



**City of Rice**  
205 Main St E – PO Box 179  
Rice, MN 56367  
**Rice City Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 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, Julie Fandel, City Clerk and Bobbi Caster, Office Assistant.

Skroch opened the Truth and Taxation Hearing Public Hearing at 6:02. Skroch asked if anyone was here for the meeting or if the City Clerk had any correspondence. Fandel stated she had none.

1. Kampa made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday December 6th, 2021. Second by Keller. Skroch added security quotes to 5. j, Kampa added Park Board to 6 b. Kampa amended her motion to include the changes, 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 Minutes September 27th, 2021.
  - b. Approval of Park Board Meeting Minutes November 8th, 2021
  - c. Approval of Work Session Meeting Minutes November 15th, 2021.
  - d. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes November 15th, 2021.
  - e. Approval of Public Works Interviews November 16th, 2021
  - f. Approval of Public Works Interviews November 18th, 2021
  - g. Approve 2022 Shady's Liquor License Renewal
  - h. Approve 2022 O'Brien's Pub Liquor License
  - i. Approve 2022 American Legion Liquor License Renewal
  - j. Approve 2022 Westside Liquor License Renewal
  - k. Approve 2022 Rice Clubs Liquor License Renewal
  - l. Approve 2022 Old Creamery Liquor License Renewal
  - m. Approve 2022 Corner Pocket Liquor License RenewalSecond by Keller. Scheel confirmed that all the necessary paperwork was included with the renewals, Fandel confirmed it was. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
  
3. **Citizen Participation:** None
  
4. **BUSINESS**
  - a. Mark Sauer – City Council presented Mark Sauer with a plaque for years of services.
  - b. RESOLUTION #120621-34 Resolution Establishing a Final Budget for 2022. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #120621-34 a Resolution Establishing a Final Budget for 2022, revenues are estimated at \$1,616,313.69 and expenditures at \$1,513,586.44. Second by Kampa. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
  - c. RESOLUTION #120621-35 Adopting Property Tax Levy Collectible in 2022. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #120621-35 Adopting Property Tax Levy Collectible in 2022 in the amount of \$620,194.00. Second by Kampa. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
  - d. RESOLUTION #120621-36 Resolution Establishing the 2022 Polling Precinct. Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution #120621-36 Resolution Establishing the 2022



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Polling Precinct which will be at the Rice City Hall 205 Main St. Second by Keller. Walter stated that one of the dates is 2021. Kampa amended her motion to include the corrected date, Keller amended her second. 5 ayes 0 nays motion carried.

- e. RESOLUTION #120621-37 Resolution Approving Assessments for Delinquent Lawn Mowing and Water/Sewer Charges. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #120621-37 Resolution Approving Assessments for Delinquent Lawn Mowing and Water/Sewer Charges to be collected in 2022. Second by Walters. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- f. RESOLUTION #120621-38 a Resolution committing funds from the Rice Firefighters Association to the Rice Fire Department. Kampa made a motion to approve #120621-38 a Resolution committing funds from the Rice Firefighters Association to the Rice Fire Department in the amount of \$282.11. Second by Walters. Walters noted that from was listed twice. Kampa amended her motion to remove one, Walters amended her second. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- g. RESOLUTION #120621-39 Resolution for Immaculate Conception Church Lawful Gambling. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #120621-39 Resolution for Immaculate Conception Church Lawful Gambling to be held February 2022. Second by Keller. Scheel asked Fandel if all the information was included, she confirmed it was. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- h. Bobcat – Steve Wollak – presented three bids for a new Bobcat. Wollak would like to purchase from Farm Rite, we have done business with them in the past and that has gone well. All the equipment is around three months out. Walters asked if we could keep ours until the new one comes, Wollak confirmed we can. Scheel asked if we could get more if we just sold it on our own. Wollak stated that he has been checking that and he doesn't think so. Scheel made a motion to purchase a new Bobcat for Farm Rite in the amount of \$30,655.56. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- i. Closing of the Truth and Taxation Hearing. Kampa made a motion to close the Truth and Taxation hearing at 6:20. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- j. Fandel received the second quote for the security system. Scheel asked if Scott Janski had given his opinion on which bid to accept. Fandel stated that either would be ok, but that one charges a \$1,000 per year so the quote is lower but in the long run it would be the same or more. Scheel asked to have Janski attend the next meeting to discuss the differences.

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

- a. Clerks Report – Greg Bruestle will be applying for a Score grant for the City of Rice and surrounding areas for recycling of paint, chemicals, and bulbs. I will update you as I get more information. We completed the year end payroll for the Fire Department and will be working on all the year ends this week. Gene Thomson and I will be doing rink attendant interviews on Tuesday December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, we have three currently. MN Power has found an error in one of our accounts, we have a credit on our Pump house well #2 account.
- b. Park Board – The Park Board is making a recommendation to purchase a slide for the Fox Meadows park. Some of the purchase would be covered by grant money. Scheel made a motion to purchase the new equipment not to exceed \$15,000.00 Second by



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Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Kampa also informed the council that the Park Board had named the parks in the city, they are as follows: Veteran Memorial Park, Mosquito Pond Park, Meadows Park, Lions Municipal Park and Rice Trail Head Park. There will be a resolution at the next meeting.

**6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:**

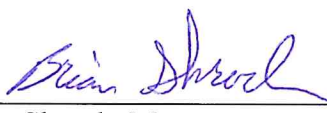
- a. December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Performance Reviews 5 PM
- b. December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, City Council Meeting 6 PM
- c. December 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – City Hall Closed Christmas Eve & Day
- d. December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- e. January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 - City Hall Closed New Year's Day.
- f. January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 – City Council Meeting 6 PM
- g. January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Park Board Meeting 6 PM
- h. January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Evaluations 5 PM

**7. Approval of Bills/Electronic Transfers:** Walters made a motion to approve the Bills/Electronic Transfers as presented. Second by Keller. Kampa asked about the Metering Technology bill, Fandel confirmed that it is for new meters. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

**8. Adjourn:** Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 6 PM.

  
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Julie Fandel – City Clerk

  
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Brian Skroch, Mayor