

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

Rusk Public Library Community Room  
207 East 6th Street, Rusk, Texas  
Thursday, May 14, 2020 – 12:00 P.M. (Noon)

**TELEPHONIC OPEN MEETING**

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

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**This meeting will be closed to in person attendance by the public.** A temporary suspension of the Open Meetings Act to allow telephone or videoconference public meetings has been granted by Governor Greg Abbott. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code. Telephonic capabilities will be utilized to allow individuals to address the Council. Emails may also be submitted. **Members of the public are entitled to participate remotely via Zoom Teleconferencing.** Citizens may join the Zoom Meeting by logging <https://zoom.us/j/96553595931> password **000288**. Meeting ID: 965 5359 5931 Password 000288. They may also join by calling (888)-788-0099 and entering the Meeting ID: 965 5359 5931 and Password: 000288. The meeting will be recorded and uploaded to the City website within 24 hours following the conclusion of the meeting if there are not any complications.

**Members of the public who wish to submit their written comments on a listed agenda item must submit their comments by downloading the “Speaker’s Request Form” at [www.rusktx.org](http://www.rusktx.org) or emailing [cetheridge@rusktx.org](mailto:cetheridge@rusktx.org) or by calling 430-300-1503 direct line or 903-683-2213 for staff assistance.**

**Speaker request form, email or questions must be received before 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 14, 2020.**

**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 Reports for March, 2020 and April, 2020 and the Budget Report for the period of October 1, 2019 through March, 2020.
- B. Minutes for the March 3, 2020 Special City Council Meeting, the Minutes for the March 12, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting, the Minutes from the April 15, 2020 Regular (Telephonic) City Council Meeting and the April 23, 2020 Special (Telephonic) City Council Meeting.

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

- A. None.

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

- A. Discuss and consider the Official Canvass of the Regular City Officers Election canceled by Resolution No. 2020-03 approved on March 12, 2020 and Certification of Unopposed Candidates.
- B. Presentation of Statement of Officers and Oaths of Office of Newly Elected City Councilmembers for Council Districts 3, 4 and 5.
- C. Election of Mayor Pro Tem.
- D. Discuss and consider a Resolution Adopting A Water Conservation Plan for the City of Rusk.
- E. Discuss and consider a request from Texas and Eastern Railroad seeking permission to extend the track currently being utilized for storage purposes.
- F. Discuss and consider a Resolution Denying the Distribution Cost Recovery Factor Rate Request of ONCOR Electric Delivery Company, LLC, made on or about April 3, 2019.
- G. Discuss and consider repeal of action taken on December 13, 2018 that extended the term for retaining Council meeting audio information.

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION(S):** None.

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION(S):** None.

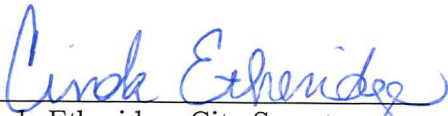
**9. ANNOUNCEMENT(S):** Comments may be made by Council or Staff on the following topics without specific notice: expressions of thanks, congratulations or condolences; information on holiday schedules; recognition of public officials, employees or citizens other than employees or officials whose status 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, May 11, 2020  
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Cinda Etheridge, City Secretary

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