



PUBLIC HEARING

Rockport City Council

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Rockport will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. on a proposal to possibly increase solid waste, water, wastewater and natural gas rates for all customers. The rate will be effective on September 15, 2021. The City's customers will note an increase in rates with the November 1, 2021, utility billing. The Public Hearing will be held using the video conferencing application ZOOM. The meeting will be held in person with social distancing guidelines and using the video conferencing application ZOOM. A temporary suspension of the Open Meetings Act to allow telephone or video conference 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. Video conferencing capabilities will be utilized to allow individuals to address the City Council. Members of the public can participate in the meeting remotely by using the ZOOM address that will be provided on the City Council Agenda of August 10, 2021, and posted on the City's website www.cityofrockport.com.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the attorney general has said: "statutes that may be interpreted to require face-to-face interaction between members of the public and public officials are suspended; provided, however, that the governmental bodies must offer alternative methods of communicating with their public officials." Public participation is valued and citizens wishing to express their views during the Public Hearing can electronically submit a Citizen Participation Form in order to register to speak by going to <https://rockport.seamlessdocs.com/f/CouncilCitizenParticipation>, or if attending the meeting in person register at the meeting. Using the same form, citizens can also provide written comments to the City Secretary by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. The Mayor will read the comments and they will be summarized in the minutes of the meeting.

The City encourages citizens to participate and to make their views known at this public hearing. For further information please contact the Finance Director Katie Griffin at 361-729-2213 ext. 228 or email at finance@cityofrockport.com. This facility and parking spaces are wheelchair accessible. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting by contacting the Office of the City Secretary at 361/729-2213 extension 225 or email at citysec@cityofrockport.com. Braille is not available.

POSTED this the 20th day of July 2021, by 5:00 p.m., on the bulletin board at the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas 78382 and on the webpage at www.cityofrockport.com.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Teresa Valdez".

Teresa Valdez, City Secretary

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