

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

Rusk Civic Center
555 Euclid Street, Rusk, Texas
Thursday, January 14, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.

Angela Raiborn, Mayor
Walter Session, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Place 2
Ben Middlebrooks, Council Place 1 Martha Neely, Council Place 4
Martin Holsome, Council Place 3 Frances Long, Council Place 5
Amanda Hill, City Manager
Cinda Etheridge, City Secretary
Anthony J. King, City Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. Invocation.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags.

2. PROCLAMATION(S)/RECOGNITION(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. Check Register Report for December 2020, the Credit Card Statements for December 2020, and the investment report and quarterly R & E.
- B. Minutes for the December 17, 2020 City Council Meeting.

5. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

- A. None.

6. ACTION ITEM(S):


- A. Discuss and consider
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUSK, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 96 AND CHAPTER 150 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RUSK, TO BETTER DEFINE PUBLIC NUISANCES AS WELL AS IT RELATES TO WEEDS, VEGETATION, MANUFACTURED HOMES, INDUSTRIALIZED BUILDINGS, AND VACANT BUILDINGS TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVES TO THE

ENFORCEMENT THEREOF THROUGH BOTH CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURES, INCLUDING CHARGING THE COST OF AN ABATEMENT TO A VIOLATORS UTILITY BILL; AND PROVIDING THAT ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES OR FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE CRIMINAL PORTION OF THIS ORDINANCE WILL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY FINE NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00), WITH EACH DAY OF CONTINUED VIOLATION FOR NON COMPLIANCE TO CONSTITUTE A SEPARATE VIOLATION; AND CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE .

- B. Discuss and consider a donation and/or an exchange of land from Frazier Family.
 - C. Discuss and consider Inter-local Cooperation Contract with Rusk Rural Water Supply.
 - D. Discuss and consider extension of COVID pay for City Employees.
 - E. Discuss and consider Mobile Food Truck Ordinance.
 - F. Discuss and consider Personnel Policy amendments concerning compensation time and step pay.
 - G. Discuss and consider 2020-2021 City of Rusk budget amendments.
7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION(S):** The City Council will enter Executive Session to discuss and consider the following-
- A. Consultation with the City Attorney-Government Code Section 551.071 consultation with counsel on legal matters.
8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION (S):** The City Council will reconvene into Open Session to act, if any, on items discussed in the Executive Session.
9. **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.**
10. **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.**
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, January 11, 2021
City Hall Bulletin Board
By 4:30 P.M.


Cinda Etheridge, City Secretary

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