

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

Rusk Civic Center  
555 Euclid Street, Rusk, Texas  
Thursday, August 9, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.

Angela Raiborn, Mayor  
Walter Session, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Place 2  
Ben Middlebrooks, Council Place 1                      Ken Ferrara, Council Place 4  
Martin Holsome, Council Place 3                      Jan Pate, 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)/PRESENTATION(S):**

- A. None

**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 the July 12, 2018 Regular Meeting.
- B. Financial Report for July, 2018.
- C. Confirmation of City Manager's appointment of Acting City Manager
- D. Ordinance adopting Design Guidelines for Subdivision Improvements in Rusk and its extraterritorial jurisdiction.
- E. Ordinance deleting Section 31.30 of the City of Rusk Code of Ordinances and replacing it with a new Section 31.30 setting the maximum compensation for the City Attorney.

**5. PUBLIC HEARING(S):**

- A. None

**6. ACTION ITEM(S):**

- A. Discussion and possible action on confirmation of Mayor's appointments for:
  - 1. City Attorney
  - 2. City Secretary
- B. Discussion and possible action on confirmation of the City Manager's appointments for the following Department Heads:
  - 1. Director of Utilities – Thomas Thompson

2. Director of Public Works – Neill Holcomb
  3. Director of Development Services – Cliff McElfresh
  4. Director of Community Services – Amy Rinehart
  5. Director of Parks & Recreation – Neill Holcomb
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- C. Discussion and possible action on a project proposal for the Eagle R/C Raceway to be constructed in the Jim Hogg Park.
  - D. Discussion and possible action on submittal of an application for a grant from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for improvements to the City of Rusk’s parks system.
  - E. Discussion and possible action on ordering an election for November 6, 2018 to consider Rusk City Charter amendments.
  - F. Discussion and possible action on acquiring surety bonds for all City employees that collect, handle, deposit or disperse City funds.
  - G. Discussion and possible action on a Resolution approving a project of the Rusk Economic Development Corporation supplying a grant of \$12,000 to the City of Rusk for improvements in Conley Park.
  - H. Discussion and possible action on Councilmember Ferrara’s request to establish a policy on naming of public facilities.
  - I. Discussion and possible action on Councilmember Ferrara’s request to establish protocols for Council review of checks prior to being signed and mailed.
  - J. Discussion and possible action on Councilmember Ferrara’s request to consider City Attorney fees and payments for unauthorized legal services regarding Declaratory Judgment lawsuit.
  - K. Discussion and possible action on a Resolution approving a project of the Rusk Economic Development Corporation supplying a grant of \$12,000 to the City of Rusk for improvements in Conley Park.
  - L. Discussion and possible action on setting an alternate date for the September 13, 2018 regular meeting.
  - M. Discussion and possible action on setting a proposed tax rate for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.
  - N. Discussion and possible action on setting two public hearing dates and times on the proposed tax rate for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.
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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. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The City Council will convene into Executive Session to discuss the following: Acquisition of Property – Shadow Creek Drive – Texas Government Code Section 551.072.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION:** The City Council may take action on the item(s) discussed in Executive Session.

## **11. 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, August 6, 2018  
City Hall Bulletin Board  
By 4:30 P.M.

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Jim D. Dunaway, City Manager

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