



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

**Monday, February 20,
2023, 7:00PM
Rice City Hall
305 N. Dallas Street
Rice, TX 75155**

AGENDA

1. Roll Call- Mayor J. Nicole Jackson called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
Present: Diane Cheek, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez, Christi Campbell, Vickie Young, Mayor J. Nicole Jackson
Absent: None
2. Pledge of Allegiance Led by Mayor Jackson
3. Prayer Led by Chief Parsons
4. Public Forum
 - a. Larry Cheek - Item 12 needs to be corrected to Gilmer and Jefferson
 - b. Gary Teague- Spoke against turning the gym into a grocery store. Need a place for kids and may jeopardize the grant EDC is applying for to put air conditioning in the gym.
 - c. Dale Cheek - Thank the County Commissioner for great job on Fannin Street. Wanted to know about the investigation Jared Alsup brought up about \$225,000 not being in the books. What is the status. Stop signs are great but need reflectors on the culverts by the power station.
 - d. Tonya Roberts - Gym needs to continue to be a Rec Center and an Emergency Center and not a grocery store. We need property taxes as a city and putting in a grocery store inside a Municipal Building will not bring in property taxes.

5. Approval of Minutes

- a. Discuss and Deliberate the Approval of the Minutes for the January 10, 2023, city council meeting.

Motion to approve Minutes for January 10th City Council Meeting with Changes to Item 10 Rosa Vasquez made by Christi Campbell 2nd by Sheila Teague.

Ayes: Christi Campbell, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez, Diane Cheek, Vickie Young.

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- b. Discuss and Deliberate the Approval of Minutes for Workshop on January 26, 2023.

Motion to approve minutes from January 26, 2023, Workshop made by Rosa Vasquez and 2nd by Christi Campbell

Ayes Rosa Vasquez, Christi Campbell, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek, Vickie Young.

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- c. Discuss and Deliberate the Approval of Minutes for the Special Meeting from January 26, 2023.

Motion to approve Special Meeting January 26th made by Christi Campbell and 2nd by Sheila Teague.

Ayes: Christi Campbell, Sheila Teague, Rosa Vasquez, Diane Cheek, Vickie Young.

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- d. Discuss and Deliberate the Approval of Minutes from the Emergency Meeting on February 8, 2023.

Motion to approve Emergency Meeting meets from February 8, 2023 Made by Vickie Young and 2nd by Christi Campbell.

Ayes: Vickie Young, Christi Campbell, Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek

Nays: none

Motion Passed

6. Approval of Financials.

- a. Discuss and Deliberate the Approval of January 2023 Financials.

Motion to approve Financials for January 2023 mad by Vickie Young and 2nd by Christi Campbell

Ayes: Vickie Young, Christi Campbell, Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek

Nays: None

Motion Passed

7. Draw names for place on the May 6, 2023, ballot.

Mayor candidates' position on Ballot

1-Wes Mach

2-J. Nicole Jackson

3-Jennifer Fisher

Alderman candidates will be Sheila Teague, Donnie Fisher, and Rosa Vasquez (running for 1 year). All running unopposed.

8. Discuss and Deliberate the Approval of a Variance for 1300 Fannin Street.

Motion to table until Council gets Legal council on the legality of the variance by Christi Campbell, and 2nd by Vickie Young

Ayes: Vickie Young, Christi Campbell, Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek

Nays: None

Motion Passed

9. Discuss and Deliberate on Approval of Grocery Store.

Motion to disallow the lease to Francisco Estrada for a grocery store in the gym made by Sheila Teague and 2nd by Diane Cheek

Ayes-Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek, Rosa Vasquez, Christi Campbell, Vickie Young

Nay: None

Motion Passed

10. Discuss and Deliberate the Approval for an Ordinance for a Stop Sign and Sherman and Homer.

Motion to not place a stop sign at this location made by Sheila Teague and 2nd by Vickie Young.

Ayes-Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek, Rosa Vasquez, Christi Campbell, Vickie Young

Nay: None

Motion Passed

11. Discuss and Deliberate the Approval for an Ordinance for a Stop Sign at Sherman and Camden.

Motion to not place a stop sign on Sherman at Camden made by Rosa Vasquez and 2nd by Sheila Teague.

Ayes: Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague, Christi Campbell, Diane Cheek, Vickie Young

Nays: None

Motion Passed

12. Discuss and Deliberate the Approval for an Ordinance for a Stop Sign at NW 1040 and Lincoln Street.

Motion to not place a stop sign at this location made by Rosa Vasquez and 2nd Sheila Teague.

