



REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF RICE, TEXAS

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

7:00 PM

Rice City Hall

305 N. Dallas Street

Rice, TX 75155

Minutes

1. Roll Call – Meeting called to order by Mayor J. Nicole Jackson.

Present – Diane Cheek, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez, Donnie P. Fisher, Mayor J. Nicole Jackson.

Absent; Christi Campbell (arrived at 7:00 PM)
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Mayor J. Nicole Jackson.
3. Prayer – Led by Donnie P. Fisher.
4. Public Forum
 - a. Rebecca Funes – 1796 NECR 1030 Rice, Tx
Spoke on behalf of Rice Second Chance Animal Rescue non-profit.
 - b. Garry Teague – 301 Patriot Drive, Rice Tx
Frustrated over complaints coming from City about the shape of MDM Park
About the closing of Sherman Street. If you are going to close the 40 ft of the street, I will come down on behalf of the Church and file to get the 40ft on the side of the street for the Church.
 - c. Vickie Young – 805 N. Dresden Street, Rice TX

Speaking on behalf of how much work the city staff must put into getting the agendas ready for your meetings. As a former Council Member, I did not realize that.

Citizens are angry about past issues, but everyone needs to come together to make this City better.

People need to have one thought in mind when they come to City Hall is what can I do to help this City,

Motion to move all reports to the front of the meeting. (Items 15 – 18) made by Rosa Vasquez and seconded by Donnie P. Fisher.

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

5. Approval of Minutes

Discuss and Deliberate the Approval of the Minutes for March 14, 2023, workshop and April 11, 2023, Regular meeting

Motion to approve the Minutes from March 14, 2023, workshop and April 11, 2023, Regular meeting made by Rosa Vasquez, and 2nd by Sheila Teague.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Donnie P. Fisher for Workshop on March 14, 2023

Motion Passed

6. Approval of Financials

Discuss and Deliberate the Approval of the Financials for April 2023

Motion to approve April Financials made by Donnie P. Fisher and 2nd by Rosa Vasquez.

Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Rosa Vasquez, Diane Cheek

Nays: Sheila Teague

Motion Passed

7. Discuss and Deliberate Approving Neil Chapman as Alternate on the Parks and Recreation Board

Motion to approve Neil Chapman as Alternate on Parks and Recreation Board made by Donnie P. Fisher and 2nd by Sheila Teague.

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

Nay: None

8. Discuss and Deliberate Budget Adjustments.

Motion to approve Budget Adjustments made by Donnie P. Fisher and 2nd by Rosa Vasquez.

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

9. Discuss and Deliberate McFadden Estates

Motion to Approve the abandonment of the Alley running East to West in middle of property made by Sheila Teague and 2nd by Rosa Vasquez.

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

Abstain: Christi Campbell

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Motion to table - Closure of Street and give Planning and Zoning the proper paperwork made by Sheila Teague, and 2nd by Diane Cheek.

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

Abstain: Christi Campbell

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Mayor Jackson requested what specifics are needed to bring it back to the City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Donnie P. Fisher requested:

1. Deed presented to verify ownership.
2. Utility dig test.
3. Notifying neighboring owners to inform them of possible street abandonment, and of building homes.

Before bringing it back to the Council.

10. Discuss and Deliberate Frances' Subdivision

Motion to table because Planning and Zoning tabled made by Rosa Vasquez and 2nd by Diane Cheek.

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

11. Discuss and Deliberate Rice Ranchettes

Motion to approve Commercial Lots breakdown for this project made by Christy Campbell and 2nd by Donnie P. Fisher.

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

Nay: none

Motion Passed.

12. Discuss and Deliberate Sir Kendricks Smile for Autism

Motion to approve, contingent to written agreement between Disciples and Marrero Group, The Food Bank, Wellness Center, Summer children's program. To allow Marrero Group to redo the kitchen floor, made by Rosa Vasquez, and 2nd Christi Campbell.

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

13. Discuss and Deliberate Changing the Time of City Council to 6 pm.

Motion to approve changing the meeting time for City Council Meetings to 6 PM, made by Rosa Vasquez and 2nd by Christi Campbell.

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

14. Closed Executive Session

- a. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION Discuss Lease Property began 8: 49 PM.
- b. RECONVENE AFTER CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION at 9:16 PM to deliberate.

Motion made to end the Lease discussed in closed executive session made by Christi Campbell, 2nd by Donnie P. Fisher

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

15. Mayor's Announcements

Mayors Announcements – Mayor J. Nicole Jackson

16. Fire Department Report

Fire Department Report for April 2023 – Gaylon Taylor Chief Rice VFD

17. Police Report

Police Report for April 2023 – Chief Charles Parsons

18. Administrative Offices Report

Municipal Court Report for April 2023 - Mechelle Haston

Administration Report for April 2023 - Vicki Fisher

19. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn at 9:17 PM made by Christi Campbell and 2nd by Donnie P. Fisher

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Attest:

_____ **Date** _____

Sharon Watkins/ Secretary/ Finance Director