



REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF RICE, TEXAS

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

6:00 PM

Rice City Hall

305 N. Dallas Street

Rice, TX 75155

Minutes

1. Roll Call- Mayor J. Nicole Jackson opened the meeting at 6:05 PM.
Present: Sheila Teague, Christy Campbell, Mayor J. Nicole Jackson, Donnie P. Fisher
Absent: Rosa Vasquez. Diane Cheek arrived at 6:06 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance Led by Mayor Jackson
3. Prayer Led by Donnie P. Fisher
4. Public Forum
Gary Teague – 301 Patriot Drive
Was called by out-of-town First Responder to brag on RPD for catching someone wanted by FBI.
Family Dollar had a great day when the tournament was on the weekend. Bringing in sales tax on these tournaments.
MDMYA is having a tournament next week and wanted everyone to come out and support Rice.

Tonya Roberts - 300 Sunrise Circle
Defended herself against any possible allegations from investigation stated in Agenda item 10.
5. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Discuss and Deliberate Approval of Minutes for May 9, 2023, Meeting, May 16, 2023, Special Meeting, May 16, 2023, Special Meeting (Election), May 23, 2023 Workshop and May 30, 2023, Workshop

Motion to approve all minutes on agenda made by Christi Campbell and 2nd by Donnie P. Fisher
Ayes: Christi Campbell, Donnie P. Fisher, Diane Cheek, Sheila Teague.
Nays: None
Motion Passed.

6. Approval of Financials

- a. Discuss and Deliberate on Approving Financials for May 2023.

Motion to approve all minutes listed made by Christi Campbell and 2nd by Donnie P. Fisher
Ayes: Christi Campbell, Donnie P. Fisher, Mayor J. Nicole Jackson (tie breaker)
Nays: Diane Cheek, Sheila Teague.
Motion Passed

7. Presentation of Staff Reports regarding Volunteer Fire Department, Police Department, Municipal Court and Administrative

Motion to move all Reports to Agenda Number 7 made by Donnie P. Fisher and 2nd by Christi Campbell.
Ayes: Christi Campbell, Donnie P. Fisher, Diane Cheek, Sheila Teague
Nays: None
Motion Passed

8. Discuss and Deliberate Signatures for Bank Signature Card for the City's General Account at Harmony Bank.

Motion to Approve adding Donnie P. Fisher and removing Vickie Young as Signatures on Harmony Bank Checking Account made by Christi Campbell and 2nd by Diane Cheek
Ayes: Christi Campbell, Diane Cheek, Sheila Teague
Nays: None
Abstain: Donnie P. Fisher
Motion Passed

9. Discuss and Deliberate the Plat Approval for McFadden Estates. (The Mayor Pro Tem will present this agenda item.)

Mayor J. Nicole Jackson removed herself from the Council Chambers during this Agenda item.

Motion to Approve the plat with 10 ft variance on Dallas St. and Sherman Streets made by Christi Campbell and 2nd by Sheila Teague.
Ayes: Christi Campbell, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek, Donnie P. Fisher.
Nays: None
Motion Passed

10. Discuss and Deliberate Authorizing Continuation of the Investigation into Allegations of Embezzlement from Previous Administration, ending in 2021. (If requested by a City Council member, this agenda item could go into Executive Session under Tex. Government Code 551.071 Legal Advice.)

Motion to move forward and complete audits and based on the findings we will revisit the continuation of investigation made by Donnie P. Fisher and 2nd by Christi Campbell.

Ayes: Christi Campbell, Donnie P. Fisher, Diane Cheek, Sheila Teague.

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

11. Discuss and Deliberate Purchase Policy the approval of adding to policy: Only items that are not in approved budget and more than \$1,000, must go to Council for approval.

Motion to make \$2000 for any purchase not budgeted made by Donnie P. Fisher.

Motion to make a friendly amendment to make it \$2500 made by Christi Campbell.

Motion to change the amount to \$2500 for purchases not budgeted made by Donnie P. Fisher and 2nd by Christi Campbell.

Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Christi Campbell, Diane Cheek

Nays: Sheila Teague

Motion Passed

12. Discuss and Deliberate Approving Ordinance No. 541, Amending the Code of Ordinances to provide requirements related to requesting items to be put on the City Council Agenda.

Motion to approve Ordinance 541 made by Donnie P. Fisher and 2nd by Christi Campbell

Ayes: Christi Campbell, Donnie P. Fisher, Diane Cheek, Sheila Teague.

Nays: None

Motion Passed

13. Discuss the request of Dollar General Market to allow 45 Parking Spaces.

Planning and zoning Tabled until Special Hearing.

City Council discussed Request and will have a Public Hearing.

14. Discuss and Deliberate Closing the Entrance to Gilmer Street and Make That a Cul-de-Sac.

Did not pass Planning and Zoning tabled until meet with TXDOT.,
Motion to Table until Meeting with TXDOT and developer made by
Donnie P. Fisher and 2nd by Sheila Teague
Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Sheila Teague, Christi Campbell, Diane Cheek
Nays: None
Motion Passed

15. Discuss and Deliberate Sir Kendricks' Autism Non-profit organization to recover the kitchen floors.
Motion to give 50% discount on June rent for Hub Suites with proof of receipts made by Donnie P. Fisher and 2nd by Christi Campbell.
Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Christi Campbell, Diane Cheek, Sheila Teague.
Nays: None
Motion Passed

16. Discuss and Deliberate Personnel Disciplinary Action. Was Requested By Chief of Police To Be In Open Session.
Motion to uphold the written reprimand but striking the wording of Incompetency and Immediate Termination and previous history that was reversed made by Christi Campbell.
No 2nd to motion, motion failed.

Motion to remove this Written Reprimand from the record, made by
Donnie P. Fisher and 2nd by Sheila Teague
Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Sheila Teague, Diane Cheek
Nays: Christi Campbell
Motion Passed

17. Mayor's Announcements

No Announcements

18. Fire Department Report

a. May 2023 Rice Volunteer Fire Department Report by Gaylon Taylor

19. Police Report

b. May 2023 Police Department Report by Chief Charles Parson

20. Administrative Offices Report

c. May 2023 Municipal Court Report by Mechelle Haston

d. May 2023 Administrative Report by Vicki Fisher

Items 17-20 moved to Agenda Item 7.

21. Adjourn at

Motion to adjourn made by Donnie P. Fisher 2nd by Sheila Teague at 8:22 PM.

Ayes: Donnie P. Fisher, Sheila Teague, Christi Campbell, Diane Cheek

Nay: None

Motion Passed

Attest:

_____ Date _____

Sharon Watkins, City Secretary/ Finance Clerk