



City of Rice
205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367
Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday April 20th, 2020 6:00 PM



This Meeting accessible through Zoom Meeting only

Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Present: Brian Skroch, Bryan Anderson, Chris Scheel, Paula Kampa, Emily Walters, Cliff Allen, Les Mateffy, Gene Thompson Rice Rec, and Julie Fandel, City Clerk.

1. Scheel made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday April 20th, 2020. Second by Anderson. Add shredding policy information 4e and Mayor notes 5d. Scheel amended his motion to add 4e and 5d. Anderson amended his second. Mayor Skroch how do you vote Kampa aye, Scheel aye, Anderson aye, Walters 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 April 6th, 2020.
 - b. Approval of Local Board of Appeal & Equalization April 13th, 2020.
 - c. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes April 13th, 2020.Second by Scheel. Mayor Skroch how do you vote Kampa aye, Scheel aye, Anderson aye, Walters aye, and Skroch aye, motion carried.
3. **Citizen Participation: None**
4. **BUSINESS**
 - a. Insurance Review – Kampa gave a full review of the insurance information that was included in each council packet. Short term /long term/ life insurance parameters for the policy were in 2014 by former clerk Weinand and former Mayor Rogholt. Kampa suggest that during the open enrollment in October a meeting should be scheduled with employees to go through all the options. PIO (property out in the open) items like the bell in front of City Hall or signs. The coverage was spot on in the comparisons that Kampa made. Kampa verified deductibles, question was is it a \$1000.00 deductible for each or all, in a catastrophic storm it would be one deductible of \$1,000.00. There is also a bond that covers if there is any theft within the city offices. In conclusion the savings to change the deductibles, in Kampa's opinion, are not enough to make changes. Consensus of the Council was that everyone understood Kampa's explanation. Fandel thanked Kampa for her work on the insurance it was a lot of information. Kampa made a motion to pay the 2020-2021 League of Minnesota Cities Trust invoice of \$28,132.00 be paid. Second by Anderson. Mayor Skroch how do you vote Kampa aye, Scheel aye, Anderson aye, Walters aye, and Skroch aye, motion carried.
 - b. Resolution 042020-24 Resolution Declaring Part-Time Police Officer PERA Police & Fire Plan Eligibility. Scheel made a motion to accept Resolution 042020-24 a Resolution Declaring Part-Time Police Officer PERA Police & Fire Plan Eligibility. Second by Kampa. Mayor Skroch how do you vote Kampa aye, Scheel aye, Anderson aye, Walters aye, and Skroch aye, motion carried.
 - c. Bee Keeping. Council is concerned about someone being allergic to bees. Kampa stated that Mike Kampa gave Jenalyn a name of someone that maybe can keep the bees that is out of



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the city limits and has experience with bees. Scheel suggested that she collect signatures from her neighbors within a one block area. Tabled.

- d. Rice Ball Program- Scheel stated that he would like to do everything possible to have the ball program run. If we need to start later or make changes, he would really like it to run. Skroch stated even if we ran it in July/August it would be great for the kids. Kampa stated that we must make sure that no one gets sick because the city could be held responsible. Walters asked if we could have a waiver so that if the parents bring them the city is not liable. Skroch also talked with Softballs LLC, there plan is to run whatever they can for a season. Thompson said that he would like to see the program run no matter what it looks like. Fandel stated that she would help in any way that she could too. Consensus of the Council is to wait before we make any decisions. Tabled.
- e. Shredding Policy. Skroch explained that last July the City Attorney suggested pulling the shredders until we could get a policy. After information from the Mayor Blogs he decided that we needed to move forward with the policy. Kampa will forward information to Fandel and she will work on the policy.

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

- a. Treasurer Report – Fandel read the Treasurers report. Scheel question the over budget report and Council agreed that they would like more information on how some items were so much over budget. Scheel made a motion to have the treasurer add to the report any items that had grant money or donations. Second by Kampa. Mayor Skroch how do you vote Kampa aye, Scheel aye, Anderson aye, Walters aye, and Skroch aye, motion carried.
- b. Clerks Report – Compost- Fandel stated that she has mailed 57 resident permits and 52 nonresidents permits for the compost site. Everyone seems very happy with the council decision to open the compost. Fandel had a donation request for the Minnesota Fishing Museum. Scheel stated that Cities cannot donate. Fandel also had an Eagle Scout project request from Alex Wangerin to place a flag recycling bin in the city hall. Fandel will forward the picture to the council. Kampa made a motion to allow the flag recycling bin to be put in the Rice City Hall after the council approves the picture. Second by Scheel. Mayor Skroch how do you vote Kampa aye, Scheel aye, Anderson aye, Walters aye, and Skroch aye, motion carried. Fandel verified that monthly billing was coming up and it would be running as usual.
- c. Street Commission – Cliff Allen presented information on the water tower. There are a few different ways to refurbish the tower, inside, outside, or both. It has been over ten years since the inside was done and Mateffy stated that the outside must be redone not just repainted. The cost is around \$575,000 and they would be putting in for grants. Fandel verified that at the end of the last meeting Allen asked for the street budget and the treasurer need to verify. Fandel stated that the treasurer emailed that the General Improvement Fund as of 3/31/2020 is \$149,377 (Actually in the city's checking account) of that amount you have committed using \$77,709 for a street project, leaving \$71,668 not earmarked for anything specific. Lions Parking lot front half, 3rd Ave NW, 4th Ave NW, Gateway Dr., and 1st Ave NE estimate for either patch or resurface \$400,000. Council would like Allen to put together the full list of each and area and the cost for the May 4th, 2020 meeting. Kampa asked if the Lions building parking lot could come out of Park Funds. Scheel stated that the Lions donated for the parking lot, so it would have to come out of streets. Kampa asked how much was donated and Skroch stated that he was not sure, but it was put in the general fund and used someplace else.
- d. Mayor Report- Next meeting will still be done with ZOOM at this point, that's May 4th, 2020 at 6 PM. Employees were very thankful for the \$.50 temporary pay increase, Fire Department were very pleased.



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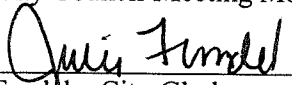
6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

- a. May 4th, 2020 – City Council Meeting 6 PM
- b. May 5th, 2020 - Park Board Meeting 6 PM
- c. May 18th, 2020 - City Council Meeting 7 PM
- d. May 26th, 2020 - Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM

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 7:20 PM. Second by Scheel. Mayor Skroch had technical difficulties, Acting Mayor Scheel asked how do you vote Kampa aye, Scheel aye, Anderson aye, Walters aye, and Skroch aye, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting Monday May 4th, 2020 6 PM following the Board of Appeal and Equalization.


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor