



REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF RICE, TEXAS

Thursday, April 11, 2024

6:30 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 6:45 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Present: Troy Foreman, Donnie P. Fisher, Diane Cheek, Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague, and Mayor Christi Campbell.
3. Pledge of Allegiance: All
4. Texas Pledge of Allegiance: All
5. Prayer: By Chief Parson
6. Public Forum:

Tonya Roberts: 300 Sunrise Circle, Rice Tx

Item 10 New business - Reiterated City is not able to put mobile homes in the I45 overlay.

10 d. 10Ft easement for Rodriguez. Not ½ the road on Jefferson St.

SPI Survey, concerns spending public money on private property and Concern with the high price of \$140,000 cost of survey of City is too expensive.

Laura McGee: 7205 NW 0150 CR, Rice Tx

Concerned about zoning maps. The maps are not accurate. comprehensive There is no record of the approvals for maps or comprehensive plans, except 1998.

The city needs to get this major problem corrected. Make sure that we don't get into a bind when approving new buildings and getting into legal issues. Find documentation to show zoning.

Jenay Rollins.

Will be closing on land on Fannin. Inquire about future plans for Fannin Street road improvements.

- a. Meet the Candidates – Introductions and questions – answer session.

Running for Alderman:

Tonya Roberts

Sarah Farley

Nick White

Rosa Vasquez

Troy Foreman

7. Public Hearing

- a. Public Hearing for approval of a Specific Use Permit for Mr. Ronnie Travis
Failed to pass SUP in Planning and Zoning.

8. Reports

- a. Requesting Motion to forego reading the Administrative Reports.

Motion to forego reading reports made by Donnie P. Fisher

2nd by: Troy Foreman.

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- b. March 2024 Volunteer Fire Department Report

- c. March 2024 Police Department Report

- d. March 2024 Municipal Court Report

- e. March 2024 Administrative Report.

Rosa asked questions about road work details in the report. Ask for the report she requested on the work done on the streets. Vicki has the report and will forward it to Rosa Vasquez. Vicki Fisher will work on a more detailed report on road work.

- f. EDC update: Brandi Solomon gave EDC update.

- g. Saturday the 13th: Dollar General Grand Opening at 10 a.m.

- h. Wed 17th at 10 a.m. Presentation of AC to City of Rice.

- i. March 2024 Mayors Announcement(s)

Researching broadening our tax base to use for Roads.

Last Meeting for Diane Cheek.

Sarah Farley spoke on Diane and appreciates going through financials.

9. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Discuss and Deliberate approval of the minutes for March 14, 2024, City Council meeting

Motion to approve March 14, 2024, Minutes made by Donnie P. Fisher

2nd: Troy Foreman

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

1. Discuss and Deliberate the approval of the Financials for March 2024

Motion to approve the Financial for March 2024 made by Diane Cheek

2nd: Troy Foreman.

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

10. New Business

- a. Discuss and Deliberate approval of Specific Use Permit for Mr. Ronnie Travis.

Planning and Zoning did not pass.

Motion to scratch 10a made by Donnie P. Fisher

2nd by Sheila Teague.

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

- b. Discuss and Deliberate the abandoning an 20' easement along the east side of Sherman Street in Block 2 from Gilmer Street.

Change description to the west side of Sherman Street.

Motion to table until the water and sewer lines are located made by Diane Cheek

2nd: Troy Foreman

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- c. Discuss and Deliberate approval of declaring NavCo the paper on record for the City of Rice.

Motion to approve Navco as paper of record for the City of Rice

Made by: Donnie P. Fisher

2nd: Troy Foreman

Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Troy Foreman

Nays: Diane Cheek, Rosa Vasquez, Sheila Teague

Motion Failed.

- d. Discuss and Deliberate reimbursing Juan and Maria Rodriguez for easement on Jefferson Street.

Motion to postpone until the May Agenda made by Donnie P. Fisher

2nd: Sheila Teague

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- e. Discuss and Deliberate concrete slab extension for PD parking lot. PD will pay half of Invoice with Seizure Funds.

Motion to approve the concrete slab with the city paying \$2000 of the \$4000 bid from J.R. West made by Troy Foreman.

2nd: Rosa Vasquez

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

- f. Discuss and Deliberate approval to purchase patrol vehicle.

Motion to postpone until May Council Meeting to allow time for Chief to get prices on repairing the patrol car 106, and to have Sharon find out if TML will ensure a vehicle with a Salvage Title after TML totaled this Vehicle made by Donnie P. Fisher

2nd: Diane Cheek

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- g. Discuss and Deliberate accepting Ginger Richardson, CPA from YWRD, P.C Certified Public Accountants for bookkeeping services when needed.

Motion to deny item 10 g made by Donnie P. Fisher

2nd: Rosa Vasquez

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

- h. Discuss and Deliberate the approval of Tonya Roberts to the Economic Development Commission.

Motion to approve Tonya Roberts the EDC made by Donnie P. Fisher.

2nd Sheila Teague

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

- i. Discuss and Deliberate accepting Jared Alsup resignation from Economic Development Commission.

Motion to accept the resignation of Jared Alsup from the EDC made by Donnie P. Fisher.

2nd: Troy Foreman.

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

- j. Discuss the proposal from SPI-Engineering for surveying downtown Rice Mayor suggests pulling government codes and educate yourself.

Title 7: Municipal regulations and Comprehensive Plan.

Title 12: Plan and Development.

Keep up with all rezoning and update map.

11. Council will go into Closed Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071

No Closed Executive Session

12. Reconvene into Regular Session

13. Return from Closed Executive Session to take any action regarding discussions in the Closed Session

14. Adjourn

- a. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Donnie P. Fisher.

Sheila and Rosa wanted to discuss the Tractor repair that was mentioned in the Administrative Report.

Mayor and Vicki Fisher explained it came out of budget items.

Motion to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. made by Donnie P. Fisher.

2nd: Troy Foreman

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Attest:

_____ Date _____

Sharon Watkins, City Secretary/ Finance Clerk