

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY RICE, TEXAS

Thursday, April 10, 2025 6:00 PM Rice City Hall 305 N. Dallas Street Rice, TX 75155

### **Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order: Mayor Christi Campbell called meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- 2. Roll Call
  - a. Sheila Teague Present
  - b. Rosa Vasquez- Present
  - 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: None
- 7. Alderman Updates
- 8. Reports

Motion to forego the reading of the reports made by Nick White and seconded by Donnie P. Fisher.

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

nays: None

Motion Passed

a. March 2025 Volunteer Fire Department Report

b. March 2025 Police Department Report

c. March 2025 Municipal Court Report

d. March 2025 Administrative Report

e. March 2025 EDC Report

f. March 2025 Mayor's Report

#### 9. Presentation

Presentation from Red Cross

Justin Leds, a leader with the American Red Cross, presented a possible agreement opportunity between the City of Rice and The Red Cross for an Emergency Shelter at the Rice City Hall gym area.

Sheila Teague asked if this was for the City of Rice. Justin stated it is for the community of Rice and surrounding areas as needed.

The mayor asked if it would be used, for example, like a Katrina situation. Justin stated that that type of Emergency is handled in the Dallas, Fort Worth area. This would be used locally. The Red Cross would ask permission to use, if needed, if the city cannot be obliged at the time, they will go next on the list. It is not required that we must let Red Cross use.

The mayor asked what areas of the facility would be used. Justin stated that it would be in the gym, cafeteria area only.

The Red Cross will supply all equipment and supplies needed.

They will be training all the people involved to run the facilities while partnering with Red Cross. The Red Cross would also bring in the Insurance needed to run this operation.

Will place on Agenda for the May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to discuss and deliberate agreement with Red Cross.

#### 10. Consent Items

a. Approve Minutes from March 13, 2025, regular city council meeting

Motion to approve Minutes from March 13, 2025, regular city council meeting made by Donnie P. Fisher and seconded by Sheila Teague.

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

Foreman

Nays: None Motion Passed

b. Approve Minutes from March 13, 2025, city council workshop

Motion to approve both items b and c made by Nick White and seconded by Troy Foreman.

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

Fisher

Nays: None

Motion Passed

c. Approval of March 2025 financial report

Motioned and passed on Agenda item 10 b

#### 11. New Business

a. Discuss and Deliberate adding Increment Weather to Employee Handbook Motion adding Increment Weather to Employee Handbook made Donnie P. Fisher and seconded by Troy Foreman.

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

Nays: None Motion Passed

b. Discuss and Deliberate adding Lieutenant position to Employee Handbook

Motion to add Lieutenant position to Employee handbook made by Troy Foreman and seconded by Nick White.

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

Fisher.

Nays: None Motion Passed

c. Discuss and Deliberate approval of one member to Economic Development Commission.

Ann Smith informed Brandi Solomon, in writing, that she wished to withdraw her nomination.

Motion to table until May 8, 2025, agenda, in order to look at applications made by Nick White and seconded by Sheila Teague.

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

Vasquez Nays: None Motion Passed

## 12. Meet your Candidates

Aldermen: Michael Butler

Sheila Teague

Tonya Roberts

Mayor: Christi Campbell

All Alderman candidates and the Mayor participated in a question-and-answer session.

13. The Rice City Council may 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

No Executive Session

# 14. Motion of Adjourn

Mayor Christi Campbell adjourned the meeting at 6:47 pm

Sharon Watkins 5/13/25