



# CITY OF RUSK CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

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

**RUSK CITY COUNCIL**  
MARTHA NEELY, MAYOR PRO TEM

JIM BEINDORF, DISTRICT 1  
MAXINE SESSION, DISTRICT 2  
YASH ASARSA, DISTRICT 3  
MARTHA NEELY, DISTRICT 4  
CHUCKY PATE, DISTRICT 5

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

**Monday October 19, 2026, AT 5:00 PM**

## **SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

### **2. FRIENDS OF THE RAILROAD COMMITTEE - 501(C)(3) REQUEST**

Discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding Trains and Friends, including the Railroad (RR) Committee's 501(c)(3) request and any related requests for City participation, coordination, assistance, or approval.

### **3. MASTER FEE SCHEDULE**

Discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding the City of Rusk Master Fee Schedule, including proposed revisions, additions, deletions, and updates to municipal fees and charges.

### **4. INTERNAL CONTROLS**

Discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding the City of Rusk Internal Controls.

### **5. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF BEN MIDDLEBROOKS' RESIGNATION**

Discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding formal acknowledgment of the resignation of Mayor Ben Middlebrooks.

### **6. PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR TO COMPLETE EXISTING TERM THRU MAY 2027**

Discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding procedures, eligibility requirements, and an application process for individuals interested in appointment to the office of Mayor for the remainder of the existing unexpired term.

### **7. PD VEHICLE TAKE-HOME POLICE**

Discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding approval of the Take-Home Vehicle Policy for the City of Rusk Police Department and authorization for the Chief of Police to implement and administer the policy, including establishing written procedures, authorized assignments, and operational guidelines consistent with the policy.

### **8. POLICE DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATION IN DHS 287(G) TASK FORCE MODEL PROGRAM**

Discuss, consider, and take possible action to approve the City of Rusk Police Department's participation in the United States Department of Homeland Security 287(g) Task Force Model Program, including authorization for the Chief of Police to apply for participation, execute the

Memorandum of Agreement and related documents, and administer and implement the program, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.

**9. DESIGNATION AND APPROVAL OF ACTING CITY MANAGER**

Discuss, consider, and take possible action to approve the designation of an Acting City Manager, as recommended by the current Interim City Manager, to serve during periods of temporary absence, incapacity, emergency, or vacancy in the office of City Manager; and to establish the scope of authority, conditions of service, and duration of such designation, subject to applicable law and City policies.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The City Council may convene in executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071 to consult with the City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, or matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct clearly conflicts with Chapter 551.

- a. **Consultation with City Attorney** regarding pending or contemplated litigation.
- b. **Consultation with City Attorney** regarding legal issues relating to the proposed Department of Homeland Security 287(g) Task Force Model Program Memorandum of Agreement.
- c. **Personnel Matters Deliberation** regarding possible action concerning reassignment or modification of the Interim City Manager/City Secretary's duties and responsibilities; evaluation of the Interim City Manager/City Secretary's performance and performance expectations; development, imposition of a performance improvement plan; discipline; and possible dismissal or termination, pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code § 551.074(a)(1).

**11. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

Discuss, consider, and take possible action, if any, on matters lawfully discussed in executive session.

**12. ADJOURN**

Amendment Notice Posted: Monday, October 12, 2026  
City Hall Bulletin Board  
By 10:00 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.