



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

**Tuesday, April 11, 2023
7:00 PM
Rice City Hall
305 N. Dallas Street
Rice, TX 75155
Minutes**

1. Roll Call – Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM by Mayor J. Nicole Jackson.
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 Chief Parsons
4. Public Forum
 1. Roy Mayes-10018 NW CR 1070, Rice Tx
One family shouldn't run this town. It takes a community to run this town.
 2. Dusty Young-403 Dresden St. Rice Tx
What is the update on the 225K investigation.
 3. Larry Cheek – Rice Tx
Been living in Rice for 40 years and I want to address the rumor that I am harassing city employees.
5. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Discuss and Deliberate Approval of Minutes for March 14, 2023, and March 23, 2023
Move to approve minutes for March 14, 2023, Regular Meeting and the March 23, 2023, Special Meeting made by Christi Campbell and 2nd by Rosa Vasquez.
Ayes: Christi Campbell, Rosa Vasquez, Diane Cheek, Sheila Teague
Nays: None
Motion Passed

6. Approval of Financials

a. Discuss and Deliberate March 2023 Financials.

Motion to approve financials with change to payroll for Parks and Rec Insurance change to Administration account made by Christi Campbell and 2nd by Rosa Vasquez.

Ayes: Christi Campbell, Rosa Vasquez, Mayor J. Nicole Jackson (tie breaking vote)

Nays: Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek

Motion Passed

7. Discuss and Deliberate the Appointment of Donnie Fisher as Alderman.

Motion to Appointment Donnie P. Fisher to open Council Seat made by Christi Campbell and 2nd by Rosa Vasquez.

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Mayor J. Nicole Jackson swore in Donnie P. Fisher to the Council Seat.

8. Discuss and Deliberate the Appointing a Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion to Appoint Donnie P. Fisher as Mayor Pro-Tem made by Sheila Teague, and 2nd by Rosa Vasquez.

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

9. Discuss and Deliberate Approval of Budget Adjustment

Motion to Approve budget adjustment for the American Rescue Plan Act Carryover matching expense account made by Christi Campbell and 2nd by Diane Cheek.

Ayes: Christi Campbell, Diane Cheek, Donnie P. Fisher, Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

10. Discuss and Deliberate Approval of Storage Building Additions.

Motion to approve storage building addition made by Diane Cheek and 2nd by Sheila Teague.

Ayes: Diane Cheek, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez, Donnie P. Fisher, Christi Campbell

Nays: None

Motion Passed

11. Discuss and Deliberate the Automatic Aid Agreement with Fire Department

Motion to Accept Agreement made by Donnie P. Fisher and 2nd by Diane Cheek.

Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Diane Cheek, Sheila Teague, Christi Campbell, Rosa Vasquez

Nays: None

Motion Passed

12. Discuss and Deliberate Selection of Bids for Repair of the Volunteer Fire Department Building.

Motion to table to find more bids that have bidders registered with the Secretary of State made by Diane Cheek and 2nd by Rosa Vasquez

Ayes: Diane Cheek, Rosa Vasquez, Christi Campbell, Sheila Teague, Donnie P. Fisher.

Nays: None

Motion Passed

13. Discuss and Deliberate Abandon Alley between Estrada's buildings with Ordinance.

Motion to abandon Alley between Old Bank and Restaurant made by Donnie P. Fisher and 2nd by Christi Campbell.

Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Christi Campbell, Diane Cheek, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez

Nays: None

Motion Passed

14. Discuss and Deliberate Contract with Estrada Concrete.

Motion to make final payment due made by Donnie P. Fisher and 2nd by Christi Campbell.

Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Christi Campbell, Diane Cheek, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez

Nays: None

Motion Passed

15. Discuss and Deliberate Social Media Policy.

Motion to table Policy for further information made by Donnie P. Fisher and 2nd by Christi Campbell.

Ayes: Donnie P Fisher, Christi Campbell, Diane Cheek, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez

Nays: None

Motion Passed

16. Discuss and Deliberate Approval of the Update of the Employee Handbook Section

Motion to table until Social Media Policy is set made by Christi Campbell and 2nd by Donnie P. Fisher.

Ayes: Christi Campbell, Donnie P. Fisher, Diane Cheek, Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague

Nays: None

Motion Passed

17. Discuss and Deliberate the Parking Addition at City Hall

Motion to Table to send to Planning and Zoning to move street down from 80 feet to 50 feet made by Rosa Vasquez and 2nd by Diane Cheek.

Ayes: Rosa Vasquez, Diane Cheek, Sheila Teague, Christi Campbell, Donnie P. Fisher

Nays: None

Motion Passed

18. Discuss and Deliberate the Exceptions to Ordinance 395

Motion to send Owner a certified letter to mow his lot made by Diane Cheek and 2nd by Rosa Vasquez.

Ayes: Diane Cheek, Rosa Vasquez, Christi Campbell, Sheila Teague, Donnie P. Fisher.

Nays: None

Motion Passed

19. Discuss and Deliberate Remapping and Land Use

Motion to table and send back to Planning and Zoning and bring in bidders to explain their quotes made by Donnie P. Fisher and 2nd by Rosa Vasquez.

Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Rosa Vasquez, Diane Cheek, Sheila Teague, Christi Campbell

Nays: None

Motion Passed

20. Discuss and Deliberate the Approval of Paying Rangel Construction.

Motion to Not Pay Invoice made by Rosa Vasquez and 2nd by Christi Campbell.

Ayes: Rosa Vasquez, Christi Campbell, Donnie P. Fisher, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek

Nays: None

Motion Passed

21. Discuss and Deliberate McFadden Estates Developer for Layout B for 11 lots

Tabled due to Planning and Zoning did not approve in Meeting on April 10th, 2023.

22. Mayor's Announcements

- a. Mayors Announcements by Mayor J. Nicole Jackson

23. Fire Department Report

- a. March 2023 Fire Department Report by Chief Gaylon Taylor

24. Police Report

- a. March 2023 Police Department Report Chief Charles Parsons

25. Administrative Offices Report

- a. March 2023 Municipal Court Report By Mechelle Haston

- b. March 2023 Administrative Report By Vicki Fisher

26. Adjourn

- a. Motion to Adjourn at 9:50 PM made by Donnie P. Fisher and 2nd by Christi Campbell.

Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Christi Campbell, Diane Cheek, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Attest:

