



REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF RICE, TEXAS

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

7:00 PM

Rice City Hall, 305 N. Dallas Street Rice, TX 75155

Minutes

1. Roll Call Mayor J. Nicole Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Diane Cheek, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez, Christi Campbell, Mayor J. Nicole Jackson
Absent: None
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor J. Nicole Jackson
3. Prayer by Mayor J. Nicole Jackson
4. Public Forum:
 - a. Larry Cheek - What the city has been paying for with public funds.
Having to pay for a Public Records request at \$6 each time, should not have to do this.
A \$90,000 Road. \$30,000 culverts with no signed contract.
Why is private property being mowed with city equipment and funds.
Remapping of the city needs to be done, have 2 quotes don't wait for a 3rd one this needs to be done.
Painting of private buildings with public funds. The windows in old downtown.
 - b. Vickie Young – Informed the council of her plans for the Parks and Recreation Department and invited the Council to volunteer.
 - c. Dale Cheek – Financials- What is being done about the \$225,000 that the City Administrator at the time, Jared Alsup, asked the Auditor where this money was in the audit.
Finances have gone south this year. The bridge is a positive though.

5. Approval of Minutes

- a. Discuss and Deliberate Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2023, Emergency Meeting and February 20, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve Meeting and February 20, 2023, Regular Meeting
With change on item 15 to correct Sheila last name to Teague and
change Diane Cheek's vote to Nay made by Christi Campbell and 2nd by
Sheila Teague.

Ayes: Christi Campbell, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez, Diane
Cheek

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Motion to approve the Minutes from February 16, 2023, Emergency
made by Christy Campbell and 2nd by Rosa Vasquez.

Ayes: Christi Campbell, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez, Diane
Cheek

Nays: None

Motion Passed

6. Approval of Financials

- a. Discuss and Deliberate Approval of 2023 Budget Adjustment

Motion to approve 2023 budget adjustments made with change of ARPA Grant carry
over fund to \$120910.24 adjusted made by Christi Campbell and 2nd by Sheila
Teague.

Ayes: Christi Campbell, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek, Rosa Vasquez

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- b. Discuss and Deliberate Financials for February 2023.

Motion to approve financials for February 2023 made by Christy Campbell and 2nd by
Rosa Vasquez,

Ayes: Christi Campbell, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez, Diane Cheek

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Motion to move item 15 to in front of Agenda item 7 made by Rosa Vasquez and 2nd by Christi Campbell.

Ayes: Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague, Christi Campbell, Diane Cheek

Nays: None

Motion Passed

15. Closed Executive Session

In Executive Session: Discuss the East Calhoun Culvert Investigation Report.

Return from Executive Meeting at 9:00 P.M.

7. Discuss and Deliberate Approval on Selling the 48" Culverts

Motion to use C and L Equipment to auction the Culverts with a minimum starting price of \$2000.00 made by Diane Cheek and 2nd by Rosa Vasquez.

Ayes: Diane Cheek, Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague, Christi Campbell,

Nays: None

Motion Passed

8. Discuss and Deliberate the Approval on Memorial Bridge.

Motion to approve Naming the Calhoun Street bridge, "The Rice Memorial Bridge" made by Diane Cheek and 2nd by Sheila Teague.

Ayes: Diane Cheek, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez, Christi Campbell,

Nays: None

Motion Passed

9. Discuss and Deliberate the Procurement Policy for GrantWorks

Motion to approve the Procurement Police for GrantWorks made by Christi Campbell and 2nd by Rosa Vasquez

Ayes: Christi Campbell, Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek,

Nays: None

Motion Passed

10. Discuss and Deliberate Approval of Contract with Navarro County for Election Services.

Motion to approve contract with Navarro County for Election Services made by Christy Campbell and 2nd by Rosa Vasquez.

Ayes: Christi Campbell, Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek,
Nays: None
Motion Passed

11. Discuss and Deliberate Approval of Order of Election.

Motion to approve order of Elections made by Christi Campbell and Rosa Vasquez

Ayes: Christi Campbell, Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek,
Nays: None
Motion Passed

12. Discuss and Deliberate Approval on the Order of General Election Ordinance.

Agenda item 12 was included in Agenda item 11.

13. Discuss and Deliberate on the Abandonment of Alley between 200 North Boston and 204 North Boston Street

Motion to approve the abandonment of the Alley between 200 N Boston and 204 North Boston Street made by Christi Campbell and 2nd by Sheila Teague.

Ayes: Christi Campbell, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez, Diane Cheek
Nays: None
Motion Passed

14. Discuss and Deliberate 3B Job # LTC017 - East Rusk Street.

Motion to table this item until all parties with land ownership attached to project are contacted by Diane Cheek and 2nd by Sheila Teague.

Ayes: Diane Cheek, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez, Christi Campbell,
Nays: None
Motion Passed

16. Reconvene after Closed Session: Discuss Culvert Investigation.

No Discussion.

17. Mayor's Announcements

- a. Mayor's Report given by Mayor J. Nicole Jackson.

18. Fire Department Report

- a. Volunteer Fire Department Report for February 2023 given by Chief Gaylon Taylor.

19. Police Report

- a. Police Report for February 2023 given by Chief Charles Parsons.

20. Administrative Offices Report

- a. Municipal Court Report for February 2023 given by Mechelle Haston.
- b. Administrator Report given by Vicki Fisher.

21. Adjourn

- a. Motion to Adjourn made by Sheila Teague and 2nd by Rosa Vasquez at 9:48 PM.

Ayes: Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez, Christi Campbell, Diane Cheek

Nays None

Motion Passed

Attest:

Sharon Watkins, City Secretary/Finance Clerk

Date