



## **WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF RICE, TEXAS**

**Thursday, July 6, 2023**

**6:00 PM**

**Rice City Hall**

**305 N. Dallas Street**

**Rice, TX 75155**

### **Minutes**

1. Roll Call: Mayor J. Nicole Jackson called the Workshop to order at 6 PM.  
Present: Sheila Teague, Donnie P. Fisher, Rosa Vasquez, Diane Cheek, Mayor J. Nicole Jackson.  
Christi Campbell arrived at 6:20 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: By All
3. Prayer: Chief Parson
4. Representative from TMRS will be present.

TMRS Representative Anthony Mills spoke to the Council.  
We have the same plan as we have had since 1998 when we began with TMRS.

We are a 1 to 1 match rate.  
Currently we are 5% employee contribution.

Do we want to go to 6% or 7%? Raise the match from 1 to 1 or 2 to 1?

The time is right to make the change.

All employees will have to pay at the same rate.  
Any Changes must be approved, and ordinance signed before December 31 of this year.

5. Discuss 2023-2024 Budget.

Expenses:

Goals to focus on Streets, comprehensive plan, Training for staff and council. Improve and build commercial and residential development.

Parks and Recreation development of trails on donated land.

Take great pictures of our city to highlight our great city.

Work with the Water Company to work with developers.

Having someone volunteer to apply for grants. Dale's wife has volunteered.

Wants more training on Permit training. Plats. Etc.

Working on helping Fire dept get grants etc.

Poll Employees on the Retirement on the TMRS contribution.

New Line item.

Donations Revenue and Expense.

Contract line item for lawn care, if Not keeping Dale.

New Police officer possible.

Cleaning up Line items not being used.

Looking for a street bond and grants.

Legal fees and professional fees. Legal fees are lawyers. Professional fees are accounting, inspections, subscriptions, exterminators, etc.

Carry over Grant monies,

Seizure funds, and some court fees must be carried over.

## 6. Adjourn

### a. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Christi Campbell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donnie P. Fisher at 7:26 PM.

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sharon Watkins, City Secretary/ Finance Clerk**