



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
YASH ASARSA, PLACE 3
MARTHA NEELY, PLACE 4
CHUCKY PATE, PLACE 5

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

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

THURSDAY, SEPT. 10, 2026, AT 6:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- a. Invocation.
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags.
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2. PROCLAMATION(S)/RECOGNITION(S):

- a. Memorial Proclamation Recognizing the Life and Heroism of Rhilynn Michael Myers.
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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. 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.** (Each citizen will be allotted three (3) minutes for comments.)

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Consider and take action to** approve the minutes of the City Council meetings held on August 13, 2026; August 25, 2026; and September 1, 2026
 - b. **Consider approval of the Check Register Report** for August 2026, **Account Balances** for August 2026, and **Credit Card Statements** for May and June of 2026.
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6. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

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

- a. **Receive, discuss, and consider the monthly Financial Report** from CPA Anita Woodlee-Roach, including an update on the City's current financial position, internal controls, and the status of current budget planning.
- b. **Discuss and take possible action** on internal financial controls.
- c. **Discuss and Consider** possible action regarding authorizing Southern Pine Locomotive Company, Inc., a Texas nonprofit corporation, to access approximately 7.56 acres, 4.83 acres, and 8.60 acres of land located on the south side of U.S. Highway 84, between Southern Pine Locomotive Company's approximately 4.556-acre property in the William Anderson and John Hudnley Surveys and FM 1248 South, identified by Cherokee County Appraisal District property IDs 118228137, 118228136, and 118228138, solely for the purpose of conducting a survey at Southern Pine Locomotive Company's sole expense, with any future conveyance, lease, or agreement to be considered separately under Texas Local Government Code § 253.011.
- d. **Discuss and consider** adoption of an Investment Policy for the City of Rusk and authorization for the Interim City Manager, in consultation with the City's financial consultants, to invest City funds in the LOGIC and/or TexSTAR governmental investment pools in accordance with the adopted Investment Policy and applicable law.
- e. **Discuss, consider, and take possible action** regarding electric service provider options for the City of Rusk.
- f. **Discuss and consider** an ordinance amending the City of Rusk Code of Ordinances concerning the use and installation of propane or liquefied petroleum gas (LP-gas) containers within the City.
- g. **Consider and take action** on an Ordinance amending the City of Rusk Code of Ordinances relating to the City's schedule of fees and charges, including retaining certain existing fees, amending the amount of certain fees, repealing certain fees, and adopting an updated schedule of fees and charges; amending Chapter 150, Section 150.105, to remove the separate building permit fee schedule contained therein and incorporate applicable building and permit fees into the City's consolidated fee schedule; providing repealer, savings, severability, publication, and effective-date provisions; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Ordinance.
- h. **Discuss and consider** partnering with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension to establish a community committee focused on promoting community engagement, health, and wellness initiatives.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council may convene into closed or executive session pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, including the following provisions, to deliberate the matters listed below.

- a. **Governance, Executive Session Procedures, and Organizational Authority** — Consultation with the City Attorney regarding the Texas Open Meetings Act; the purpose, requirements, limitations, and proper procedures for conducting executive sessions; the City Charter; the City's organizational structure and chain of command; and the respective legal authority, duties, responsibilities, and supervisory roles of the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, Interim City Manager, City Secretary, department heads, officers, and employees, including the authority and limitations of individual members of the City Council regarding the direction and supervision of City employees.
- b. **Personnel Policies, Duties, and Job Descriptions** — Consultation with the City Attorney and, to the extent authorized by Texas Government Code § 551.074, deliberation regarding the duties, responsibilities, job descriptions, evaluation procedures, and applicable personnel procedures concerning City officers and employees.

- c. **Contracts** — Consultation with the City Attorney regarding legal issues, requirements, authority, procedures, and obligations relating to City contracts, to the extent authorized by Texas Government Code § 551.071.
- d. **Employee Evaluation Procedures and Schedule** — Consultation with the City Attorney regarding the City's employee evaluation process and procedures and discussion regarding establishment of a timeframe or schedule for conducting employee evaluations; and, to the extent applicable, deliberation concerning the evaluation and/or duties of individual public officers or employees pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.074.

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

9. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

The City Council may reconvene into open session to discuss and take action, if any, on matters considered in executive session.

10. 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.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT(S):

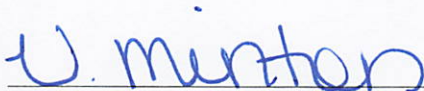
Water Projects, Wastewater Projects, Drainage Projects, Road Projects, Capital Improvement Projects, Special Projects and Developments, and Departmental Reports.

NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON THESE ITEMS.

12. EDC REPORT.

13. ADJOURN.

Notice Posted: Friday, September 4, 2026
City Hall Bulletin Board
By 5:00 P.M.



Victoria Minton, Interim City Manager / 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.