



City of Rice

205 Main St E – PO Box 179

Rice, MN 56367

Rice City Council

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday September 20th, 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, Julie Fandel, City Clerk and Bobbi Caster Office Assistant.

1. Scheel made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday September 20th, 2021. Second by Keller. Skroch added to Business a. Fire Chief Scott Janski present probation officers. Scheel amended his motion, Keller amended her second. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
2. **Opening of Public Hearing – John Petron Rezone Request.**
Mayor Skroch – Read requests. Skroch asked Fandel if anyone had contacted her, she stated no.
Open for Public Comments - None
Bridge Church Conditional Use Permit
Mayor Skroch – Read requests. Skroch asked Fandel if anyone had contacted her, she stated no.
Open for Public Comments - None
3. Kampa made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:
 - a. Approval of Park Board Meeting August 3rd, 2021
 - b. Approval of Work Session Meeting September 7th, 2021
 - c. Approval of City Council Meeting September 7th, 2021
 - d. Approval of Finance Meeting September 13th, 2021Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
4. **Citizen Participation: None**
5. **BUSINESS**
 - a. Fire Chief – Scott Janski – Presented new Fire Fighters.
 - b. Clif Allen – Allen wasn't present, Fandel read the updates on the road project, well project and railroad crossing.
ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING Scheel made a motion to close the public hearing for Petron at 6:15. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING Scheel made a motion to close the public hearing for Bridge Church at 6:17. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - c. Damian Rajkowski – Ball Field Rajkowski has purchased the equipment in the ball field building, he was not made aware that he needed to contact the city. He would like to start softball leagues again and run the concession stand. Kampa stated that since we have two requests that we will need applications from both. Skroch stated that the previous owner had sold Rajkowski the equipment with the understanding that he would have the rights to use the fields and sign a contract with the city. Rajkowski will review the contract and we will revisit at the next council meeting.
 - d. Auditor Information. Scheel stated that he thinks we should do a one-year contract agreement with Schlenner Wenner & Co, Kampa stated that she thought we should just do the three years. Council asked for a one year and three-year contract so we can compare. Fandel will add to the agenda for next meeting.
 - e. Resolution 092021-31 Resolution Adopting Proposed Tax Levy. Scheel made a motion to approve resolution 092021-31, a resolution to adopt the tax levy in the amount of \$620,194.00 to be collected in 2022. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - f. Resolution 092021-32 a Resolution accepting a donation of \$1000.00 from Langola Township to the Rice Recreation. Kampa made a motion to accept resolution 092021-32 as presented. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.



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

Clerks Report – The numbers from the Census have been released and our new population is 1975. Compost will be turned at the end of the season, compost site closes November 4th, 2021. Fandel checked into locking the City Hall dumpster, it would need to be a special-order dumpster with a lock that the provider would have a key to. With all the departments and the Lions building renters that use the dumpster, it would not make sense to lock it. Fandel stated that after the Police Building is complete, we can make sure that one of the cameras cover the dumpster. Scheel stated that if it continues to be an issue, we will need to make sure it gets locked. There have been complaints about people not picking up after their dogs, Fandel will put it in the newsletter to remind people. Skroch added that we might need to look at adding to our ordinances. We have not received any applicants for the City Assessor positions. Scheel stated that we should keep running it until we fill the positions. Kampa agreed but stated that we need an end date. We will keep running the ad until December if we do not fill the position before then. Kampa asked when the newsletter will be out.

7. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

- a. September 27th, 2021, Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- b. September 29th, 2021, Water Sewer Meeting 5 PM.
- c. October 4th, 2021, City Council Meeting 6 PM
- d. October 5th, 2021, Park Board Meeting 5 PM

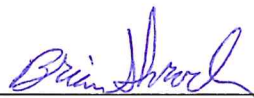
8. Approval of Bills/Electronic Transfers: Walters made a motion to approve the Bills/Electronic Transfers as presented. Second by Keller. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

9. Adjourn: Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting 6:50 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting October 4th, 2021, 6 PM.



Julie Fandel – City Clerk



Brian Skroch, Mayor