



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



Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday March 15th – 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.

1. Scheel made a motion to accept the Agenda as presented for Monday March 15th, 2021.
Second by Walters. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
2. Kampa made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:
 - a. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes March 1st, 2021.
 - b. Approval of Personal Meeting Minutes March 8th, 2021.Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **Citizen Participation: None**
4. **BUSINESS**
 - a. Boy Scouts Presentation – Rice Police, Fire, and the City where presented hand made wood flags. The City's will be hung in the Old Village Hall.
 - a. Fire Department Presentation – Chief Janski presented the newest Fire Fighters.
 - b. Dan Berg Land use Highway Business – Questions about Highway Business zoning and usage. After discussion, Council suggested he present to the Planning Commission.
 - c. Prairie Farms Agreement. Scheel made a motion to accept the Prairie Farms lease as presented. Second by Kampa. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - d. RESOLUTION #031521-18 a Resolution Establishing an Annual Pension Increase for the Rice Fire Relief Association- Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution #031521-18 a Resolution Establishing an Annual Pension Increase for the Rice Fire Relief Association. Second by Scheel. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Walters abstained.
 - e. RESOLUTION #031521-19 a Resolution approving Lawful Gambling. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #031521-19 a Resolution approving Lawful Gambling for the Knights of Columbus. Second by Kampa. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - f. RESOLUTION #031521-20 a Resolution Accepting a Donation from the Rice Sportsman's Club. Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution #031521-20 a Resolution Accepting a Donation of \$4,500.00 for the Rice Rec Department from the Rice Sportsman's Club. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - g. RESOLUTION #031521-21 a Resolution Accepting a Donation from the Hasso Briesse AM Legion. Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution #031521-21 a Resolution Accepting a Donation of \$100.00 from the Hasso Briesse American Legion to Rice Rec. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - h. Cliff Allen- Allen asked if the council would like to move forward with the street improvement plan. Scheel really liked the information, Skroch agreed and asked if this would be used for future funding requests. Allen stated it would but will need to be update as we move forward. LRIP grant has been submitted they received over 421 applications so it will most likely be June before we find out. Allen has had a few



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meetings with the county-on-County road 55 and we are moving forward. The road will be done this year, but the trail will not be done until 2025. Allen has also been contacted by Jenny Lezer

- i. Community Health Specialist Benton County Public Health regarding the safe route to school and the railroad crossing. He will update when he has more on that. Allen would like to bring in a hydrologist for our well project. He is working different grants and feels that the outcome is usually better with a hydrologist. Allen answered questions and they discussed a few different options. Consensus was to use a hydrologist.

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

- a. Clerk Report – Post Office sidewalk, Matt said that we would be receiving a letter for the Post Office, we have not yet. Scheel made a motion to have the Troy Gilchrist write and send a letter to fix the sidewalk deterioration in front of the Post Office. Second by Keller. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. Fandel asked if the council wanted to keep the internet in the Old Village Hall at the approximate cost of \$65.00 per month. Kampa thought the franchise agreement included internet. Fandel will pull the agreement for next meeting. Fandel asked about the Old Village Hall floor and if the council wanted it refinished or painted. Scheel stated he would like Thomsen to come in and present a plan of how he is moving forward. Fandel asked if Thomsen needed permission to purchase equipment, Kampa asked to have the Internal Control Policy brought to the next meeting to clarify spending. Compost site, can we open early if weather permits, will the cost be the same as last year and can they hand out stickers at the site. Yes, to all the questions. The Veterans Wall will be in Rice August 17th to August 22nd, 2021. They will put it up behind the Elementary School in the fenced in area. Janice Martin will be in contact with updates. May 6th, 2021 is the National Day of Prayer and the council is invited. There will be some relief money coming to Rice, the amount has not been finalized nor has how it can be used. I will update as I find out information.

6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

- a. March 29th, 2021 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- b. April 5th, 2021 City Council Meeting 6 PM
- c. April 6th, 2021 Park Board Meeting 6 PM
- d. April 12th, 2021 Board of Appeal and Equalization 6 PM
- e. April 19th, 2021 City Council Meeting 6 PM
- f. 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. Fandel listed the payments that would be made prior to the next meeting. Walters amended her motion to include the additional bills. Keller amended her second. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.


8. **Adjourn:** Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting 7:35 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting Monday April 5th, 2021 6 PM



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Brian Skroch, Mayor