

City of Rice

205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367
Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday August 2nd, 2021, 6:00 PM

Pending Council Approval.



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

- 1. Kampa made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday August 2nd, 2021. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- 2. Scheel made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:
 - a. Approval of Work Session Meeting July 19th, 2021
 - b. Approval of City Council Meeting July 19th, 2021 Second by Walters. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

3. Citizen Participation: None

4. BUSINESS

- a. Minnesota Fishing Museum Scheel made a motion to approve the Gambling Permit for the Minnesota Fishing Museum at the Rice BP. Second by Keller. Keller asked what this was for, Mr. Perloski stated that this is for pull tabs in the Rice BP. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Kampa abstained.
- b. Road Project Update 4th St. Clif Allen for Moore Engineering presented the road project information. The project as it stands is at approximately \$87,900, not including the engineering cost. The estimate to add the second block would be about \$60,000. Consensus of the council was to get the main bid; secondary bid would be for the added block. Well 4 update is that they are still putting together the options as to where to install the well. This should be ready to present in the three-month time frame. Railroad crossing kick off meeting went well, the surveys have been done, county contact has been made. Kampa thanked Allen, she had had some questions, but he answered them all. Allen also started the conversation on a large road project that would take possibly bonding, he suggests bringing in David Drown to discuss the options. Skroch stated that we need to prioritize and start moving forward with the plan.
- c. Assessors Resignation Kampa made a motion to accept the resignation of Balder Assessors. Second by Keller. Scheel stated that they did a great job for us. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Skroch asked Fandel to start preparing the RFP for a new assessor for the next meeting.
- d. Banner Paula Kampa presented a proof for the banners and asked to put aside \$2500.00 so the banners could be in place when the Wall that Heals is in town. Fandel explained the brackets for each would be \$22. Kampa said that we could try to fund raise for them afterwards but need to order them before we can touch base with possible donors. Kampa made a motion to approve \$2500.00 for banners and brackets. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- e. Large Gather Permit Conner Pocket. Scheel made a motion to approve the large gather permit for the Conner Pocket. Second by Keller. Scheel asked if they needed a fence and



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Kampa questioned if they would have an outside bar. Scheel amended his motion to include adding a fence. Keller amended her second. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Resolution 080221-28 Resolution Committing Funds to the Rice Police Department. Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution 080221-28 a Resolution Committing Funds to the Rice Police Department in the amount of \$40.00 from anonymous. Second by Walters. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

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

Clerks Report - Clerks Report - Portions of these funds have been received, Small Cities Assistance, LGA, ARPA. No more information has been received on how the ARPA can be used. We received the contract back for the donation of the Police Building, no other updates.

6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

- a. August 3rd, 2021, Park Board Meeting 6 PM
- b. August 16th, 2021, Work Session Finance 5 PM
- c. August 16th, 2021, City Council Meeting 6 PM
- d. August 30th, 2021, Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- September 7th, 2021, Park Board 5 PM
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- September 7th, 2021, City Council Meeting 6 PM September 20th, 2021, Work Session 5 PM
- September 20th, 2021, City Council Meeting 6 PM
- September 22nd, 2021, Water Sewer Meeting 5 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 August 16th, 2021, 6 PM.

Brian Skroch, Mayor