



City of Rice
205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367
Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday June 15th, 2020 6:00 PM



Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Present: Brian Skroch, Bryan Anderson, Chris Scheel, Paula Kampa, Emily Walters, and Julie Fandel, City Clerk.

1. Scheel made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday June 15th, 2020. Second by Kampa. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Opening of Public Hearing – Troy Rheame Conditional Use Permit. Skroch opened the Public Hearing at 6:02. Skroch asked if anyone had and comments, none.

2. Kampa made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:
 - a. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes May 18th, 2020.
 - b. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes May 26th, 2020.Second by Anderson. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **Citizen Participation:** Charlie Anderson asked when the Welcome to Rice sign would be up. Fandel stated that it took a bit to get all the logos and with the pandemic the sign maker was on limited hours. It is sanded and painted and Burski's should be putting the frame up soon.
4. **BUSINESS**
 - a. Wayne Konrad - Corner Pocket Regarding reducing next year's liquor license fees. Konrad ask the council to consider refunding part of the 2020 liquor license fee to the area bars. He is concerned about keeping everything running and would like any help he can get. He stated that area cities were offering different discounts to this year and maybe next years too. Charlie Fuchs from the American Legion stated that his concern is that they are not sure what the long term looks like. With only 50% capacity how will business come back. Council will have a work session and have something prepared for the July 20th, 2020 meeting.

Kampa made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 6:20 PM. Second by Walters.

Kampa made a motion to approve the Troy Rheame Conditional Use Permit. Second by Anderson. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

- b. Discuss Approve ACH Wire Transfer GO Bonds. Scheel made a motion to approve the ACH wire transfer. Second by Anderson. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried
- c. RESOLUTION #061520-29 Resolution Approving 2020 Annual Appointments. Kampa made a motion to Approve RESOLUTION #061520-29 Resolution Approving 2020 Annual Appointments. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- d. 2020 Ditch Cutting Quote. Scheel made a motion to accept the Ditch Cutting Quote. Second by Kampa. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- e. July Meeting. Scheel suggested that we cancel the first meeting in July. He checked with Fandel and Johnson and there was not a lot on the agenda. Scheel made a motion to cancel the July 6th, 2020 City Council meeting and add a Work Session for Monday July 13, 2020 at 6 PM to discuss the liquor licenses, discounts, and finance. Second by Kampa. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.



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- f. Water bill discount “paid in full”. Kampa would like to work with Fandel on water discount. Dale Rogholt stated that he felt that they should have just left the senior discount as is. Kampa explained that there was not a clear criteria for the existing discount. Rogholt stated that no other discount would make sense. Kampa stated that they needed to review all options.
- g. Discuss Approve 2020 Summer Newsletter. Anderson made a motion to approve the 2020 Summer Newsletters. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- h. Police Holiday – Skroch made a motion to approve holiday pay for part time officers. Second by Anderson. Skroch asked Fandel to bring the contract to the next meeting and to check what past practice was. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

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

- a. Rice Rec- Thomsen asked to start the Summer Ball Program. Thomsen stated that all CDC and a waiver will need to be signed by the parent or guardian. We can use the scorer fields if we need more room. Thomsen will also be reducing the cost to \$20.00 and will be looking for volunteers. Scheel made a motion to offer Summer Ball starting July 13th, 2020 that will follow all the CDC guidelines. Second by Kampa. Skroch asked that Thomsen keep the council informed with all the final guidelines. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Thomsen would also like to do an archery program. Social distancing would be easy, it would run two days a week. Kampa stated that we would have to have a waiver for that program as well. Scheel asked if there will be an age limit, Thomsen stated no it can be a family event. Update on the Movie Night. August 14th, 2020 is the date and Thomsen is checking to see if we can do it in a driven layout. He will let the council know what he finds out.
- b. Treasurer Report – Fandel read the Treasurers report. Question about why the postage had gone up, Fandel will check.
- c. Clerks Report – Information on shields for the elections, reminded council that we may want to look at purchasing more poll pads. Kampa asked Fandel to check with Mark/Steve for what it would cost for them to do the shields. Donation request for Initiative Foundation- Kampa made a motion to donate \$500.00 to Initiative Foundation as a partnership. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Fandel stated that her MMCI training for her second year had been canceled. The \$200.00 scholarship will be award to her next year.


6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

- a. June 26th, 2020 - Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- b. July 7th, 2020 – Park Board Meeting 6 PM
- c. July 13th, 2020 – Work Session Meeting 6 PM
- d. July 20th, 2020 – City Council Meeting 6 PM
- e. July 27th, 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. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

8. Adjourn: Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting Monday July 20th, 2020 6 PM.


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor