



**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
RICE, TEXAS**

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

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 6 P.M.
2. Roll Call:
Present: Troy Foreman, Donnie P. Fisher, Diane Cheek, Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague, and Mayor Christi Campbell.
All Present
3. Pledge of Allegiance: By All
4. Texas Pledge of Allegiance: By All
5. Prayer: By Donnie P. Fisher
6. Public Forum
None
 - a. Motion to move items 10 a-d, for the Public Forum.
Motion to Move Items a-d, after the Public Forum made by Donnie P. Fisher and 2nd by Troy Foreman.
Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Troy Foreman, Diane Cheek, Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague.
Nays: None
Motion Passed
7. Public Hearing
None

8. Reports

Motion to forego reading of reports made by Donnie P. Fisher, and 2nd by Nick White.

Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Nick White, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez, Troy Foreman.

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Mayor asked for any questions.

Rosa thanked the Administration for the detailed report on streets that she had requested. Stated it was very helpful.

Troy asked about any roads that had issues with storms that went to the town. Mayor Christi Campbell stated that Fannin had some issues near Fulton. Vicki Fisher stated that Tom will dig ditches to help flow once the area dries up.

Sheila asked about asphalt for filling in holes on asphalt streets instead of road base. The Administrator stated that the road base was a temporary solution until it dried up enough to put asphalt in the potholes.

a. April 2024 Volunteer Fire Department Report

b. April 2024 Rice Police Department Report

c. April 2024 Municipal Court Report

d. April 2024 Administrative Report

e. Mayors Report

Working on finding an Auditor. Needs to be done so that Grants can be acquired.

Abandonment of Easement and Rodriguez Deeds.

9. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes

B. Motion to approve minutes for April 11, 2024, made by Troy Foreman, and 2nd by Rosa Vasquez.

Ayes Troy Foreman, Rosa Vasquez, Nick White, Donnie P. Fisher, Sheila Teague.

Nays: None

Motion Passed

1. Discuss and Deliberate approval of the minutes for April 11, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

Motion to Approve Minutes made by Troy Foreman and 2nd by Donnie P. Fisher.

Ayes: Troy Foreman, Donnie P. Fisher, Sheila Teague, Nick White, Rosa Vasquez.

Nays: None

Motion Passed

C. Approval of Financials

1. Discuss and Deliberate approval of April 2024 Financials

Motion to approve April 2024 Financials made by Troy Foreman and 2nd by Donnie P. Fisher.

Ayes: Troy Foreman, Donnie P. Fisher, Sheila Teague, Nick White, Rosa Vasquez.

Nays: None

Motion Passed

10. New Business

a. Discuss and Deliberate approval of the Resolution for Canvassing Votes in General Election held May 4, 2024

Motion to approve Resolution for Canvassing Votes in General Election Held May 4, 2024, made by Donnie P. Fisher and 2nd by Sheila Teague.

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

Nays: none

Motion Passed.

b. Swearing in Elected Officials

Mayor Christi Campbell was sworn in by City Administrator, Vicki Fisher.

Alderman Nick White was sworn in by Mayor Christi Campbell.

Alderman Rosa Vasquez was sworn in by Mayor Christi Campbell.

Alderman Troy Foreman was sworn in by Mayor Christi Campbell.

After Oaths were taken Diane officially stepped down as Alderman for the City of Rice, And Nick White took his seat on the Council.

c. Discuss and Deliberate electing Mayor-Pro-Tem

Donnie Fisher nominated Sheila Teague: Sheila Teague declined.

Sheila Teague nominated Donnie P. Fisher

Donnie P. Fisher Nominated Troy Foreman

Motion to Elect Troy Foreman Mayor Pro Tem made by Donnie P. Fisher, and 2nd by Nick White.

Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Nick White, Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague

Troy Foreman: Abstain

Nays; None

Motion Passed

d. Discuss and Deliberate electing Treasure for the second signatory for approving checks

Motion to accept Rosa Vasquez as Treasurer for City of Rice made by Donnie P. Fisher and 2nd by Sheila Teague

Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Troy Foreman, Nick White, Sheila Teague

Abstain: Rosa Vasquez

Motion Passed

Motion to select Rosa Vasquez as Signature on the City of Rice Checking account made by Troy Foreman, and 2nd by Donnie P. Fisher.

Ayes: Troy Foreman, Donnie P. Fisher, Nick White, Sheila Teague.

Abstain: Rosa Vasquez

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Motion to remove Diane Cheek as a Signature on the City of Rice Checking Account made by Nick White and 2nd by Donnie P. Fisher.

Ayes: Nick White, Donnie P. Fisher, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez, Troy Foreman

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- e. Discuss Legacy Internet Service
Representative was not available. Vicki handed out handouts to the Council to review.

- f. Discuss Republic Services complaints:
Leigh Ferguson, The Republic Representative spoke on complaints and listened to suggestions on communication with customers on schedules, and disabled customer services available.
Donnie P. Fisher suggested doing a mailing with Republic's brochure to help better understanding.

- g. Discuss and Deliberate on replacement for Diane Cheek on Board of Adjustment.
Motion to put Nick White on Board of Adjustments made by Donnie P. Fisher and 2nd by Troy Foreman
Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Troy Foreman, Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague
Abstain: Nick White
Motion Passed

- h. Discuss and Deliberate approval of Court Tech funds to pay Tyler Technologies, Inc. to develop the software on the Android platform, for the Police Department cell phones to be used as new ticket writers.

Motion to approve Court tech funds to pay Tyler Technologies, Inc. to develop the software on the Android platform made by Donnie P. Fisher and 2nd Rosa Vasquez.
Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Rosa Vasquez, Nick White, Troy Foreman, Sheila Teague.
Nays: None
Motion Passed

Old Business

11. Discuss and Deliberate abandoning 20' easement from Gilmer Street to end of Sherman Street.

Motion to deny abandonment of easement and to approve a Variance for setback made by Troy Foreman, and 2nd by Rosa Vasquez.
Ayes: Troy Foreman, Rosa Vasquez, Nick White, Sheila Teague, Donnie P. Fisher.
Nays: None
Motion Passed

12. Discuss and Deliberate the repair of Unit 106 and be placed back in police department fleet.

Motion to allow Chief to sell unit 106 as salvage with proceeds from sale to go towards a new police vehicle, made by Troy Foreman and seconded by Sheila Teague.
Ayes: Troy Foreman, Sheila Teague, Nick White, Donnie P. Fisher. Rosa Vasquez
Nays: None
Motion Passed

13. Discuss and Deliberate approval to order or purchase patrol vehicle.

Motion to table the Discussion and Deliberation until August 13th, 2024, Regular Council Meeting, made by Troy Foreman, and 2nd by Donnie P. Fisher.
Ayes: Troy Foreman, Donnie P. Fisher, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez, Nick White.
Nays: None
Motion Passed

14. Council will go into Closed Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071
No Closed Executive Session
15. Reconvene into Regular Session
No Closed Session
16. Return from Closed Executive Session to take any action regarding discussions in the Closed Session.
No Closed Session

17. Adjourn

a. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Nick White and 2nd by Sheila Teague

Ayes: Nick White, Sheila Teague, Troy Foreman, Donnie P. Fisher, Rosa Vasquez.

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Attest:

_____ Date _____

Sharon Watkins, City Secretary/ Finance Clerk

