



# CITY OF RUSK, TEXAS

## CITY COUNCIL

### SPECIAL MEETING / BUDGET WORKSHOP

**RUSK CITY COUNCIL**  
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MAXINE SESSION, PLACE 2  
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MARTHA NEELY, PLACE 4  
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#### City of Rusk CIVIC CENTER

555 Euclid Ave.  
Rusk, TX, 75785

**CITY ADMINISTRATION**  
VICTORIA MINTON, INTERIM CM & CITY SECRETARY  
ANTHONY KING, CITY ATTORNEY

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026, AT 2:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL / ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**3. FISCAL YEAR 2026–2027 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Discussion, continued review, and consideration of revisions to the proposed City of Rusk Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Budget, including proposed revenues and expenditures; General Fund; Interest and Sinking Fund; Enterprise Fund; Cemetery Fund; Hotel/Motel Tax Fund; departmental operating budgets; personnel, staffing, salaries and employee benefits; capital expenditures and equipment; debt service; transfers between funds; utility revenues and expenditures; proposed projects; fund balances; and other matters related to preparation of the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Budget.

The City Council may review revisions resulting from the August 18, 2026 Budget Workshop; receive information and recommendations from the Interim City Manager, City staff, department heads, consultants, and other appropriate persons; evaluate proposed revenues, expenditures, staffing, compensation, capital needs, projects, debt service, transfers, and fund balances; and provide direction concerning additional revisions to the proposed Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Budget.

**4. 2026 PROPERTY TAX RATE — TRUTH-IN-TAXATION CALCULATIONS**

Receive, discuss, and consider the City's 2026 property tax calculations, including the 2026 no-new-revenue tax rate, voter-approval tax rate, maintenance and operations rate, debt rate, and other applicable tax-rate calculations and information prepared pursuant to Chapter 26 of the Texas Tax Code.

**5. PROPOSED 2026 AD VALOREM TAX RATE**

Discuss and consider proposing the City of Rusk's 2026 ad valorem property tax rate consisting of a Maintenance and Operations (M&O) rate of \$0.337956 per \$100 valuation and an Interest and Sinking (I&S) rate of \$0.144951 per \$100 valuation, for a total proposed tax rate of \$0.482907 per \$100 valuation, and take a record vote on the proposed tax rate in accordance with Chapter 26 of the Texas Tax Code.

**6. TAX-RATE MEETING / PUBLIC HEARING — DATE, TIME AND PLACE**

Consider and, if required or appropriate under Chapter 26 of the Texas Tax Code, establish the date, time, and place of the meeting and/or public hearing at which the City Council will consider the proposed 2026 ad valorem tax rate; authorize publication and posting of all notices required by law; and take related action.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

## NOTICE REGARDING PROPOSED BUDGET AND TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT

Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.043(c), the notice of this meeting includes the required taxpayer impact statement. A copy of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Budget is included with this notice or has been made clearly accessible from the home page of the City of Rusk's Internet website.

**Notice Posted:** Tuesday, August 18, 2026  
**City Hall Bulletin Board**  
**By 6:00 P.M.**



Victoria Minton, Interim City Manager / City Secretary

This meeting will be conducted pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 551. At any time during the meeting, the City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session on any properly posted agenda item in accordance with applicable provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, including Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberations regarding real property), 551.073 (deliberations regarding prospective gifts), 551.074 (personnel matters), and 551.076 (security devices or security audits), as applicable.

A quorum of the governmental body will be physically present at the location stated in this notice. Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.127, one or more members of the governmental body may participate by videoconference call as permitted by law.

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 contact the City Secretary at 903-683-2213 for information.

# Taxpayer Impact Statement

## City of Rusk

House Bill 1522, passed by the Texas Legislature in 2025, amends section 551.043 of the Texas Government Code to require that the notice of a meeting required to be posted under section 551.043(a) of the Texas Open Meetings Act, at which a governmental body will discuss or adopt a budget for the governmental body, must include a taxpayer impact statement showing, for the median-valued homestead property, a comparison of the property tax bill in dollars pertaining to the property for the current fiscal year to an estimate of the property tax bill in dollars for the same property for the upcoming fiscal year.

The City of Rusk has proposed a budget for the City's 2026-2027 fiscal year. The City intends to adopt its budget on or before September 30, 2026.

| Fiscal Year<br>(Tax Year)                               | Median-Valued<br>Homestead (Median<br>Taxable) | Tax Rate per \$100<br>of Value | Estimated<br>Property Tax Bill<br>Based on<br>(Median Taxable) |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| FY 2025 - 2026<br>(TY 2025)<br>As of Last<br>Supplement | \$ 140,724                                     | \$ 0.486404                    | \$ 684.49                                                      |
| FY 2026 - 2027<br>(TY 2026)<br>As of<br>Certification   | \$ 140,780                                     | \$0.482907                     | \$ \$679.84                                                    |

The estimates in this Impact Statement are valid only for proposed budget and proposed tax rate that the City Council will discuss at its budget workshop on AUGUST 25, 2026, budget meeting on SEPT. 1, 2026 and tax rate adoption meeting on SEPT 22, 2026. The proposed budget and the proposed tax rate may each be amended by City Council at any time before their final adoption. If the City Council intends to discuss the proposed budget at a subsequent meeting, the City will include a Taxpayer Impact Statement in the notice for that meeting which will include updated estimates based on any amendments to the proposed budget and proposed tax rate.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Taxpayer Impact Statement was included in the public notice for the City Council meetings to be held on AUG. 25, 2026; SEPT 1, 2026; & SEPT. 22, 2026

Victoria Minton  
Name

8/17/26  
Date

Interim City Manager | City Secretary | HR Administrator  
Title