



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

Thursday, February 12, 2026

6:00 pm

**Rice City Hall
305 N. Dallas Street
Rice, TX 75155**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Christi Campbell called Meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
2. **Roll Call:**
 - a. Mayor Christi Campbell: Present
 - b. Rosa Vasquez: Absent
 - c. Nick White: Present
 - d. Tonya Roberts: Present
 - e. Troy Foreman: Present
 - f. Mike Butler: Present
3. **Prayer:** By Tonya Roberts
4. **Pledge of Allegiance:** By All
5. **Texas Pledge of Allegiance:** By All
6. **Public Hearings:**

None
7. **Public Forum:**
 1. Jamie Wyatt – 306 N. Beaton Street, Corsicana Tx, 75110.
jamie@colonial-construction.com

Mr. Wyatt spoke on possibly leasing or purchase possibilities for Soggy Peso. He would like to get on the agenda in March to discuss possible scenarios for the future of the Soggy Peso.

2. Chief Gaylon Taylor of the Rice VFD. The Chief spoke about a possible fundraiser opportunity for the Fire Department. CPR classes for family and friends. Further details to come.

8. Alderman's Update:

Mayor gave Chief a thank you for stepping into the supervisor role of Public Safety temporarily. He is doing a great job and getting projects done.

Mike Butler also wanted to thank the Chief for being involved with getting the cameras set up in the Mike Dickens Memorial Park.

9. Employee Recognition:

- a. 11 Years of service, February 2015 – February 2026, Court Administrator, Mechelle Haston.

Mayor Campbell, along with the City Council members, presented a Certificate of Achievement for 11 years of service to Mechelle Haston, the City of Rice Court Administrator. Pictures were taken.

10. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve Minutes for January 15, 2026, Special City Council meeting.
 - b. Approval of the January 2026 Financial Report.
 - c. Administrative report for January 2026: Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal Court, Permits, Public Works, and Finance.
- Motion to approve Consent agenda items 10a, 10b, 10c made by Mike Butler and seconded by Troy Foreman.

Ayes: Mike Butler, Troy Foreman, Nick White, Tonya Roberts,

Nays: None

Motion Passed

11. New Business:

- a. Discussion, consideration and action as may be appropriate to remove Jameka Jackson and Vicki Fisher from authorized use of the bank safety deposit box and adding Mayor, Christ Campbell and Finance Clerk, Sharon Wilkins as authorized user of said safety deposit box

Motion remove Jameka Jackson and Vicki Fisher as authorized users of the Safety deposit box at Harmony Bank in Rice Texas, and to appoint Christi Campbell and Sharon Watkins as authorized users of said safety deposit box at Harmony Bank in Rice Texas, with the correction to the names Christi Campbell, and Sharon Watkins, made by Mike Butler and seconded by Tonya Roberts.

Ayes: Mike Butler, Tonya Roberts, Nick White, Troy Foreman

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- b. Discussion, consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding a proposal for legal services and representation for the City of Rice.

Motion to appoint The Hall Law Firm, PLLC as the attorney for the City of Rice made by Tonya Roberts and seconded by Mike Butler.

Ayes: Tonya Roberts, Mike Butler, Troy Foreman, Nick White

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- c. Discussion, consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding a Resolution ordering the May 2, 2026, General Election.

Motion to pass resolution ordering the May 2, 2026, General Election made by Tonya Roberts and seconded by Nick White.

Ayes: Tonya Roberts, Nick White, Troy Foreman, Mike Butler

Nays: None

Motion Passed

12. **Executive Session:** In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq. The City Council will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss the following under Section 551.074(a)(1) - Personnel Matters:

- a. Discussion regarding the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, resignation, or dismissal of a city officer or employee, unless such officer or employee requests a public hearing to wit: City Administrator and Interim City Administrator.

Adjourn into Closed Session: 6:42 pm

Reconvene into Open Session: 7:56 pm

- b. Any action to be taken from Executive Session: No action Taken

13. **Adjournment:** 7:56 pm

Attested By

Christi Campbell 3/12/26
Christi Campbell, Mayor Date

