

**CITY OF RUSK, TEXAS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AGENDA**

Rusk Civic Center  
555 Euclid Street, Rusk, Texas  
Thursday, September 14, 2017 – 5:00 P.M.

Angela Raiborn, Mayor  
Walter Session, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Place 2  
Ben Middlebrooks, Council Place 1                      Donald Woodard, Council Place 4  
Don Jones, Council Place 3                              Ted Debbs, Council Place 5  
Jim D. Dunaway, City Manager

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:**
  - A. Invocation.
  - B. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags.
  
2. **RECOGNITION(S):**
  - A. Proclamation for National Night Out 2017.
  
3. **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.**
  
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
  - A. Minutes for August 10, 2017 Regular Meeting.
  - B. Minutes for August 17, 2017 Special Meeting
  - C. Accounts Payable for August, 2017.
  
5. **PUBLIC HEARING(S):**
  - A. Tax Rate for FY 2017-2018.
  - B. Budget for FY 2017-2018.
  
6. **ACTION ITEM(S):**
  - A. Appearance before Council – Mr. Danny Session.
  - B. Discuss and consider participation in, via Interlocal Agreement, Cherokee County Order# 2017-01 regarding changes in the Cherokee County Department of Public Health's *Food Establishment Rules*.
  - C. Discuss and consider an Ordinance annexing 3.50 acres of land located on Bagley Road, or better described as being in the J.M. Miller Survey K11, Abstract No. A 551, Block 1020, Tract 1 C, City of Rusk, Cherokee County, Texas, into the Rusk city limits.

- D. Discuss and consider submitting an application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Small Community Grant Program for additional playground equipment in Jim Hogg Park.
  - E. Discuss and consider adoption of the tax rate for FY 2017-2018.
  - F. Discuss and consider adoption of the utility rate increases for FY 2017-2018.
  - G. Discuss and consider adoption of the Rusk Economic Development Corporation's budget for FY 2017-2018.
  - H. Discuss and consider adoption of the budget for FY 2017-2018.
  - I. Discuss and consider a Resolution authorizing the creation of the Piney Woods 9-1-1 District.
  - J. Discuss and consider a land lease agreement between the City of Rusk and the Texas and Eastern Railroad, LLC.
7. **ANNOUNCEMENT(S):** Comments may be made by Council or Staff on the following topics without specific notice: expressions of thanks, congratulations or condolences; information on holiday schedules; recognition of public officials, employees or citizens other than employees or officials whose status may be affected by the council through action; reminders of community events. **NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON THESE ITEMS.**
8. **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.**
9. **ADJOURN**

The City Council reserves the right to hear any of the above described agenda items that qualify for an executive session in an executive session by publicly announcing the applicable section number of the open meetings act, (Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code) that justifies executive session treatment.

Posted: Monday, September 11, 2017  
City Hall Bulletin Board  
By 4:00 P.M.

  
Cinda Etheridge, City Secretary

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