



City of Rice
205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367
Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday November 15th, 2021, 6:00 PM



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

1. Kampa made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday November 15th, 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 City Council Special Meeting October 25th, 2021
 - b. Approval of Work Session Meeting November 1st, 2021
 - c. Approval of City Council Meeting November 1st, 2021Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **Citizen Participation:** None
4. **BUSINESS**
 - a. Clif Allen – project updates – 4th street project is complete, may need some grass replacement in the spring but looks good. Burski's is great to work with. Our Safe Route to School grant has been accepted to fill out the full application. The handout covers most of the information for the project. Did you want Moore to help with the grant application or will Fandel fill it out? Kampa made a motion to have Fandel fill out the application and inform council of any problems she would have. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - b. Housing Study BEP. The housing study was presented at the last work session, do we want to participate, and will we financially support it? Kampa made a motion to participate in the study and to contribute \$500.00 to the study cost. Second by Scheel. Kampa stated that it will be a great tool for stores, business, and realtors. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - c. 42nd Ave NW – Concerned residents brought up the cracking in 42nd Ave N.W. Wollak took pictures to show the road condition. Allen looked at it today and agreed it will need repair, he doesn't recommend doing it this year. If we wait until spring it will adhere and last longer. Consensus of the Council was to revisit the repair in spring. They asked that Wollak keep an eye on it once the plowing starts.
 - d. Water/Sewer Licenses – Skroch was in contact with Mark Sauer, and he has agreed to do the water and wastewater test and monitoring for the city until a replacement is found. He would also teach the replacement and Wollak how he does these tests.
 - e. Denise Leahy – Helping Hands Outreach- Leahy explained the program and what options would be available in Rice. Most programs are up and running in both Holdingford and St Stephen. Keller asked numerous questions about ages, programs, and qualifications for eligibility for each program. Leahy left information for the public. Kampa asked Fandel if she could put something on the website also.



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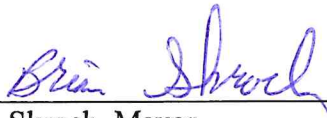


8. **Adjourn:** Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting 7:20 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
9. Resume work session.

Next City Council Meeting December 6th, 2021, 6 PM.



Julie Fandel – City Clerk



Brian Skroch, Mayor