Ayes: Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague, Christi Campbell, Diane Cheek, Vickie Young

Nays: none

Motion Passed

13. Discuss and Deliberate the Approval of Sharon Watkins having bank access to Seizure Fund for questions only.

Motion to deny Sharon Watkins bank access to Seizure funds made by Vickie Young and 2nd by Sheila Teague.

Ayes: Vickie Young, Christi Campbell, Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek

Nays: None

Motion Passed

14. Discuss and Deliberate the Approval of new EDC members.

Motion to approve Gary Teague and Cody Barham to remain on EDC Board made by Vickie Young, and 2nd Rosa Vasquez.

Ayes: Vickie Young, Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek, Christi Campbell
Nays: None
Motion Passed

5-Minute Break at 7:55 PM. Resume Meeting at 8 PM

15. Opening of Sealed Bids then Discuss and Deliberate on an Approval of Awarding the Green Ribbon Project.

Motion to Approve from Rain Masters for \$195641.50 made by Christi Campbell, and 2nd by Vickie Young.

Ayes: Christi Campbell, Vickie Young, Sheila Young, Diane Cheek
Abstain: Rosa Vasquez
Motion Passed

16. Discuss and Deliberate the Approval of Updating Section 8 of the Employee Handbook.

Motion to Approve update to the employee Handbook in Chapter 8 to the Section 1 part a. made by Vickie Young, and 2nd by Christi Campbell.

Ayes: Vickie Young, Christi Campbell, Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek
Nays: None
Motion Passed

17. Discuss and Deliberate Quotes for Labor to Fix Building at 205 E Calhoun.

Motion to table to receive one more bid for the Fire Department building made by Vickie Young and 2nd by Diane Cheek

Ayes: Vickie Young, Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek, Christi Campbell
Nays: None
Motion Passed

18. Discuss and Deliberate on the Resolution Establishing a Relationship between City and Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion to Table Resolution to Establish a Relationship with the City and the VFD made by Rosa Vasquez and 2nd by Sheila Teague.

Ayes: Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek

Nay: Christi Campbell

Abstain: Vickie Young

Motion Passed

19. Discuss and Deliberate the Lease and Agreement between the City and Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion to table the discussion of the Lease agreement with the VFD made by Sheila Teague and 2nd by Diane Cheeks

Ayes: Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek

Nay: Christi Campbell

Abstain: Vickie Young

Motion Passed

20. Discuss and Deliberate Amending the Meeting Schedule of City Council.

Motion to keep the meetings for the City Council on the 2nd Tuesday of the month made by Vickie Young, 2nd by Diane Cheek.

Ayes: Vickie Young, Diane Cheek, Rosa Vasquez

Nays: Sheila Teague, Christi Campbell

Motion Passed

21. Discuss and Deliberate on the Approval for the Resignation of Vickie Young from City Council Alderlman.

Motion to accept the Resignation of Vickie Young as Alderman made by Christi Campbell and 2nd by Rosa Vasquez.

Ayes: Christi Campbell, Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek

Nays None

Abstain: Vickie Young

Motion Passed

22. Discuss and Deliberate Signature Authority for Accounts.
Motion to Approve Rosa Vasquez as signature on Seizure account and made Christi Campbell and 2nd by Sheila Teague.

Ayes: Sheila Teague, Christi Campbell, Diane Cheek
Nays: None
Abstain: Rosa Vasquez
Motion Passed

23. Discuss and Deliberate Appointing a Mayor-Pro-Tem.
Motion to table until after election to vote for Pro Tern made by Diane Cheek and 2nd by Christi Campbell
Ayes: Diane Cheek, Christi Campbell, Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague
Nays: None
Motion Passed

24. Mayor's Announcements.
 - a. Discuss the Mayors Announcements.
100k Dedicated to Fannin
Dollar General is ready to move forward.
May 6, 2023, Elections
Training for Council members need done this week.

25. Fire Department Report.
 - a. Discuss the Volunteer Fire Department Report.
Chief Taylor Sent report. Not in attendance

26. Police Report.
 - a. Discuss the Police Department Repoli.

27. Administrative Offices Report.
 - a. Discuss **the** Municipal Court Report.
 - b. Discuss the Administration Report.

28. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:39 pm made by Christi Campbell and 2nd by Rosa Vasquez

Ayes: Christi Campbell, Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek
Nays: None
Motion Passed

Attest:

Sharon Watkins, City Secretary/Finance Clerk