



City of Rice
205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367
Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday April 19th, 2021 6:00 PM



Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Present: Brian Skroch, Michelle Keller, Chris Scheel, Paula Kampa, Emily Walters, Julie Fandel, City Clerk and Bobbi Caster, Office Assistant.

1. Scheel made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday April 19th, 2021. Second by Keller. Add Business g. LMCIT and h. water tower. Scheel amended his motion to include additions. Keller amended her second. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Opening of Public Hearing – O'Brien -Variance

Mayor Skroch – Read the variance request. The variance is for an inground swimming pool in the front yard of the property. Skroch asked Fandel if anyone had contacted her, she stated no.

Open for Public Comments - None

2. Kampa made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:
 - a. Approval of Park Board Minutes February 2nd, 2021.
 - b. Approval of Work Session Minutes April 5th, 2021.
 - c. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes April 5th, 2021.
 - d. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes April 12th, 2021.
 - e. Approval of Work Session Minutes April 12th, 2021Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

3. Citizen Participation: None

4. BUSINESS

- a. Chief Hamann – Part time Officer - Fandel spoke for Chief Hamann. We received seven applications, do we want to have a committee or the full council, committee worked well last time. Walters and Keller stated that they would be on the committee. Fandel will work with Hamann and update the council.
- b. Internal Control Policy - Kampa made a motion to approve the updated policy. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- c. RESOLUTION 041921-22 a Resolution Committing Funds from the Rice Firefighters Association to the Fire Departments. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution 041921-22 a Resolution Committing Funds from the Rice Firefighters Association to the Fire Departments. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING Scheel made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:10. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

- d. Approve O'Brien -Variance - Kampa made a motion to approve the variance for an inground swimming pool in the front yard of the property at 3940 118th St NW, Rice.
- e. Rice Women of Today – Farmers Market Permit - Kampa made a motion to approve the large gathering permit for the Rice Women of Today farmers' market. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- f. Chris Scheel – Asked that the form to be added to the agenda be filled out completely before anyone can be added to the agenda. This will help the council to be better prepared. Skroch asked to have email address added to the form.



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- g. LMCIT Fandel was asked to sign a LMCIT stating that we DOES NOT Waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minn. Stat. 466.04. She asked Kampa to check on it and advise. Kampa reported and the consensus of the council was for Fandel to sign.
- h. Water Tower- We got the quote on the tower and Cliff Allen City Engineer stated that the quote was good, and we should move forward. Scheel made a motion to move forward with the water tower quote and get it fixed. Second by Keller. Kampa asked Fandel to try to get an idea when the tower will be fixed, the concern is that it would be summer, and we could have a shortage. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

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

- a. Clerks Report – Spoke with the Police building donator and they are still willing to donate, I will ask the attorney to write up an agreement. Reminder that this Saturday is Clean Up day. We will be working on bills next week.


6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

- a. April 26th, 2021 Plaining Commission Meeting 7 PM
- b. May 3rd, 2021 City Council Meeting 6 PM
- c. May 4th, 2021 Park Board Meeting 6 PM
- d. May 17th, 2021 City Council Meeting 6 PM
- e. May 24th, 2021 Plaining 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 6:35 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting Monday May 3rd, 2021 6 PM.


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor