



REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF RICE, TEXAS

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

6:00 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: Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez, Donnie P. Fisher, Diane Cheek
Absent: Christi Campbell
2. Pledge of Allegiance: By All in Attendance.
3. Prayer: Led by Donnie P. Fisher
4. Public Forum
Garry Teague- 301 Patriot Drive, Rice Tx.
Please make sure that when referring to the working of the fields that it is MDMYA being paid for the service, not paying Garry Teague.
5. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Discuss and Deliberate Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting on June 13, 2023, and Special Meeting on June 29, 2023
Motion to approve both minutes made by Diane Cheek, and 2nd by Sheila Teague.
Ayes: Diane Cheek, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez, Donnie P. Fisher
Nays: None
Motion Passed
6. Approval of Financials
 - a. Discuss and Deliberate Approval of June 2023 Financial Reports

Motion to approve the June 2023 Financials made by Donnie P. Fisher, and 2nd by Rosa Vasquez.

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

7. Discuss and Deliberate Changes in Employee Handbook.

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As many employees as possible shall be given each holiday off, consistent with the maintenance of city essential functions. All employees who are required to work on an official holiday shall be given Holiday pay of 8 hours in addition to the employee's regular shift pay.

Motion to approve change to employee handbook made by Donnie P. Fisher and 2nd by Rosa Vasquez.

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

8. Discuss and Deliberate Fannin Street:

Chad Lee – C & B Excavation and paving.

Spoke on the option of ¼ mile using 2 ½ inch asphalt \$100,000.00.

Motion to table and send to budget work shop made by Sheila Teague and 2nd by Diane Cheek

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

9. Discuss and Deliberate the Resignation of James Franks from the Planning and Zoning Commission

Motion to accept Mr. James Franks resignation from Planning and Zoning Board made by Sheila Teague, and 2nd by Diane Cheek.

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

10. Discuss and Deliberate Using 203 E Calhoun for the Library.
Volunteer Librarian Amparito Ramirez spoke on the possibilities this would present with the use of this building.

Motion to use this facility as the library made by Sheila Teague, and 2nd by Rosa Vasquez.

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

11. Mayor's Announcements

New program for youth to be involved in the City Government such as Jr Mayor Program.

Estrada is in the process of buying the last 2 buildings at the end of Calhoun and Dallas Street.

12. Fire Department Report

- a. June 2023 Volunteer Fire Department Report - Gaylon Taylor presented.

13. Police Report

- a. June 2023 Police Department Report – Sgt. Adams presented.

14. Administrative Offices Report

- a. June 2023 Municipal Court Report – Mechelle Haston presented.
- b. June 2023 Administration Report – Vicki Fisher presented.

15. Adjourn

- a. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn made by Donnie P. Fisher and 2nd by Sheila Teague.

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed at 7:15 pm.

Attest:

Sharon Watkins, City Secretary/Finance

Date

