



City of Rice

205 Main St E – PO Box 179

Rice, MN 56367

Rice City Council

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday January 3rd, 2022, 6:00 PM

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



1. Scheel made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday January 3rd, 2022. Second by Keller. 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 December 6th, 2021. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **Citizen Participation:** None
4. **BUSINESS**
 - a. Approving 2022 Annual Fee Schedule – Kampa made a motion to approve the 2022 Annual Fee Schedule. Second by Keller. Discussion on Large Gathering Permits, Kampa feels we should look at the charges and adjust to be more fitting to the event. Concern from the cost of having the Police and or Public Works putting in extra hours for events and the city covers that cost. Skroch noted that there are events that requires no help from the city, and they should not be charged the same. Consensus of the council was to have a work session to discuss possibilities. Also need to discuss the compost site for next year. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - b. RESOLUTION #010322-01 a Resolution Approving 2022 Annual Appointments. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #010322-01 Approving 2022 Annual Appointments. Second by Keller. Need to make noted correction and confirm city newspaper. 1 aye 4 nays, motion failed.
 - c. RESOLUTION #010322-02 a Resolution Supporting Transportation Alternatives Project. Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution 010322-02 to support the trail grant project. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - d. RESOLUTION #010322-03 a Resolution Committing and Transferring Funds. Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution 010322-03 Committing and Transferring Funds amounts as listed. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - e. Water/Sewer Rates Scheel made a motion to approve the Water/Sewer rates as presented. Second by Keller. Kampa asked if the council would consider \$1.00 water not \$2.00, \$.50 on storm and 2.5-3% tier increase instead of 5%. She doesn't see issues for herself but is concerned about if it will affect other families. Skroch asked if she wanted to state what her option was, Kampa stated \$1 water, \$1 sewer, \$.50 storm and 3% tier increase. Ken Nodo asked if they had discussed the needs of the city and if the needs warrant the increase, then they should take it. Keller stated what if these projects come in higher, would we have enough with what Kampa suggested. Scheel said that we can't know what the project increase will be in years to come but this is a start. Skroch said that in the past the council discussed that the people that use more water should pay for the water, therefore why cut the tier increase. Scheel amended his motion to increase as follows, \$1 water, \$1 sewer, \$.50 for storm water and 5% for tiers. Keller amended her second. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.



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- f. RESOLUTION #010322-04 a Resolution Adopting Water and Sewer Rates. Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution 010322-04 a resolution to increase water and sewer rates as presented. Second by Keller. 2 ayes 3 nays, motion failed.
- g. Bid for Publishing Local Government Legal Items 2022 Scheel made a motion to approve The Sauk Rapids Herold as the cities paper for 2022, the Morrison County Record does not deliver full papers to the Rice area. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- h. Independent Contract Kampa made a motion to approve the independent contract as presented. Second by Keller. Kampa had a question on how the transcription is returned to Chief Hamann. Fandel stated she wasn't sure. Kampa said she is fine with the contract if Chief Hamann is, and the city is not responsible for any breached information. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried, Walter abstained.

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

- A. Clerks Report – Langola and Graham Fire Contracts have been signed and completed for the 2022-2023 years. There was a trespassing call on the Wojtanowicz property, I have a copy of the Police report if anyone would like to see it. A resident requested a stop sign replace the yield sign on 4thSt NE and 9th Ave NE. Kampa made a motion to approve the stop sign install with the approval of Chief Hamann. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Fandel and Gene Thomsen interviewed for the Ice Rink Attendants, all where great candidates and will be hired. The rink has been flooded and will be as weather permits, it will be open on Friday 1-7-22. Thomsen and Fandel have a meeting with the attendees tomorrow to go over paperwork and the tentative schedule. Planning Commission is working on reapplying to the committee. Kampa asked Fandel to review Ordinance 21 and add Office Assistant.

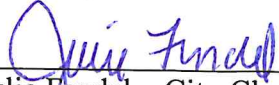
6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:


- a. January 4th, 2022 - Park Board Meeting 6 PM
- b. January 17th, 2022 – Office Closed
- c. January 18th, 2022 – Special Meeting 5 PM
- d. January 18th, 2022 – City Council Meeting 6 PM
- e. January 31st, 2022 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- f. February 1st, 2022 - Park Board Meeting 6 PM
- g. February 7th, 2022 – City Council Meeting 6 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 at 7:05 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting January 18th, 2022, 6 PM.


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor