

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

Rusk Civic Center
555 Euclid Street, Rusk, Texas
Thursday, March 12, 2020 – 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
Jim D. Dunaway, 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. 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. Check Register Report for February, 2020.
- B. Minutes for the February 13, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting and the March 3, 2020 Special City Council Meeting.
- C. Resolution Canceling the Regular City Officers' Election Scheduled for May 2, 2020.

5. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

- A. Request for a zone change from R-1 to B-2 for the property described as Abstract 341, Block 1006, Tract 2, J. Hundley K11 Survey, Abstract 341, Block 1010, Tracts 12A, 16 and 17B, J. Hundley K11 Survey. Mark Raiborn, Applicant.
- B. Request for a zone change from B-1 to B-2 for the property described as Abstract 579, Block 1111, Tract 12, J. Morgan J11 Survey, Abstract 716, Block 1107, Tracts 5, 5A, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11A, H. Pratt J11 Survey and Abstract 931, Block 1112, Tracts 5A and 6A, H. White J11 Survey. Dr. Mark Cline, Applicant.

6. ACTION ITEM(S):

- A. Discuss and consider an Ordinance changing the current zoning from B-1 to B-2 for the property described as Abstract 579, Block 1111, Tract 12, J. Morgan J11 Survey, Abstract 716, Block 1107, Tracts 5, 5A, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11A, H. Pratt J 11 Survey and Abstract 931, Block 1112, Tracts 5A and 6A, H. White J11 Survey. Dr. Mark Cline, Applicant.
- B. Discuss and consider Ordinances adopting Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreements for the Tree of Promise, the Cherokee Civic Theatre and the Heritage Center of Cherokee County.
- C. Discuss and consider an Ordinance amending Sections 41-3, 42-8, 42-11 and 42-12 of Chapter 42, Rules of Order and Procedure, Code of Ordinances, City of Rusk, to clarify and amend the procedure for the conducting of Council meetings as it pertains to the public addressing the City Council.
- D. Discuss and consider a Resolution denying the Statement of Intent to increase rates filed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corporation, DBA, CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas, for its Beaumont/East Texas Division, on or about November 14, 2019 and requiring the reimbursement of Municipal Rate Case expenses.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION(S): The City Council will convene into Executive Session to discuss the following:

- A. Personnel Matters – City Manager Position – Government Code Section 551.074.
- B. Consultation with City Attorney – Case 2:0-cv-00055-JRG, Texas Equal Access Fund and Lilith Fund for Reproductive Equity vs. City of Waskom, Texas, Et.Al. – Government Code Section 551.071.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION(S): The City Council will reconvene into Open Session to take action, if any, on the matter(s) discussed in Executive Session Items 7A and 7B.

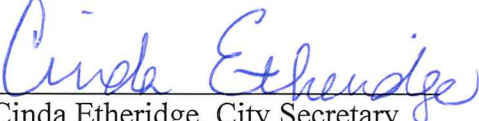
9. ANNOUNCEMENT(S): Comments may be made by Council or Staff on the following topics without specific notice: expressions of thanks, congratulations or condolences; information on holiday schedules; recognition of public officials, employees or citizens other than employees or officials whose status 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, March 9, 2020
City Hall Bulletin Board
By 4:30 P.M.


Cinda Etheridge, City Secretary

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