



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

**Thursday, March 13, 2025**

**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 pm.**
- 2. Roll Call**
  - a. Sheila Teague: Present
  - b. Rosa Vasquez: Absent
  - c. Nick White: Present
  - d. Donnie P. Fisher: Present
  - e. Troy Foreman: Present
  - f. Mayor Christi Campbell: Present
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance: By All**
- 4. Texas Pledge of Allegiance: By All**
- 5. Prayer: By Donnie P. Fisher**
- 6. Public Forum:**

Esteban Lopez – Austin Street, Rice Texas

Speaking on behalf of Nellie Lopez. I have lived in Rice and have owned a house here for 6 years. My dog gets out once and I am ticketed by the Rice police.

I am here to address Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> of 2025. They will not let me get my dog, because no one has a key to City property. She missed out on Taco Tuesday because of ya'll. Because you cannot manage to keep a key on staff. Looking at the Council today and people running for council, ya'll live in the city limits, and ya'll dogs have not been registered with the City of Rice. So, ya'll should be ticketed and have to register your dogs with the great city of Rice Texas. And if you think ya'll shouldn't have too, then why do you have such city ordinances. Thank You.

Phil White – Gilmer Street, Rice Tx

Give some suggestions, because the dust is killing us. Just absolutely. Kids go out to play. Really bad on this side of the railroad tracks, not some much on other side. My question is can we get some speed limit signs, signs that say children at play. And write people tickets. Neighbors fly down this street, but some people are respectful but a bunch of them fly by. I'll wave at them, holler at them to slow down, but they fly by and punch it. Especially during the little Mexican horse ride thing that we have every year. I mean the horse part of it is not the problem. It's the ones pulling the trailers. Last time one of them whipped the trailer around the corner and I yelled at him to slow down, he punched and came right here and floored it down this street right in front of the police station. They really need permits if they are going to be riding horses through town on public streets. I mean if you aren't right here you don't realize it. The other night when we had the wreck there were hundreds of morons flying through town trying to figure out how to get around. I mean it was scary. I was out there, and people were mad and punching it as fast as they can down this street, my street, Calhoun Road almost hitting each

other. Come up with a contingency plan. Throw up barricades on the service road, something. I sat out there and watched it for three hours. I mean hundreds and hundreds of cars come barreling through town. A lot of them as fast as they could go. They didn't know where they were going and didn't know how to get out. With speed limit signs, write some tickets and make some money for the city too. Cut down the dust and hopefully cut down on the trash on old Alma road. It looks like a third world country out there, with old tires, beds, furniture, hundreds of beer bottles, every kind of trash possible down that road. And drunks shooting guns. My neighbor gets drunk every weekend is out here shooting guns out here across the street. I get along with them great. The more people we got moving in is dangerous. Thank you.

Tonya Roberts: Sunrise Circle, Rice Tx

Will Speak during the Jefferson Street Discussion.

**7. Alderman Updates: None**

**8. Reports**

**Motion to forego the reading of our reports made by Troy Foreman and seconded by Donnie P. Fisher**

**Ayes: Troy Foreman, Donnie P. Fisher, Sheila Teague, Nick White.**

**Nays: None**

**Motion Passed**

- a. February 2025 Volunteer Fire Department Report
- b. February 2025 Police Department Report
- c. February 2025 Municipal Court Report

- d. February 2025 Administrative Report
- e. February 2025 EDC Report
- f. February 2025 Mayor's Report

## **9. Consent Items**

- a. Discuss and Deliberate approval of Minutes for Regular City Council meeting on February 13, 2025.

Motion to approve Minutes for Regular City Council meeting on February 13, 2025, made Nick White, and seconded by Donnie P. Fisher.

Ayes: Nick White, Donnie P. Fisher, Sheila Teague, Troy Foreman

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- b. Discuss and Deliberate approval of Minutes for Workshop on March 4, 2025.

Item struck from Agenda By Mayor Christy Campbell. The meeting did not take place due to lack of Quorum.

- c. Discuss and Deliberate approval of February 2025 Financial Report

Motion to approve February 2025 Financial Report, made by Troy Foreman and seconded by Sheila Teague.

Ayes: Troy Foreman, Sheila Teague, Donnie P. Fisher, Nick White

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

## **10. New Business**

- a. Draw names for place on ballot

Mayor Pro Tem, Troy Foreman drew the names.

Order of names drawn to appear on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, ballad.

- 1. Mike Butler
- 2. Sheila Teague
- 3. Tonya Roberts

- b. Discuss adding Rice as a Red Cross warming/cooling station.

Motion to table to next meeting in March made by Donnie P. Fisher and seconded by Nick White.

Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Nick White, Sheila Teague, Troy Foreman

Nays: None

Motion Passed



**11. Old Business**

- a. Discuss and Deliberate rescinding the Resolution on lawnmower.

Motion to deny rescinding resolution made by Donnie P. Fisher and seconded by Nick White.

Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Nick White, Sheila Teague, Troy Foreman

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- b. Discuss Jefferson Street.

The mayor recognized Tonya Roberts to speak on her public forum request.

My question first is, Troy, what is your position in the city of Ennis? Troy replied, Assistant Director of Planning and Development. Tonya continued, so you are very aware of development agreements and that sort of thing. Whenever a developer comes in and they want to do something in your city, So long story short, we have a residential development that came in and our road construction says concrete or asphalt, and so why would we not make an apartment complex redo the roads that are around that development. Those roads need to be redone at their expense with concrete or asphalt. They're running in the extra traffic. They need to be responsible to build those roads.

Motion To Table Discussion made by Donnie P. Fisher and seconded by Troy Foreman.

Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Troy Foreman, Sheila Teague, Nick White

Nays: None

Motion Passed\

- 12. The Rice City Council will convene and go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071: Consultation with City Attorney to seek legal advice regarding the following items:**

**No Executive Session Scheduled for March**

- 13. The Rice City Council will reconvene into the Regular Session and take any action required as a result of the Executive Session.**

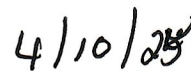
**NONE**

- 14. Motion of Adjourn:** Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:26 pm.

Attest:



Sharon Watkins, City Secretary/Finance Clerk



Date