



WORKSHOP OF THE GOVERNING BODY RICE, TEXAS

Tuesday May 17, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Rice City Hall

305 N. Dallas Street

Rice, TX 75155

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

**Troy Foreman
Tonya Roberts
Rosa Vasquez
Nick White
Mike Butler
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. Agenda Items

- a. Orientation for council members
TML Handbook Mayors and City Councilmembers**
- b. Business HUB**

- c. Discuss city council having a city email for messaging, agenda, etc.
- d. Discuss updating the ATV ordinance
- e. Discuss fencing the recycle bin area
- f. Discuss 205 E. Calhoun
- g. Renew required training (TML website)

8. Adjourn

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

Name

Title



7a. Orientation for council members

TML Handbook for Mayors and Councilmembers

from city to city. For example, in most cities the term of the mayor pro tem is often the same as that of a councilmember. In another city, for example, each councilmember serves a three-month term as mayor pro tem on a rotating basis.

Office of Councilmember

Councilmembers are the city's legislators. Their primary duty is policymaking, which includes identifying the needs of local residents, formulating programs to meet the changing requirements of the community, and measuring the effectiveness of ongoing municipal services.

Unless restricted by state law, each councilmember is entitled to vote on every question presented at a council meeting, and has full parliamentary privileges in council meetings—including the right to speak and make motions when recognized by the chair and the right to introduce new ordinances and amendments to existing ones.

Though foremost in importance, lawmaking is just one of the many functions councilmembers perform. They also wear several other hats, which one writer describes as follows:

1. **Regulator**—The council exercises regulatory powers over the conduct and property of its citizens. It has the power to declare certain conduct to be criminal, to require that certain businesses and activities be licensed, and to tell property owners how and for what purposes they may use their property.
2. **Financier**—The council must levy taxes, assess fees and charges, and sell bonds in order to finance the many functions of the city government. The council also has to budget the expenditure of the city's funds, and then explain to the people why city government is a bargain compared to the price of rampant crime, fires, disease, and all of the other problems that would flourish without proper city services.
3. **Employer**—The council is responsible for all the city's employees and must see that they are adequately paid and provided with decent working conditions and fringe benefits.

4. **Buyer**—The council is one of the biggest purchasers in the community and must see to it that the city gets the best value possible for dollars spent.

In addition to these everyday duties, councilmembers spend considerable time representing the city in a wide circle of external relationships. Examples include:

1. Serving on committees of the Texas Municipal League and other statewide local government organizations.
2. Working with state legislators on city-related bills.
3. Working with the National League of Cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and other national public interest groups on municipal issues pending before Congress or federal regulatory agencies.
4. Supporting efforts of the chamber of commerce, industrial foundations, and other organizations to foster the city's economic development.

Size of the Council

There is no state law requiring the city council of a home rule city to be any particular size. As is true in so many other areas of home rule, the size of the governing body is determined by the city's charter.

Terms of Office

The terms of office for mayors and councilmembers range from two to four years and are set by the city's charter. More than ninety percent of all home rule charters provide continuity on the governing body by staggering councilmembers' terms, thus preventing wholesale changeovers on the council at any one election. Under staggered term procedures, the terms of approximately half of the members of the council expire at one municipal election, and the other half expire at the next election. For instance, in the case of a seven-member city council with two-year terms, the terms of three members might expire during each odd-numbered year, while the other four terms would expire during each even-numbered year. Some home rule charters limit the number of terms a councilmember may serve.



7b HUB

EDC will have representative present



7c. Discuss city councilmembers having a city email for messages, agenda, etc

With our IT department now, each email would be \$20.68 per license and \$16.00 for the Barracuda firewall email protection per month.



7d. Discuss updating the ATV ordinance

Ordinance 504 approved March 9, 2020

I spoke with Chief Parsons and LT Adams about changes that are enforceable. They sent their proposed changes.

ORDINANCE NO. 504 Amendment

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 12 'TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES' BY ADDING A N E W ARTICLE 12.05 "OPERATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE/CITY STREET"; PROVIDING WITH DEFINITIONS AND REGULATIONS; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF A FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS the City of Rice finds it will benefit the citizens of the City of Rice, to amend the City's Code of Ordinances to provide new regulations regarding all-terrain vehicles (ATV).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF RICE, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 12, 'Traffic and Vehicles' of the City of Rice Code of Ordinances shall be and is hereby amended by adding Article 12.05 'Operation of All-Terrain Vehicle/Streets' which shall read as follows:

"CHAPTER 12. Traffic and Vehicles

Article 12.05 Operation of All-Terrain Vehicle/Streets.

Sec. 12.05.001 Definitions. The following definitions shall apply to this Article.

All-terrain Vehicle shall mean a motor vehicle that is:

- A. equipped with a seat or seats for the use of:
 - i. The rider; and
 - ii. A passenger, if the motor vehicle is designed by the manufacturer to transport a passenger
- B. Designed to propel itself with two or more tires in contact with the ground.
- C. Designed by the manufacturer for off-highway use.
- D. Not designed by the manufacturer primarily for farming or lawn care; and

- E. Not more than 50 inches wide.

Golf Cart shall mean a motor vehicle designed by the manufacturer primarily for use on a golf course

Off-highway vehicle means an all-terrain vehicle, recreational vehicle, or utility vehicle

Recreational off-highway vehicle means a motor vehicle that is:

- A. Equipped with a seat or seats for the use of:
 - i. The rider; and
 - ii. A passenger or passengers, if the vehicle is designed by the manufacturer to transport a passenger or passengers.

Utility vehicle shall mean a motor vehicle that is not a golf cart, as defined by Section 551.401 or lawn mower and is:

- A. Equipped with side-by-side seating for the use of the operator and a passenger.
- B. Designed to propel itself with at least four tires in contact with the ground.
- C. Designed by the manufacturer for off-highway use only; and
- D. Designed by the manufacturer primarily for utility work and not for recreational purposes.

Sec. 12.05.002 Prohibition

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate an all-terrain vehicle (ATV), golf cart, or other Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) on any public street unless the operator:

- a) ~~Holds a safety certificate lawfully issued by the state of Texas.~~ Must have a valid driver's license.
- b) ~~The operator is taking a safety training course under the direct supervision of a certified all terrain vehicle safety instructor;~~
~~or~~ Must have valid financial responsibility on the vehicle
- e) ~~the operator is under the direct supervision of an adult who holds a safety certificate. A person to whom a safety certificate is required shall carry the certificate and display the certificate at the request of any law enforcement officer."~~ Must display a valid license plate issued by the Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV).

SECTION 2. That any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions or terms of this ordinance shall be subject to the same penalty as provided for in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rice, as heretofore amended, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each offense.

SECTION 3. That all provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rice, Texas, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed, and all other provisions not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. That should any word, phrase, paragraph, section or phrase of this ordinance or of the Code of Ordinances, as amended hereby, be held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, and shall not affect the validity of the Code of Ordinances as a whole.

SECTION 5. An offense committed before the effective date of this ordinance is governed by prior law and the provisions of the Code of Ordinances, as amended, in effect when the offense was committed and the former law is continued in effect for this purpose.

SECTION 6. That any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions or terms of this ordinance or of the Code of Ordinances, as amended hereby, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction in the Municipal Court of the City of Rice, Texas, shall be subjected to a fine not to exceed the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each offense; and each and every day such violation is continued shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 7. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption, as the law and charter in such cases provide.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City of Rice, Texas on this _____ day of _____, 2025.

APPROVED:

By: _____
Mayor Christi Campbell

ATTEST:

By: _____
Financial Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Victoria Thomas, City Attorney



7e. Discuss fencing the area around the recycle bin

We are having problems with people using that bin for a trash dumpster. On Monday mornings, there are bags of trash all over the ground. We have looked and found mail with names on it. Some have been contacted to inform them that this is a recycling dumpster only.

Estimated cost \$16/foot - \$28/foot

\$1800 - \$3150



7f. Discuss 205 E. Calhoun



7g. Discuss required training for councilmembers

TML.org

TML Newly Elected City Officials' Orientation

Texas Public Information Act

Texas Open Meetings Act

Cyber Security

NEWLY ELECTED RESOURCES

You're a new mayor or council member with a healthy list of priorities, so where do you start? These TML resources will help you understand your legal and governance responsibilities so you can tackle your top priorities with confidence.

Essential Reading

Access essential publications and articles for newly elected officials.

Essential Training

Texas Municipal League offers a comprehensive training program for newly elected city officials that will give you the knowledge and tools you need to jumpstart your term.

Legal Services

Get the answers you need so that you can lead by connecting with the League's legal services.

Stay Connected

Stay in the loop on local government topics and connect with fellow city officials.

Texas Municipal League On Demand

On Demand allows city officials to view past recorded trainings (webinars, workshops, videos) at the click of a button. View past educational trainings at any time, from anywhere.

ONLINE TRAINING

Welcome to the Texas Municipal League Online Learning Center. If you have questions about any of the training opportunities listed, please contact the [TML Conferences and Training Department](#).

Open Meetings Act & Public Information Act

The Public Information Act and Open Meetings Act require elected and appointed officials to receive training in Texas open government laws.

Public Funds Investment Act Online Training

Virtual Learning Concepts offers Public Funds Investment Act training online for Texas Municipal League members. This online course is the equivalent of the full ten hours of required training, but allows a participant to certify from the comfort of home or office.

TCAA Online Seminars

Texas City Attorneys Association's Online Seminars allow city attorneys, assistant city attorneys, and attorneys who regularly practice municipal law to view a video of past seminars in a single-session format. The viewing of the session, along with the completion of an evaluation and participation in the ListCAA listserv, allows attorneys to receive participatory CLE credit with the State Bar.

TML On Demand

TML On Demand consists of archived recordings of previous League webinars and other training available 24/7 for viewing. TML On Demand webinars vary in length from 30 minutes to one hour.



8. Adjourn