



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

**Thursday, January 11, 2024
6:00 PM
Rice City Hall
305 N. Dallas Street
Rice, TX 75155**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: By Christi Campell, Mayor at 6:01 pm
2. Roll Call: By Sharon Watkins
 - a. Present: Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez, Diane Cheek, Donnie Fisher, Troy Foreman and Mayor Campbell
 - b. Absent: None
3. Pledge of Allegiance: By all
4. Texas Pledge of Allegiance: By all
5. Prayer: Donnie P. Fisher
6. Public Forum: None
7. Reports
 - a. December 2023 Volunteer Fire Department Report: Gaylon Taylor
 - b. December 2023 Police Department Report: Chief Parsons
 - c. December 2023 Municipal Court Report: Mechelle Haston
 - d. December 2023 Mayors Report: Christi Campbell
 - e. December 2023 Administrative Report: Vicki Fisher
 - f. December 2023 EDC Report:
 - g. Dedication of Big Fan in Gym from EDC to City of Rice: Motion to Table until a later date made by Donnie P. Fisher and second by Sheila Teague

Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez, Troy Foreman, Diane Cheek,
Nays: None
Motion passed.

8. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Discuss and Deliberate Approval of December 14, 2023, Regular Minutes:

Motion to approve Minutes for December 14, 2023, made by Troy Foreman

Seconded by: Donnie P. Fisher.

Ayes: Troy Foreman, Donnie P. Fisher, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek, Rosa Vasquez

Nays: None

Motion Passed

2. Discuss and Deliberate Approval of Minutes for December 14, 2023 Workshop:

Motion to Approve Minutes for December 14, 2023

Workshop made by Donnie P. Fisher and Seconded by Diane Cheek

Ayes Donnie P. Fisher, Diane Cheek, Rosa Vasques, Sheila Teague, Troy Foreman

Nays: none

Motion Passed

B. Approval of Financials

1. Discuss and Deliberate Approval of December 2023 Financials:

Motion to Approve Financials for December 2023, made by Sheila Teague and

Seconded by: Rosa Vasquez

Ayes: Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasques, Donnie P. Fisher, Troy Foreman, Diane Cheek

Motion Passed

9. New Business

- a. Discuss and Deliberate on Rezoning 200 North Dallas property to multi-family zone

Motion to approve the rezoning of 200 North Dallas from R-2 To R-4: made by Troy Foreman, and 2nd by Donnie P. Fisher

Ayes: Troy Foreman, Donnie P. Fisher, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek, Rosa Vasquez

Nays: None

Motion Passed

*It was discovered (by text to council members

during Council Meeting) that re-zoning had to have a public hearing before having a vote. This will appear in the March 14th, 2024, agenda for another vote.

- b. Discuss and Deliberate Approval of Storage Units on E. Calhoun Street
Motion to approve the storage units on E. Calhoun Street: made by Donnie P. Fisher, and Second by Troy Foreman

Ayes: Troy Foreman, Donnie P. Fisher, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek, Rosa Vasquez

Nays: None

Motion passed.

- c. Discuss and Deliberate submittals for the Comprehensive Plan
Motion to approve Grantworks to complete the Comprehensive Plan: made by Donnie P. Fisher, and Second by Troy Foreman.

Ayes: Troy Foreman, Donnie P. Fisher, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek, Rosa Vasquez

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- d. Discuss and Deliberate Resolution for the Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation Resilient Communities Program

Motion to approve the Resolution for the Community Development: made by Troy Foreman, and second by Donnie P. Fisher.

Ayes: Troy Foreman, Donnie P. Fisher, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek, Rosa Vasquez

Nays: None

Motion passed.

- e. Discuss and Deliberate Chief Parsons driving Police Unit home

Motion for Chief Parsons to continue to drive Patrol Unit home, made by Rosa Vasquez

Seconded by: Troy Foreman

Ayes: Rosa Vasquez, Troy Foreman, Donnie P. Fisher, Diane Cheek, Sheila Teague.

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- f. Discuss and Deliberate attempting to auction off the crashed patrol vehicle (Unit 106) on GovDeals.com

Motion to auction crashed patrol vehicle on GovDeals.com made by Donnie P. Fisher and seconded by Troy Foreman.

Ayes: Troy Foreman, Donnie P. Fisher, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek, Rosa Vasquez

Nays: None

Motion passed.

- g. Discuss and Deliberate on update on server replacement

Motion to Table update on server replacement until two additional bids were obtained made by Rosa Vasquez and Second by Troy Foreman.

Ayes: Rosa Vasquez, Troy Foreman, Donnie P. Fisher, Diane Cheek, Sheila Teague

Nays: None

Motion passed.

- h. Discuss and Deliberate paying a person to clean up our General Ledger and/or Chart of Accounts in Fundview.

Motion to table until a further date made by Donnie P. Fisher and Seconded by Troy Foreman.

Ayes Donnie P. Fisher, Diane Cheek, Rosa Vasques, Sheila Teague, Troy Foreman

Nays: none

Motion Passed

- 10. Closed Session

No Closed Session

- 11. Council will go into Closed Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071
- 12. Reconvene into Regular Session
- 13. Return from Closed Executive Session to take any action regarding discussions in the Closed Session
- 14. Adjourn

- a. Motion to Adjourn: Troy Foreman

seconded by: Donnie P. Fisher

Ayes: Troy Foreman, Donnie P. Fisher, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek, Rosa Vasquez

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Attest:

_____ Date _____

Sharon Watkins, City Secretary/ Finance Clerk