



**City of Rice**  
205 Main St E – PO Box 179  
Rice, MN 56367  
**Rice City Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:00 PM**



This Meeting accessible through Zoom Meeting only

Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm. Present: Brian Skroch, Bryan Anderson, Chris Scheel, Paula Kampa, Cliff Allen, Les Mateffy and Julie Fandel, City Clerk. Due to technical difficulties Emily Walters joined at 6:15.

1. Anderson made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Second by Scheel. Mayor Skroch how do you vote Kampa aye, Scheel aye, Anderson aye, and Skroch aye, motion carried.
2. Kampa made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:
  - a. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020.  
Second by Scheel. Mayor Skroch how do you vote Kampa aye, Scheel aye, Anderson aye, and Skroch aye, motion carried.
3. **Citizen Participation: None**
4. **BUSINESS**
  - a. RESOLUTION 040620-22 Resolution Proclamation and Declaration of Emergency. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution 040620-22 Resolution Proclamation and Declaration of Emergency due to COVID-19 outbreak. Second by Anderson. Mayor Skroch how do you vote Kampa aye, Scheel aye, Anderson aye, and Skroch aye, motion carried.
  - b. RESOLUTION 040620-23 Resolution Committing Funds from Rice Area Chamber of Commerce to the "Welcome to Rice" sign fund. Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution 040620-23 Resolution Committing Funds from Rice Area Chamber of Commerce to the 'Welcome to Rice' sign fund. Second by Scheel. Mayor Skroch how do you vote Kampa aye, Scheel aye, Anderson aye, and Skroch aye, motion carried.
  - c. Bee Keeping – Kampa stated that she directed these people to Fandel. Council would like more information before making any decisions. Fandel will add to the next meeting after getting more information.
  - d. Revolving Loan Information. Fandel just included this information for the council review. Fandel explained that she has received a plethora of information and asked the council how much they want passed on. Scheel stated that he feels we should wait until there is a request for information, Fandel agreed.
  - e. Liquor License Softball LLC- Fandel stated that in speaking with Scott Weyer she suggested putting in for the liquor license since that could take a little longer to get. Weyer stated that if possible, he wants to have a softball season. He will sign the city contract as soon as it is determined what the season can be. Kampa made a motion to approve the Liquor License for Softballs LLC. Second by Anderson. Mayor Skroch how do you vote Kampa aye, Scheel aye, Anderson aye, Walters aye, and Skroch aye, motion carried.
  - f. Part Time Officer Contract. Kampa made a motion to accept the Part Time Police Officer Contract effect March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 thru December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Second by Scheel. Mayor Skroch how do you vote Kampa aye, Scheel aye, Anderson aye, Walters aye, and Skroch aye, motion carried.



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

- a. Treasurer Report – FYI the CD's are maturing on May 8th, 2020. Rates are very low she suggests renewing for six months this time.
- b. Clerks Report – Compost- Fandel has questions on when the compost will open. In talk with Mark Sauer, Steve Wollak and Brian Skroch, Fandel stated that we should mail out compost stickers. Local residents can call or email to request one. Nonresidents can either drop the \$40 in the drop box or go online and pay with credit card, the sticker will be mailed out. There will be no stickers given at the compost site. Walters suggested a sign be placed up the road that states, "No admission without sticker". Kampa asked if the guys were lined up and ready, Fandel confirmed they are. Anderson made a motion to open the Compost Site starting Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 from 4-7. Second by Scheel. Mayor Skroch how do you vote Kampa aye, Scheel aye, Anderson aye, Walters aye, and Skroch aye, motion carried.
- c. Street Commission – Cliff Allen presented information on PFA Funding List. Changes have been made to the cities needs on the list and Allen and Les Mateffy are looking to make corrections with the council's consent. Allen and Mateffy went through the different information and covered council questions. Kampa commented that she thought the water tower was inspected inside and out last year, Anderson agreed. Kampa also questioned the cost from Moore to get this ready, Allen stated between \$4500-\$5000. Mateffy stated it should be less than that because they have all the information. The consensus of the Council was that the top three would be Water Tower, Well #4 and looping. Allen then addressed the street work he suggested 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NE and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW. Kampa stated that 3<sup>rd</sup> St should be addressed first, Skroch noted that when that is done the Lions Building parking lot needs to be finished. Scheel stated that the lot was part of a prior commitment. Allen stated that he had not seen all the mapping done yet and will also do a drive around and report back on the April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting. Skroch stated that we need to do as much street work as we can this year, Scheel and Kampa agreed.

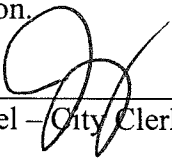
**6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:**

- a. April 13, 2020 - Board of Appeal and Equalization 6:00 PM
- b. April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – City Council Meeting 6 PM  
Kampa made a motion to conduct these two meetings thru the ZOOM Meeting and change the April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting to 6 PM. Second by Scheel. Mayor Skroch how do you vote Kampa aye, Scheel aye, Anderson aye, Walters aye, and Skroch aye, motion carried.

- 7. Approval of Bills/Electronic Transfers:** Anderson made a motion to approve the Bills/Electronic Transfers as presented. Second by Walters. Mayor Skroch how do you vote Kampa aye, Scheel aye, Anderson aye, Walters aye, and Skroch aye, motion carried.

- 8. Adjourn:** Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Second by Scheel. Mayor Skroch how do you vote Kampa aye, Scheel aye, Anderson aye, Walters aye, and Skroch aye, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting Monday April 13, 2020 6 PM following the Board of Appeal and Equalization.

  
Julie Fandel – City Clerk

  
Brian Skroch, Mayor