of Anthony J. King to serve as City Attorney for the City of Rusk, Texas, including consideration of the terms and conditions of such appointment.
 - c. **Discuss and consider** approval of an ordinance 32.07 amending the City's Municipal Court of Record to establish or modify a Court of Record, and any related procedures or provisions required by law.
 - d. **Discuss and consider** implementation of live streaming for City Council meetings, including selection of equipment, services, and associated policies.
 - e. **Discuss and consider** the award of a contract for the Phase 2 Street Paving Project, including review of bids, contractor selection, and authorization for execution of necessary documents.
 - f. **Discuss and consider** approving the Rusk Area Merchants to conduct road closures for Christmas in July.
 - g. **Discuss and consider** the additions to existing drought contingency plan for the TCEQ.
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9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council may convene into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate on the following matters, if needed:

- a. Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters**, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; and
- b. Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney**, to seek the advice of the City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or matters where the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act; and
- c. Section 551.071 and 551.074 – Consultation with Attorney**, to discuss Police Department personnel, administrative matters, legal issues, and related investigative considerations.

(Any action to be taken as a result of discussions in Executive Session will be taken in open session.)

10. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Discuss and consider action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.

11. ANNOUNCEMENT(S):

Comments may be made by Council or Staff on the following topics without specific notice, including expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolences; announcements of community events; and recognition of public officials, employees, or citizens.

NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON THESE ITEMS.

12. DEPARTMENT REPORT(S):

a. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

Water Projects, Wastewater Projects, Drainage Projects, Road Projects, Capital Improvement Projects, Special Projects and Developments, and Departmental Reports.

b. HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT:

Update regarding personnel matters, staffing levels, employee recruitment and retention efforts, training initiatives, benefits, administration, policy updates, and other human resources-related activities and developments.

c. POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Update regarding Police Department administrative, operational, and investigative matters. Also matters regarding the Police Chief Selection Process.

NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON THESE ITEMS.

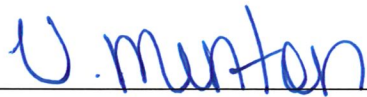
13. EDC REPORT

ADJOURN.

Posted: Friday, May 8, 2026

City Hall Bulletin Board

By 5:00 P.M.



Victoria Minton, 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 in 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.