



City of Rice
205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367
Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 7th, 2021, 6:00 PM



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

1. Kampa made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Tuesday September 7th, 2021. Second by Keller. Scheel added Derek Edward, Resolution 090721-30. Kampa amended her motion, Keller amended her second. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
2. Scheel made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:
 - a. Approval of Planning Commission Meeting June 28th, 2021
 - b. Approval of Park Board Meeting August 3rd, 2021
 - c. Approval of Work Session Meeting August 16th, 2021
 - d. Approval of City Council Meeting August 16th, 2021
 - e. Approval of Planning Commission Meeting August 30th, 2021Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **Citizen Participation:** None
4. **BUSINESS**
 - a. Police – Drone Policy- Chief Hamann presented the Rice Drone Policy. Hamann went over the details, Kampa asked who would monitor how it was being used, Hamann stated he would. Kampa also suggested checking into the insurance for it. Kampa made a motion to approve the Rice Drone Policy as presented. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - b. Brad McIntosh – Rice Family Fun Day Ideas. McIntosh went over a list of ideas and how he would work with a committee to accomplish them. He also presented a list of potential obstacles. Scheel stated that we would need to check with the attorney to see what the city could and could not do. Kampa stated that she thought the ideas were wonderful and that he should reach out to Swanville and any other towns that put on fun days to see how they do it. Kampa had someone approach her that would be interested, she will get the name to Fandel.
 - c. Clif Allen Project update – Clif couldn't attend but sent information for the council to review. Schell made a motion to accept the base bid which was 4th Ave from 6th to 1st in the amount of \$89,494.60. Second by Kampa. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Scheel made a motion to accept the base bid plus the alternate B which was for the basketball court within the Lions adjacent parking lot in the amount of \$7,250.00. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - d. Resolution 090721-29 a Resolution Committing Funds from Shepherd of the Pines to the Rice Fire and Police Departments. Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution 090721-29 a Resolution Committing Funds from Shepherd of the Pines to the Rice Fire and Police Departments in the amount of \$248.93. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - e. RFP City Assessor. Scheel made a motion to approve the packet of information to advertise for a City Assessor. Second by Kampa. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - f. Derek Edwards – Ballfields. Edwards stated he would like to run the softball program for the coming year. He has played baseball and softball in high school and college; he is an umpire and has the ok from the Softball League. Council instructed Fandel to send him blank copies of the agreement used in the past.
 - g. Resolution 090721-30 a Resolution donating funds to the Rice Police Department from AllSpec. Kampa made a motion to accept Resolution 090721-30 from AllSpec in the amount of \$2000.00. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

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



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Clerks Report – We received a letter of resignation from Duane Cekalla chair on the Economic Development Committee. Scheel made a motion to accept Duane Cekalla's resignation. Second by Keller. Council thanked him for his years of service. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Fandel informed the council that the representative from DEED reached out to her and is checking into Hydrostat being able to reinstate their MIF Loan. I don't have any details yet but will update you when I do. I am also working with Bob on insurance for the new Police building. Kampa thanked Fandel and Caster for the work they did on the parade, she heard great comments.

6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

- a. September 13th, 2021, Finance Meeting 5 PM
- b. September 20th, 2021, Work Session 5 PM
- c. September 20th, 2021, City Council Meeting 6 PM
- d. September 22nd, 2021, Water Sewer Meeting 5 PM.
- e. September 27th, 2021, Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- f. October 4th, 2021, City Council Meeting 6 PM
- g. October 5th, 2021, Park Board 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 7:10 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting September 20th, 2021, 6 PM.


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor