



CITY OF RUSK, TEXAS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING / BUDGET WORKSHOP

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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

AMENDED

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.

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 — SEPT. 22, 2026

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. SPECIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION — PERSONNEL MATTERS

The City Council may convene in executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.074 to deliberate personnel matters concerning the Interim City Manager.

Executive session is authorized but is not required. If an executive session is held, the City Council will reconvene in open session before taking any final action, decision, or vote on the matter, as required by law.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION / POSSIBLE ACTION

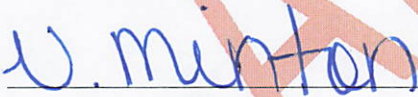
Reconvene into open session and consider and take any action, if necessary, on matters deliberated in executive session.

8. 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.

Amended Notice Posted: Wednesday, August 19, 2026
City Hall Bulletin Board
By 5:00 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.

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