



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

**Thursday, April 9, 2026**

**6:00 pm**

**Rice City Hall**

**305 N. Dallas Street**

**Rice, TX 75155**

### **City of Rice Mission Statement**

The City of Rice will maximize the opportunities for social and economic development while retaining an attractive, sustainable and secure environment for the enjoyment of the residents and visitors. Through unified responsible and professional leadership and partnership with others, the Municipality will strive to improve the quality of life for all.

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order:**
  
- 2. Roll Call:**
  - a. Mayor Christi Campbell
  - b. Rosa Vasquez
  - c. Nick White
  - d. Tonya Roberts
  - e. Mayor Pro Tem, Troy Foremen
  - f. Mike Butler
  
- 3. Prayer:**
  
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:**

#### **The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

**5. Texas Pledge of Allegiance:**

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas State Flag**

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

**6. Public Forum:**

**Anyone wishing to speak on an item not listed on the agenda may do so during this section. Please turn in a speaker's card to the City Secretary. Each speaker has five minutes. By law, the Council cannot deliberate or take action on non-agenda items. The Council may listen, ask brief clarifying questions, provide factual responses, or explain existing policy.**

**7. Alderman's Update:**

**8. Consent Agenda:**

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

**9. New Business:**

**The Rice City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed in this agenda, as authorized by Texas Local Government Code Sections 551.071 (*Consultation with City Attorney*).**

- a. Discussion regarding guidelines for a Tax Abatement Policy.
- b. Discussion, consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding entering into a lease agreement with new owners of Soggy Peso located at 205 E. Calhoun St.
- c. Discussion, consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding amending a previous motion made on January 15, 2026, to fill the Interim position of City Administrator.
- d. Discussion, consideration, and action as may be appropriate regarding amending the Rice Community Economic Development Corporation Bylaws to allow two (2) City Council members to serve on both boards and remove the requirement for two (2) EDC members to live within City limits.
- e. Discussion, consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding hiring a part-time dispatcher/police clerk until a full-time position is filled.
- f. Discussion, consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding bids for contract work to pour approximately 435 Square Feet of concrete slab

extension behind the Police Department.

- g. Discussion, consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding an Ordinance amending the current 2025-2026 Fiscal year Budget for Police Department restructure wages, ARPA funds, Insurance claim and automobile repair.
- h. Discussion, consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding the disposal of surplus property, to wit: two police vehicles.

**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.

Recess into Closed Session:

Reconvene into Open Session:

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

**11. Adjournment:**

I hereby certify that the above notice of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board of City Hall, City of Rice, Texas, a place readily accessible to the public at all times and to the City's website [www.ricetx.gov](http://www.ricetx.gov), on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2026, by 5:00 p.m., and remained posted for at least 3 business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

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Sharon Watkins,  
Finance Clerk

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Time: \_\_\_\_\_