

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY

RICE, TEXAS

Thursday June 11, 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 pm

2. Roll Call:

- a. Mayor Christi Campbell: Present
- b. Anna Smith: Present
- c. Sarah Farley: Present
- d. Tonya Roberts: Present
- e. Mayor Pro Tem, Troy Foreman: Present
- f. Mike Butler: Present

3. Prayer: Mike Butler

4. Pledge of Allegiance: By All

5. Texas Pledge of Allegiance: By All

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.

- 1. Rebecca Funes, Parks and Recreation Clerk, Spoke on 4th of July event.
- 2. Diane Cheek, Rice, Volunteer for events committee. Spoke on 4th of July Event

3. Tiffany Zwinge, Rice: Spoke on Data Center
4. Juan Gamez, Rice: Spoke on Data Center
5. Michael Ellis, Rice: Spoke on Data Center
6. Brandi Solomon, President of Rice EDC: Spoke on Data Center
7. Laura McGee, Rice: Spoke on Data Center
8. Robert Reddish, Rice: Spoke on Data Center
9. Ricky Rosenblum, Rice: Spoke on Data Center
10. Ruben Flores, Ennis, Spoke on Data Center
11. Raymond Butler, Rice: Spoke on Data Center
12. Kara Clore: Spoke on Data Center
13. Conrad Eaton, EG AI: Spoke on Data Center

7. Alderman's Update: None

8. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Council meeting minutes for May 14, 2026.
- b. Approval of the May 2026 Financial Report.
- c. Administrative reports for May 2026: Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal Court, Public Works, Finance and administration
 Motion to remove item c from the consent agenda and to approve items a and b made by Mike Butler and seconded by Troy Foreman.
 Ayes; Mike Butler, Troy Foreman, Ann Smith, Sarah Farley, Tonya Roberts.
 Nays: none
 Motion Passed.
- c. Administrative Report
 Mayor in her Administrative report, showed videos that the chillers that are similar to what will be at this site, demonstrating, the noise level.
 Information on the oils that they will be using. The report came from Shell.
 Mayor stated that this has not been a rush decision by council. Mayor has been in constant discussions for months with this company.
 Mayor is in talks with the Catholic Charities for a mobile food bank to come to Rice. Will need volunteers.
 Motion to approve item c made by Mike Butler and seconded by Tonya Roberts.

Ayes; Mike Butler, Tonya Roberts, Troy Foreman, Ann Smith, Sarah Farley.

Nays; None

Motion Passed

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, consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding the resignation of Tonya Roberts from the City Council Alderman position effective immediately.

Motion to move this to the end of the agenda items made by Ann Smith and Seconded by Mike Butler.

Ayes: Ann Smith, Mike Butler, Tonya Roberts, Troy Foreman, Sarah Farley

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Motion to accept the resignation of Tonya Roberts as Alderman made by Mike Butler and seconded by Ann Smith.

Ayes: Mike Butler, Ann Smith, Troy Foreman, Sarah Farley

Abstain: Tonya Roberts

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- b. Discussion and consider regarding a request for a replat of approximately 4.021 acres of land, known as Lots 1R & 2R in the Thomas S. Smith Survey, Abstract No. 729 and generally located at 2907 SE McKinney Street, Rice Texas 75155.

Motion to approve the replat made by Ann Smith and seconded by Troy Foreman.

Ayes: Ann Smith, Troy Foreman, Tonya Roberts, Sarah Farley, Mike Butler.

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- c. Discussion, as may be appropriate regarding a Resolution approving a tax abatement agreement with EG AI Corp

No Action Taken.

- d. Discussion, consideration, and action may be appropriate regarding the procedure and process to add data centers to the City's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance schedule of uses.

Mr. Halla, City attorney, gave information on what would need to happen if you wanted a Data center.

Troy Foreman had several questions.

Mayor to decide on a Workshop on abatements.

No Action Taken

- e. Discuss, consideration, and action as may be appropriate regarding budget adjustment. Move \$15,000 from 100-60-6006 to Account 100-60-6004 for the purchase of new zero turn mower.

Motion to move \$15,000.00 from account 100-60-6006 to account 100-60-6004 the purchase of new zero turn mower and have city staff process the purchase of mower made by Mike Butler and seconded by Troy Foreman,

Ayes: Mike Butler, Troy Foreman Tonya Roberts, Sarah Farley, Ann Smith

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- f. Discussion, consideration, and action as may be appropriate in approving an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Rice, Texas, Amending the code of ordinances, By Amending Chapter 1 "General Provisions". Article 1.02

"administration", By Creating Section 1.02.003, "City Administrator": Providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause, providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date.

Motion to approve City Administrator updated Ordinance made by Ann Smith and seconded by Mike Butler.

Ayes: Ann Smith, Mike Butler, Tonya Roberts, Troy Foreman, Sarah Farley

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- g. Discussion, consideration, and action as may be appropriate to be able to accept a donation for gym equipment offered to the city, upon complete examination of said equipment before accepting the equipment.

Motion to not accept the donation for gym equipment offered to the city made by Tonya Roberts and seconded by Ann Smith.

Ayes: Tonya Roberts, Ann Smith, Troy Foreman, Mike Butler, Sarah Farley

10. **Executive Session: In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq.**

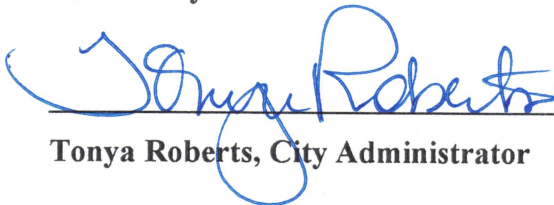
Recess into Closed Session: None

Reconvene into Open Session:

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

11. **Adjournment:** Mayor adjourned at 7:48 pm

Attested by

 7/9/2020

Tonya Roberts, City Administrator

Date

