



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

**Thursday, March 12, 2026**

**6:00 pm**

**Rice City Hall**

**305 N. Dallas Street**

**Rice, TX 75155**

**Minutes**

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor called meeting to order at 6 pm.
2. **Roll Call:**
  - a. Mayor Christi Campbell: Present
  - b. Rosa Vasquez: Present
  - c. Nick White: Not Present
  - d. Tonya Roberts: Present
  - e. Mayor Pro Tem, Troy Foremen: Not Present
  - f. Mike Butler: Present
3. **Prayer:** Chief Parson
4. **Pledge of Allegiance:** By All
5. **Texas Pledge of Allegiance:** By All
6. **Public Forum:**

Jason Grant – Navarro County Commissioner

Spoke regarding conversations with Jake Ellzey about funding projects in the Rice area. Stated that he had finally received paperwork for these funds, but it was too late for this year but would work on for next year.

**7. Alderman's Update:** None

**8. Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approval of Council meeting minutes for February 12, 2026.
- b. Approval of workshop minutes for February 12, 2026.
- c. Approval of the February 2026 Financial Report.
- d. Administrative reports for February 2026: Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal Court, Public Works, and Finance.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Tonya Roberts and seconded by Rosa Vasquez.

Ayes: Tonya Roberts, Rosa Vasquez, Mike Butler

Nays: None

Motion Passed

**9. New Business:**

- a. Discussion, consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding a Resolution to accept the Annual Audit for the period of October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024. (Presented by Donald Allman by phone)

Motion to Accept Resolution to approve the Annual Audit for the period of October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024, made By Tonya Roberts and seconded by Mike Butler.

Ayes: Tonya Roberts, Mike Butler, Rosa Vasquez

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- b. Discussion, consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding an engagement letter for Auditor services from the period of October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025, for the City of Rice.

Motion to approve Engagement letter for Auditor Services from the period of October 1, 2024- September 30, 2025, for Lori Ann Cannon, CPA, made by Tonya Roberts, and seconded by Mike Butler.

Ayes: Tonya Roberts, Mike Butler, Rosa Vasquez

Nays; None

Motion Passed

- c. Discussion, consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding an Ordinance declaring the unopposed candidates for the City Council seats as elected, and cancelling the May 2, 2026, General Election.

Motion to approve Ordinance declaring the unopposed candidates for the City Council seats as elected, and cancelling the May 2, 2026, General Election made by Mike Butler and seconded by Tonya Roberts.

Ayes: Mike Butler, Tonya Roberts, Rosa Vasquez.

Nays: None

Motion passed

- d. Discussion, consideration, and action as may be appropriate regarding a Resolution to authorize TEXPOOL representatives.

Motion to approve Resolution authorizing the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, and City Secretary/City Administrator as representatives for the TEXPOOL accounts made by Mike Butler and seconded by Rosa Vasquez.

Ayes: Mike Butler, Rosa Vasquez, Tonya Roberts.

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- e. Discussion, consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding an Ordinance to amend Code of Ordinances, by amending Chapter 3, "Building Regulations", Article 3.05 "Signs" Section 3.05.004 "Violations" by repealing in its entirety subsection 3.05.004(a) by replacing it with a new subsection 3.05.004(a).

Motion to approve Ordinance to amend Ordinances, by amending Chapter 3, "Building Regulations", Article 3.05 "Signs" Section 3.05.004 "Violations" by repealing in its entirety subsection 3.05.004(a) by replacing it with a new subsection 3.05.004(a) made by Tonya Roberts, and seconded by Mike Butler.

Ayes: Tonya Roberts, Mike Butler, Rosa Vasquez

Nay: None

Motion Passed

- f. Discussion, consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding the purchase of CJIS software for the Rice Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$2544.00.

Motion to approve purchase of CJIS software for the Rice Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$2544.00, made by Tonya Roberts, and seconded by Mike Butler.

Ayes: Tonya Roberts, Mike Butler, Rosa Vasquez

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- g. Discussion, consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding a Resolution for a Cash Handling Operating Policy.

Motion to approve a Resolution for a Cash Handling Operating Policy for the administrative office of the City of Rice made by Tonya Roberts and seconded by Mike Butler.

Ayes; Tonya Roberts, Mike Butler, Rosa Vasquez

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- h. Discussion, consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding the Soggy Peso Lease Agreement at 205 Calhoun Street. (Jason Grant)

No Action Taken

**10. 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 candidates/Interviews.

Recess into Closed Session: 6:46 pm

Reconvene into Open Session: 8:32 pm

- b. Any action to be taken from Executive Session.

**No Action Taken**

**11. Adjournment:**  
Adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Attested By

Christi Campbell      4/9/26

Christi Campbell, Mayor

Date

