



**City of Rice**  
205 Main St E – PO Box 179  
Rice, MN 56367  
**Rice City Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 – 7PM**



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, Mary Tiejien City Attorney and Julie Fandel City Clerk.

1. Kampa made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Second by Anderson. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

2. Scheel made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:

- a. Approval of Park Board Meeting Minutes November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- b. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020.
- c. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

Second by Kampa. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

3. **Citizen Participation:** None.

4. **BUSINESS**

- a. Closed meeting pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.03 to discuss strategy for labor negotiations with AFSCME Council 65. Scheel made a motion to close the meeting. Second by Anderson. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Meeting closed at 7:05 and taped. Scheel made a motion to close the closed meeting. Second by Anderson. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Closed meeting closed at 7:27. Kampa made a motion to re-open the City Council Meeting. Second by Anderson. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Meeting re-opened 7:28.
- b. Caleb Voigt Annual performance and proposed increase for the Rice Fire Relief Association. Voigt gave a full report on the investments and year end numbers. At this point they are 111% vested overall. They would like to take a \$300 increase, changing the retirement to \$1,700 and keep them at 97% vested. Kampa asked if there are any retirements this year, Voigt is not aware of any. City Clerk prepare the resolution and have it ready for the February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting.
- c. Chris Byrd, P.E. Public Works Director/County Engineer- Byrd presented two projects that the County has funding for this year and needs municipality consent. First project is a CSAH 2, the road is 12 feet of driving land and eight-foot shoulders. In order to keep the correct slope, the road will change to eleven foot driving lanes and seven-foot shoulders. Kampa asked how long the road will be closed, road will remain open but will be gravel at times. Scheel is concerned about the curve, would the county provide an electronic speed sign. The funding is only for pavement control and the work will also make this a ten-ton road. Scheel asked clerk to add speed sign to next meeting. Second project is CSAH 12 from the intersection of CSAH 21 to MN TH 25. This is a mill and overlay, this road is eleven to eleven and half feet driving lanes and three to three and half gravel shoulders. The road and shoulders would stay the same size, but they would add one to one and half feet of pavement on both sides. Nodo ask if they would add



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more pavement for foot traffic? If they make it any wider, they will have to remake and they do not have that funding.

- d. Resolution #020320-07 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 #020320-07 Resolution of Municipal Consent for Benton CSAH 2 from the Bridge over the Mississippi River to the Railroad Crossing with BNSF. Second by Anderson. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- e. Resolution #020320-08 Resolution of Municipal Consent for Benton CSAH 12 from the intersection of CSAH 21 to MN TH 25. Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution #020320-08 Resolution of Municipal Consent for Benton CSAH 12 from the intersection of CSAH 21 to MN TH 25. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried
- f. RESOLUTION #020320-11 Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the 2020 Primary Election. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #020320-11 a Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the 2020 Primary Election. Second by Walters. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Anderson abstained.
- g. RESOLUTION #020320-12 Resolution Accepting Donation for Fire Department. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #020320-1212 Resolution Accepting Donation of \$50.00 for Fire Department. Second by Andersons. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- h. Discuss/Approve Moore Engineering, Inc. Service Agreement. Scheel made a motion to approve Moore Engineering Service Agreement. Second by Kampa. Kampa asked question on budget increase portion, it was explained that if the project started and they found something different or changed, it would be presented to the Council before moving forward. Also, if they make an error, that is on them. Kampa asked about 5.01 A. Stand behind the work they perform, it reads more like there is no guarantee of the work performed. Kampa asked if Fandel had received the insurance information, no not at this time. Council consensus was that the City Attorney should go over the agreement. Schell amended his motion to include the approval of the service agreement upon Attorney approval and the complete insurance. Kampa amended her second. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- i. Approve Langola Fire Contract. Scheel made a motion to approve the Langola Fire Contract as presented. Second by Kampa. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- j. Discuss/Approve Non-Union Agreements. Kampa made a motion to approve Julie Fandel agreement as presented. Second by Anderson. Discussion on the Dental coverage and that moving forward we may need to look at it. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Anderson made a motion to approve Brent Curtis as presented. Second by Kampa. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- k. Discuss/Approve Prairie Farms Lease 2020. Scheel made a motion to approve the Prairie Farm Lease for 2020 as presented. Second by Kampa. Scheel stated that Fandel had made the change to the correct number of acres. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

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

- a. Treasurer Report – Fandel read a letter from the Treasurer that reminded the Council of the upcoming audit.
- b. Clerks Report – I sent a letter requesting any records that Bollig has for the City. I am still waiting for the information for the sign on the city hall door. I attended the quarterly BEP



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meeting on Thursday, I am done on the Board for two years. We are invited to the quarterly meeting and I would still like to attend them. Compost posting, Mark asked to possibly increase the wages and get the post ready. Kampa asked to have it put to business for the next meeting. Question on senior discount, I have looked through every place I can think of and I cannot find anything on senior discount. I would like the Council to discuss if we will continue the discount and clarify the amount and age details. Kampa asked to have it put under business at the next meeting. I have a dentist appointment Tuesday 2-4-20. Sheri, Mark and I will need to attend 1 hour of Primary Election training. Training is at the Sauk Rapids City Hall on Wednesday February 5<sup>th</sup>, Sheri will go from 10-11 and Mark and I will from 1:30-2:30.

- c. Street Commission- Scheel asked to have a meeting in the next month to go over what the road plan is with the new Engineer. Go over current road budget, what area needs what and do we need storm sewers. Kampa asked if we could do a work session and ask the Engineer to attend. Scheel asked Fandel to check the available funds for roads with the Treasurer.

### 6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

- a. February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - Park Board Meeting 6 PM
  - b. February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Audit
  - c. February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Office Closed
  - d. February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Rice Rec Evaluation 6:30 PM
  - e. February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – City Council Meeting 7 PM
- Reminder Graham Township Meeting 2-11-20 8:00 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.


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9. City Engineer Les Mateffy asked questions on what population is the city looking to grow to, what rate do you want to grow and what else are you looking at in the city. Sewer plant is only at 60% and the capacity can still handle 200 to 250 houses. He has concerns about Well #2.

10. **Adjourn:** Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 7 PM

  
Julie Fandel – City Clerk

  
Brian Skroch, Mayor