



**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
AND WORKSHOP
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
RICE, TEXAS**

**Friday, July 31, 2026 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. Mayor Christi Campbell: Present
- b. Councilmember Anna Smith: Present
- c. Councilmember Sarah Farley: Present
- d. Mayor Pro Tem Troy Foreman: Present
- e. Councilmember Mike Butler: Present
- f. Councilmember Neil Chapman: Present arrived at 6:02 PM

3. Prayer: Mayor Campbell

4. Pledge of Allegiance: By All

5. Texas Pledge of Allegiance: By All

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas State Flag

6. Public Forum

Anyone wishing to speak on an item, whether listed on this agenda, may do so during this time. Please turn in a speaker's card to the City Secretary. Each speaker has three (3) minutes to speak. 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.

No Public forum speakers.

7. Discuss, consider, and approve a resolution approving the submission of a grant application for the Local Park Grant for the Non-Urban Indoor Grant Program to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the development of Rice Recreation Center, a public recreation center, for recreational uses, and agreeing to provide matching funds.
8. Discuss, consider, and approve a resolution designating the City Administrator as the official being responsible for, acting for, and on behalf of the City of Rice in dealing with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the purpose of participating in the Local Park Grant Program.

Tonya Roberts presented a slideshow on the Non-Urban Grant Program from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

After the presentation, The Meeting was opened to questions from the City council and the Citizens. Citizens asked how it would be accessible at night and in the evening. Council asked about the Match part of the grant.

Motion to Approve items 7 and 8 as written was made by Troy Foreman and seconded By Mike Butler.

Ayes: Troy Foreman, Mike Butler, Ann Smith, Sarah Farley, Neil Chapman.

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Mike Butler and Neil Chapman left the meeting at 6: 15 pm. Following the vote.

WORKSHOP

9. Workshop Items (Discussion Only)

- a. **FY 2026 – 2027 Revenue Projections:** Review of estimated municipal revenues, including property tax (ad valorem) calculations, sales tax trends, franchise fees, and other revenues.
- b. **Departmental Budget Requests:** Initial review of preliminary operational and capital expense requests submitted by City Departments
- c. **Priority Goals and Capital Improvements:** Council discussion regarding specific municipal priorities, infrastructure needs, and capital improvement projects for the upcoming fiscal year.
- d. **Future Budget Calendar Dates:** Review of upcoming statutory deadlines and scheduling of additional workshop dates, if necessary, prior to the formal filing of the proposed budget.

Council Members discussed any changes to the budget from discussions in the previous workshop.

Budget will be presented in Regular meeting on August 13, 2026.

10. Adjournment at 6:32 pm

ATTESTED BY

Tonya Roberts 8-13-2026

TONYA ROBERTS, CITY SECRETARY