



City of Rice
205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367
Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday October 19, 2020 6:00 PM



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

1. Kampa made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday October 19th, 2020. Second by Scheel. Skroch added to Business g. Treasurers resignation and h. Resolution 101920-44. Kampa amended her motion to included additions. Scheel amended his second. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
2. Scheel made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:
 - a. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes October 5th, 2020.
 - b. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes October 7th, 2020.
 - c. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes October 14th, 2020.Second by Anderson. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Citizen Participation: Amanda Othoudt Benton Economic Partnership – Introduced herself and gave information on her background. Looking forward to working with us in the future.

3. BUSINESS

- a. O'Brien's – Kristy O'Brien – O'Brien asked to have the 2021 Liquor License fee waved due to the uncertainty of the bar industry. They are still at only 50% capacity and unsure if they will be required to shut down again. O'Brien questioned why the city did not do COVID grants to the city business. Skroch explained that they had discussed it and with the variety of businesses in Rice the council felt that they could not fairly distribute the funds. Skroch stated that they would have to table it until November 2nd, 2020 meeting and add it to the agenda.
- b. Corner Pocket – Wayne Konrad- Konrad went over the different restrictions they are facing; he thanked the city of the \$500.00 refund for this year's liquor license and asked if they would consider doing something for the 2021 license.
- c. Mark Larson – Vendor Event- Larson held small vendor shows this summer and would like to possibly try that next spring/summer on going. He said he would allow 10 vendors each weekend from May until August. Chief Hamman stated he would like to see more designated parking. Scheel agreed and suggest parking behind the building only. Council suggested a large gathering permit, the same as the farmers market does. Larson will check back in the spring.
- d. Resolution #101920-42 Resolution Committing Funds Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #101920-42 a resolution to correct resolution 100520-39 to commit \$12,999 instead of \$13,825.01 the corrected amount is due to taxes being removed. Second by Kampa. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- e. Resolution #101920-43 Resolution Committing Funds to Rice Fire Department from Pat Cairns. Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution 101920-43 a resolution accepting a donation of \$200.00 from Pat Cairns to the Rice Fire Department. Second by Scheel. Skroch read the letter from Mr. Cairns. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.



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- f. Watab Fire Contract – Waiting for numbers – Fandel informed the council that she has not received the numbers for the county yet. Scheel stated that if we don't, we will need to make sure we extend the contract.
- g. Treasurer Resignation – Scheel made a motion to accept the resignation from Sheri Johnson City Treasurer resignation. Second by Kampa. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- h. Resolution #101920-44 Resolution Accepting a Donation. Walters made a motion to accept Resolution #101920-44 a resolution accepting the donation of a 2000 Polaris snowmobile for the Rice Fire Department. Second by Anderson. Fandel explained that the donation was made in the past however the acceptance was not done. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

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

- a. Treasurer Report – Clarification on the tax payment.
- b. Clerks Report – Discussion on County Rd 55, Ed Popp gave some information but stated that Chris Byrd should be in contact with the city. Public accuracy test in Foley on 10-21-20, Head judge training on 10-26-20 in Foley, City Hall will be closed until 10:30-11 am. Fandel stated that she was checking into outsourcing payroll. Scheel made a motion to approve outsourcing payroll as long as the mayor approves the rate. Second by Anderson. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

5. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

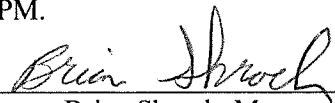
- a. October 26th, 2020 - Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- b. November 2nd, 2020 – Work Session 5 PM
- c. November 2nd, 2020 City Council Meeting 6 PM
- d. November 3rd, 2020 – Elections
- e. November 4th, 2020 – Park Board Meeting 6 PM
- f. November 9th, 2020 – City office closed
- g. November 16th, 2020 – City Council Meeting 6 PM
- h. November 30th, 2020 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM

- 6. Approval of Bills/Electronic Transfers:** Anderson made a motion to approve the Bills/Electronic Transfers as presented. Second by Walters. Council would like clarification on the tax payment from the Treasurer. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

- 7. Adjourn:** Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting Monday November 2nd, 2020 6 PM.


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor