



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY
RICE, TEXAS**

Thursday, January 16, 2025

(Rescheduled from postponed meeting due to weather)

6:00 PM

Rice City Hall

305 N. Dallas Street

Rice, TX 75155

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order: Mayor Christi Campbell called the meeting to order at 6pm.**

- 2. Roll Call**
 - a. Sheila Teague: Present
 - b. Rosa Vasquez: Present
 - c. Nick White: Present
 - d. Donnie P. Fisher: Present
 - e. Troy Foreman: Present
 - f. Mayor Christi Campbell: Present

- 3. Pledge of Allegiance: By All**
- 4. Texas Pledge of Allegiance: By All**
- 5. Prayer: By Donnie P. Fisher**
- 6. Public Forum: None**

7. Alderman Updates: None

8. Reports

- a. December 2024 Volunteer Fire Department Report
- b. December 2024 Police Department Report – Sgt Adams promoted to Lieutenant
- c. December 2024 Municipal Court Report
- d. December 2024 Administrative Report

Rosa asked about keeping in touch with Cody Harris, with train concerns.

The mayor informed everyone about possible grants for train crossings.

Working with Shelters in area for grants and funding. (Tri-County Shelter).

Sheila Teague asked about blending materials for a better solution on the roads. Blending Millings with road base.

- e. December 2024 EDC Report
- f. December 2024 Mayor's Report

Motion to forgo reading reports made by Troy Foreman and second by Nick White.

Ayes: Troy Foreman, Nick White, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez, Donnie P. Fisher

Nays: None

Motion Passed

9. Consent Items

- a. Discuss and Deliberate approval of Minutes for Regular City Council meeting on December 12, 2024.

Motion to approve Minutes for Regular City Council Meeting of December 12, 2024, made by Donnie P. Fisher, and second by Sheila Teague.

Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez, Troy Foreman, Nick White.

Nays: None.

Motion Passed

- b. Discuss and Deliberate approval of December 2024 financial report.
Motion to Approve the Financials for December 2024 made by Rosa Vasquez and second by Troy Foreman.
Ayes: Rosa Vasquez, Troy Foreman, Nick White, Donnie P. Fisher, Sheila Teague.
Nays: None
Motion Passed

10. New Business

- a. Discuss and Deliberate approval Tiffany Zwinge for EDC
Motion to approve Tiffany Zwinge to the EDC made by Nick White and second by Rosa Vasquez.
Ayes; Nick White, Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague, Donnie P. Fisher, Troy Foreman.
Nays: None
Motion Passed

- b. Discuss and Deliberate approval contract for Texas Towing
Motion to approve contract with Texas Towing made by Rosa Vasquez, and second by Donnie P. Fisher.
Ayes: Rosa Vasquez, Donnie P. Fisher, Troy Foreman, Nick White, Sheila Teague
Nays: None
Motion Passed

- c. Discuss and Deliberate the approval/deny of the Resolution for Atmos regarding rate increase.
Motion to deny the approval of the Resolution regarding Atmos rate increase made by Donnie P. Fisher and second by Troy Foreman.
Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Troy Foreman, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez, Nick White
Nays: None
Motion Passed

- d. Discuss and Deliberate approval of Joint Contract with Navarro County for Election Services.

Motion to approve the Joint contract with Navarro County for Election Services made by Donnie P. Fisher, and second by Nick White,

Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Nick White, Troy Foreman, Sheila Teague Rosa Vasquez

Nays; None

Motion Passed

Note: Vicki Fisher will verify with Attorney that Mayor Campbell will run this term, because she was fulfilling the previous Mayor's Term?

- e. Discuss a date for the City Council to tour the City Hall during winter hours and tour the rest of city property during spring hours.

All agreed to Tour City Hall tonight after the Meeting adjourns. The tour of the outside facilities will be toured after May 2025 elections.

- f. Discuss and Deliberate the removal of the large side shelves and reinstall them at the new library.

Motion to allow the side shelves to be removed from the Court room so they can be installed in the new library, made by Rosa Vasquez, and second by Troy Foreman.

Ayes: Rosa Vasquez, Troy Foreman, Sheila Teague, Nick White, Donnie P. Fisher.

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- g. Discuss and Deliberate the approval of paying Reserve Officers, which would make them part-time officers, until a full-time officer is hired.

Motion to make Reserve officers Part time made by Rosa Vasquez, and second by Donnie P. Fisher.

Ayes: Rosa Vasquez, Donnie P. Fisher, Troy Foreman, Nick White, Sheila Teague

Nays: None

Motion Passed

11. Old Business

- a. Discuss and Deliberate the repair of the replacement lawnmower.

Motion to table until details can be worked out with MDMYA concerning the mower made by Donnie P. Fisher and, second by Rosa Vasquez.

Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Rosa Vasquez, Troy Foreman, Nick White, Sheila Teague

Nays: None

Motion Passed

12. Motion of Adjourn

Mayor Christi Campbell adjourned the meeting at 6:57 pm

Attest:

Sharon Watkins

2-13-25

Sharon Watkins, City Secretary/Finance Clerk

Date

