



City of Rice
205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367
Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 21st, 2020 – 7 PM



Regular Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm. Present: Brian Skroch, Bryan Anderson, Chris Scheel, Paula Kampa, Emily Walters, and Julie Fandel City Clerk. Skroch opened the Public Hearing at 7:02. Skroch asked if anyone had and comments, none.

1. Scheel made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Tuesday January 21st, 2020. Second by Anderson. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
2. Kampa made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:
 - a. Approve Park Board Meeting Minutes November 6th, 2019.
 - b. Approve Council Meeting Minutes January 6th, 2020.
 - c. Approve Engineering Interview Minutes. January 13th, 2020
 - d. Approve Engineering Interview Minutes. January 14th, 2020Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **Citizen Participation:** None.
4. **BUSINESS**
 - a. Chris Byrd, P.E. Public Works Director/County Engineer- Not present
 - b. Resolution #012120-07 Resolution of Municipal Consent for Benton CSAH 2 from the Bridge over the Mississippi River to the Railroad Crossing with BNSF. Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution #012120-07 Resolution of Municipal Consent for Benton CSAH 2 from the Bridge over the Mississippi River to the Railroad Crossing with BNSF. Second by Scheel. 0 ayes 5 nays, motion failed.
 - c. Resolution #012120-08 Resolution of Municipal Consent for Benton CSAH 12 from the intersection of CSAH 21 to MN TH 25. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #012120-08 Resolution of Municipal Consent for Benton CSAH 12 from the intersection of CSAH 21 to MN TH 25. Second by Anderson. 1 aye 4 nays, motion failed.
 - d. Resolution #012120-03 Resolution Committing Street Funds. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #012120-03 Resolution Committing \$20,000 to the Street Funds. Second by Anderson. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - e. Resolution #012120-06 Resolution Committing Funds to City Hall Equipment. Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution #012120-06 Resolution Committing Funds of \$13,997 to City Hall Equipment
 - f. Resolution #012120-09 Resolution Committing Funds from Hasso Briese AM Legion #473. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #012120-09 Resolution Committing Funds of \$1,000.00 from Hasso Briese AM Legion #473 for the “Welcome to Rice Sign”. Second by Anderson. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - g. Resolution #012120-10 Resolution Committing Funds from Shepherd of the Pines. Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution #012120-10 Resolution Committing Funds of \$615.00 from Shepherd of the Pines for the “Welcome to Rice Sign”. Second by Anderson. Fandel stated that she had contacted the attorney about having religion



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- represented on the sign and was told that it was fine, she will address it in the Clerks report. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- h. Industrial Park Land Offer. Kampa made a motion to accept the offer from Prairie Farms for the purchase of the industrial land. Second by Scheel. Scheel stated the he had spoken to Anna at Prairie farms and that their intent was to use the land for farming at this time. Diana Wojtanowicz spoke and stated that that is correct however it could change in the future. Skroch stated that he had spoken to a few different committee members that stated we should try to get a business or factory that would generate more jobs. Kampa added that these lots are the last of the city industrial park. Wojtanowicz asked if the city would still be rent the property to Prairie Farms? Consensus of the Council was yes, and we would get the agreement ready for the February 3rd, 2020 meeting.
 - i. Discuss/Approve RFP Civil Engineer. It was agreed that the council would do a paper ballot vote for the new Engineer. Fandel collected the ballots and read three votes for #3, two votes for #2. Scheel made a motion to approve the Engineering firm of Moore as the Cities Engineer. Second by Anderson. Kampa thanked all the Engineer candidates and stated that it was a very hard decision. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - j. Graham Fire Contract Meeting February 11th, 8pm. Fandel stated that Graham Clerk reached out and that their supervisors would like to meet and go over the Fire Contract. Kampa, Skroch and Fandel will attend the meeting on February 11th, 2020 at 8 p.m. at the Graham Town Hall.
 - k. Watab Fire Contract Meeting in April, 7pm. Fandel stated that Watab Supervisor Johnson reached out and that their supervisors would like to meet and go over the Fire Contract. Scheel, Skroch and Fandel will attend the meeting on April 7th, 2020 at 7 p.m. at the Watab Town Hall.
 - l. Increase Bremer ACH. Kampa made a motion to increase the Bremer ACH from \$11,000.00 to \$15,000.00 as per the letter request for the Rice City Treasurer. Second by Scheel. Skroch stated that he had contacted Lori Keller at Bremer bank and she stated that it had not been a problem with going over the limit, wasn't a problem to increase it. Keller also informed Skroch that the bank monitored if there were any over adjustments. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

5. DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE/BOARD/CONTRACTED STAFF REPORTS/UPDATE

- a. Treasurer Report –
- b. Clerks Report – Fandel reminded the Council that the Rice Rec Manger evaluation needed to be scheduled, possible for February 3rd or 18th, 2020. The warming house attendants started and seem to be a good group. With the new door in place I would like to order letters for the address, would council also like to list the hours. Consensus was to list both the address and hours. Update on the “Welcome to Rice Sign”, I have a verbal commitment from the Rice Chamber. I still have a request out to the Knights of Columbus. Should I reach out to anyone else? Kampa asked for the full list and dollar amounts. I will email the council that information tomorrow. Has the council decided on what they would like to do with the City Drum? Kampa asked if we should build a shelf for it in the chamber, Fandel will reach out to the Public Works and see if they will build one. I would like to attend the 2020 Safety and Loss Control Workshop on April 14th, 2020. It is held in St Cloud and the cost is \$20.00. I attended it last year and it was very informational. Consensus of the council was to attend.



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6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

- a. January 27th, 2020 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- b. February 3rd, 2020 – City Council Meeting 7 PM
- c. February 4th, 2020 - Park Board Meeting 6 PM
- d. February 10th & 11th, 2020 Audit
- e. February 17th, 2020 – Office Closed
- f. February 18th, 2020 – City Council Meeting 7 PM


7. Approval of Bills/Electronic Transfers: Anderson made a motion to approve the Bills/Electronic Transfers as presented. Second by Walters. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

8. Adjourn: Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting Monday February 3rd, 2020 7 PM



Julie Fandel – City Clerk



Brian Skroch, Mayor