



City of Rice
205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367



Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday March 1st, 2021 – 6 PM

Regular Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 pm. Present: Chris Scheel, Paula Kampa, Brian Skroch, Emily Walters, Michelle Keller, and Julie Fandel, City Clerk.

Opening of Public Hearing at 6:02 on Ordinance 21 Subd. 1 changing City Council meetings from 7 pm to 6 pm. No question or write requests.

Closing of the Public Hearing Keller made a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance 21 Subd. 1. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried meeting closed at 6:28.

Opening of Public Hearing at 6:03 on Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for a grant under the Minnesota Investment Fund (MIF) program. Amanda Othoudt explained details and answered questions.

Closing of the Public Hearing Scheel made a motion to close the Public Hearing on Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for a grant under the Minnesota Investment Fund (MIF) program. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried meeting closed at 6:08.

Opening of Public Hearing at 6:09 on Abatement for the Performance Food Group Project. Lloyd Haehnel from Performance Food Group presented the information and answered questions.

Closing of the Public Hearing Kampa made a motion to close the public hearing on Abatement for the Performance Food Group Project. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried meeting closed at 6:25.

1. Kampa made a motion to accept the Agenda as presented for Monday March 1st, 2021. Second by Walter. Add Office Assistant interviews to Business O. Kampa amended her motion to include. Walters amended her second. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
2. Scheel made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:
 - a. Approve Park Board Minutes January 5th, 2021.
 - b. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes February 1st, 2021.
 - c. Approve Planning commission Meeting Minutes February 2nd, 2021.Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

3. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION None

4. BUSINESS

- a. Caleb Voigt – Fire Relief - Voigt presented information on the Relief retirement program. They would like to increase from \$1,700 per year to \$2,000 per year, at \$2,000 they are 104% vested. Scheel complimented them on how well they are doing, Skroch agreed.
- b. James Hovda – Post Office – Hovda fell outside the Post Office and the Post Office will be taking care of any issues. Hovda presented information on possible procedures the City may want to look at adding. Items he feels would be beneficial to the City.



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- c. RESOLUTION 030121-12 Resolution Accepting Donation to Rice Police Department from Benton Telecommunications Foundation. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution 030121-12 a Resolution Accepting Donation to Rice Police Department from Benton Telecommunications Foundation. Second by Keller. Kampa pointed out that the number on the resolution was incorrect. Scheel amended his motion to change the number to 021621-12. Keller amended her second. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- d. RESOLUTION 021621-13 Resolution Accepting Donation to Rice Recreation Department from Benton Telecommunications Foundation. Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution a 021621-13 Resolution Accepting Donation to Rice Recreation Department from Benton Telecommunications Foundation. Second by Walters. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- e. RESOLUTION 030121-14 Resolution Accepting Donation to Rice Fire Department. Keller made a motion to approve Resolution 030121-14 a Resolution Accepting Donation to Rice Fire Department. Second by Scheel. Scheel asked if this was supposed to be Fire Relief Association, Fandel stated that it was Fire Department to Fire Department. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- f. Job Creation Fund Program Application – Kampa made a motion to approve the application for the Job Creation Fund Program. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- g. RESOLUTION 030121-15 Resolution Support of Job Creation Fund Application for Performance Food. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution a 030121-15 Resolution Support of Job Creation Fund Application for Performance Food. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- h. MIF Information Performance Foods. Scheel made a motion to approve the MIF Information for Performance Foods. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- i. RESOLUTION 030121-16 Resolution for MIF Application for Performance Food. Keller made a motion to approve Resolution 030121-16 a Resolution for MIF Application for Performance Food. Second by Kampa. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- j. Tax Abatement - Kampa made a motion to approve the Tax Abatement information. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- k. RESOLUTION 030121-17 Resolution Granting Tax Abatement for Certain Property in the City of Rice. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution 030121-17 a Resolution Granting Tax Abatement for Performance Food Group in the City of Rice. Second by Keller. Kampa asked if the Rice location was not accepted by PFG Corporation to do the addition would the city be protected from the tax abatement. Amanda Othoudt stated that it is only for the proposed project. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- l. Patrol Unit Union Contract Scheel made a motion to approve the contract. Second by Keller. Kampa noted that the date was 2023. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- m. Prairie Farms Agreement- Kampa made a motion to approve the Prairie Farms Agreement. Second by Keller. Kampa asked if we should add in the tax payment that Prairie Farms pays, and the City reimburse to them. Skroch asked Fandel to rewrite the agreement. 1 aye 4 nays, motion failed.
- n. Non-Union Agreements – Scheel made a motion to approve the City Clerk and Parttime Officers agreements. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- o. Office Assistant Interviews – Consensus of the Council was to set up interviews for Monday March 8th, 2021 starting at 5:45.



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

- a. Clerks Report – Rice Rec update on the Old Village Hall and open house on Saturday February 27th, 2021. The Herald will be running the article/attractions as they have in the past. I will be gone for part of Thursday March 4th, 2021 the office will be closed. Thank you note for the Initiative Foundation.

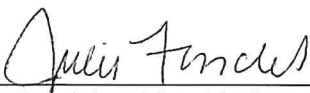
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING MEETINGS

- a. February 22nd, 2021 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM.
- b. March 1st, 2021 – Public Hearing 6 PM
- c. March 2nd, 2021- Park Board Meeting. 6 PM
- d. March 15th, 2021- City Council Meeting
- e. March 29th, 2021 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- f. April 5th, 2021 City Council Meeting 6 PM
- g. April 6th, 2021 Park Board Meeting 6 PM
- h. April 12th, 2021 Board of Appeal and Equalization 6 PM
- i. April 19th, 2021 City Council Meeting 6 PM
- j. April 26th, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM

- 7. **APPROVAL OF BILLS/ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS** Walters made a motion to approve the Bills/Electronic Transfers as presented. Second by Keller. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

- 8. **ADJOURN** Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting 7:05 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting March 15th, 2021 6 PM


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor