



REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY RICE, TEXAS

Thursday, July 11, 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**
 - a. Sheila Teague - Present
 - b. Rosa Vasquez - Present
 - c. Nick White - Present
 - d. Donnie P. Fisher - Absent
 - e. Troy Foremen - Present
 - f. Mayor Christi Campbell - Present

3. **Pledge of Allegiance – By All**

4. **Texas Pledge of Allegiance – By All**

5. **Prayer: By Chief Parsons**

6. **Public Forum**

Amy Harvell – RISD Superintendent

Presented the plans for the new Rice Early Childhood Center that will be built by with

planned opening in 2026. The center will house Pre-K and Kindergarten. RISD will be able to pay cash for the building of this center.

Also explained the duties of the RISD Police Officers. Suggestion to have the Mayor and Chief work together to solve the traffic issues surrounding the school zones.

7. **Alderman Updates**

Troy Foreman stated that the Fireworks show was great and parking lot was full.

Rosa thanked PD officers for participating in the Library Reading to the kids' program.

8. **Reports and Questions**

a. June 2024 Volunteer Fire Department Report

Question: Rosa asked what the requirements were to become a VFD member.

Chief Taylor stated that at 14 years of age, a person can become a Jr. VFD member.

A person can become a Regular VFD member at 18 years of age.

Come to the VFD regular meeting on the 4th Wednesday at 6 p.m. City Hall Annex.

b. June 2024 Police Department Report

c. June 2024 Municipal Court Report

d. June 2024 Administrative Report

e. June 2024 EDC Report

f. June 2024 Mayor's Report

9. **Consent Items**

a. Discuss and Deliberate the approval of the Minutes for the June 13, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes for Regular City Council Meeting for 6/13/24 made by Rosa Vasquez and 2nd by Nick White.

Ayes: Rosa Vasquez, Nick White, Sheila Teague, Troy Foreman

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- b. Discuss and Deliberate the approval of the Minutes for the June 27, 2024, Workshop Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes for Workshop Meeting for 6/13/24 made by Sheila Teague and 2nd by Rosa Vasquez.

Ayes: Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez, Nick White, Troy Foreman

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- c. Discuss and Deliberate the approval of the June 2024 Financial Report.

Motion To approve June 2024 Financial Report made by Rosa Vasquez and 2nd by Troy Foreman.

Ayes: Rosa Vasquez, Troy Foreman, Nick White

Nays: Sheila Teague

Motion Passed

Sheila Teague will receive all financial report printed, and all Members of Council will receive in their emailed packet.

10. **New Business**

- a. Discuss and Deliberate approval of the additional language added to the Volunteer Fire Department Agreement.

Motion to approve new language in VFD agreement made by Rosa Vasquez and 2nd by Nick White.

Ayes: Rosa Vasquez, Nick White, Sheila Teague, Troy Foreman

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- b. Discuss and Deliberate approval of the Ellis County Emergency Service District.

Motion to Table the matter until we have adequate information on if signing to give consent to ESD without having our citizens be taxed made by Troy Foreman, and 2nd by Rosa Vasquez.

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

- c. Discuss and Deliberate the disposal of the current John Deere tractor

Motion to trade in old tractor toward the new tractor made by Troy Foreman, and

2nd by Nick White.

Ayes; Troy Foreman, Nick White.
Nays: Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez
Mayor voted Aye to break the tie.
Motion Passed

- d. Discuss and Deliberate approval of the purchase of a new tractor.

Motion to approve purchase of Kubota, by financing made by Nick White, and 2nd by Troy Foreman.

Ayes: Nick White, Troy Foreman, Rosa Vasquez.

Nays: Sheila Teague

Motion Passed

- e. Discuss and Deliberate the approval of the board members and officers of the Economic Development Commission.

Motion to approve newly elected Board Member, Sarah Farley. The re-appointment of James Franks and Rolando Chopa to the board. The appointment of Brandi Solomon as President, and Rolando Chopa as Secretary, made by Troy Foreman, and 2nd by Nick White.

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- f. Discuss and Deliberate the approval of the contractor or other options for the repair of the library building.

Motion to Table until new estimate includes roof replacement made by Rosa Vasquez, and 2nd by Nick White.

Ayes: Rosa Vasquez, Nick White, Sheila Teague, Troy Foreman

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- g. Discuss and Deliberate Unit 106 which was posted on GovDeals.

Motion to not accept the bid of \$1900.00 from GovDeals made by Nick White, and 2nd by Troy Foreman.

Ayes: Nick White, Troy Foreman, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez

Nays None

Motion Passed

- h. Discuss and Deliberate approval of the changes in the Employee Handbook to reflect the change in the organizational chart.

Motion to approve the changes to the Employee Handbook To reflect the changes in the organizational chart made by Troy Foreman, and 2nd By Rosa Vasquez.

Ayes: Troy Foreman, Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague, Nick Whites

Nays None

Motion Passed

11. Motion of Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. made by Nick White and 2nd by Troy Foreman.

Ayes: Nick White, Troy Foreman, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez

Nays None

Motion Passed

Attest:

_____ Date _____

Sharon Watkins, City Secretary/ Finance Clerk