



REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY RICE, TEXAS

**Thursday, January 16, 2025
(Rescheduled from postponed meeting due to weather)
6:00 PM
Rice City Hall
305 N. Dallas Street
Rice, TX 75155**

“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*), 551.072 (*Deliberations about Real Property*), 551.073 (*Deliberations about Gifts and Donations*), 551.074 (*Personnel Matters*), 551.073 (*Deliberations about Security Devices*) and 551.086 (*Economic Development*).”

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

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.

2. Roll Call

- a. Sheila Teague
- b. Rosa Vasquez
- c. Nick White
- d. Donnie P. Fisher
- e. Troy Foreman
- f. Mayor Christi Campbell

3. 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."

4. 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."

5. Prayer

6. Public Forum

7. Alderman Updates

8. Reports

- a. December 2024 Volunteer Fire Department Report
- b. December 2024 Police Department Report
- c. December 2024 Municipal Court Report
- d. December 2024 Administrative Report
- e. December 2024 EDC Report
- f. December 2024 Mayor's Report

9. Consent Items

- a. Discuss and Deliberate approval of Minutes for Regular City Council meeting on December 12, 2024.
- b. Discuss and Deliberate approval of December 2024 financial report

10. New Business

- a. Discuss and Deliberate approval Tiffany Zwinge for EDC
- b. Discuss and Deliberate approval contract for Texas Towing
- c. Discuss and Deliberate the approval/deny of the Resolution for Atmos regarding rate increase

- d. Discuss and Deliberate approval of Joint Contract with Navarro County for Election Services
- e. Discuss a date for city council to tour the City Hall during winter hours and tour rest of city property during spring hours.
- f. Discuss and Deliberate the removal of the large side shelves and reinstall them at the new library
- g. Discuss and Deliberate the approval of paying Reserve Officers, which would make them part-time officers, until a full-time officer is hired.

11. Old Business

- a. Discuss and Deliberate the repair of the replacement lawnmower

12. Motion of Adjourn

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board of City Hall, City of Rice, Texas, a place readily accessible to the public at all times, on the _____ day of _____, 2025 by 5:00 p.m., and remained posted for at least 72 continuous hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Name

Title



7. Alderman's Report



8. Administrative Reports

a. Volunteer Fire Department

b. Police Department

c. Municipal Court

d. Administrative

e. EDC

f. Mayor



9. Consent Items

- a. Discuss and Deliberate approval of Minutes for Regular City Council meeting on December 12, 2024**

FINANCIAL

- b. Discuss and Deliberate approval of December 2024 Financial Report**



10. New Business

a. Discuss and Deliberate approval of Tiffany Zwinge to EDC

Tiffany is on the Planning and Zoning Commission. She has completed an application for that position. She brings years of experience to each position she holds.



10b. Discuss and Deliberate approval of contract for Texas Towing

Texas Towing contract has serviced Rice. With this contract, Texas Towing will pay to the City of Rice, \$10 per towed vehicle per month.

Texas Towing provides free services for any City of Rice Police Department owned vehicle.



10c. Discuss and Deliberate approval/deny of the Resolution for Atmos regarding rate increase

Background:

Attached is the background for this Resolution.



10d. Discuss and Deliberate approval of Joint Contract with Navarro County for Election Services

Background:

This contract is what Navarro County Election Administrator must have in order for Navarro County to conduct our elections.



10 e. Discuss a date for city council to tour City Hall

Background:

A request was made several months ago by city council members to tour City Hall and city owned property.

Discuss a date to tour city hall:

Tour of all city owned property can be made in the spring when there will be longer daylight.



- 10f. Discuss and Deliberate letting the library take the shelves from the side wall and installing them in the new library building.**



10g. Discuss and Deliberate approval of having Reserve Officers become Part-time officers to be able to pay them, until another full-time officer is hired.

Background:

Since Officer Dylan Smith has resigned, Chief Parsons is requesting to pay reserve officers until a full-time officer is hired. Fundview will require the reserve officers to become part-time officers for them to be paid. The part-time officers can only work 19 hours a week or less.



11. Old Business

- a. Discuss and Deliberate repair of the replacement lawnmower



12. Adjourn