



**City of Rice**  
205 Main St E – PO Box 179  
Rice, MN 56367



**Rice City Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday April 5<sup>th</sup> – 6 PM**

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

1. Kampa made a motion to accept the Agenda as presented for Monday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Second by Keller. Add Business f. CD's. Kampa amended her motion to include addition. 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 City Council Meeting Minutes March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
  - b. Approve of Planning Commission Meeting Minutes March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021.Second by Walters. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **Citizen Participation: None**
4. **BUSINESS**
  - a. Ashley Meagher, CPA Manager Schlenner Wenner & Co. Audit Presentation. Presented the 2020 audit.
  - b. Lions Parking Lot. Kampa and Scheel would like to see clearer estimates. Scheel asked where the money would come from to complete the parking lot. Skroch stated that he would work with Rice Rec, Park Department, the rest would be from the general fund. Skroch went through the past minutes to look for information on the paving project and found none. Council will table until next meeting.
  - c. The Corner Pocket Liquor Licenses. Wayne Konrad thanked the council for past refunds on the liquor licenses. He asked if the council would consider crediting another two months. They are hanging in but with the 11:00 pm closing its still very hard. They were also closed in November and December which are some of the biggest months. He has not received an COVID relief money. Council will table until next meeting.
  - d. Chief Hamann- Part time officer Goerger will be resigning at the end of April. Chief Hamann would like to start advertising for a new part time officer. Scheel asked Hamann where he see the department going, Hamann stated that we are moving toward three full time officers. Kampa asked if Officer Curtis will still be working, Hamann stated yes. Scheel made a motion to post a part time officer position with the resignation of officer Goerger. Second by Keller. Kampa stated that we should have a formal resignation before hiring for the position. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
  - e. Compost Position – We received two application for the compost position. Scheel made a motion for Mark to offer the position to the first candidate. Second by Kampa. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
  - f. CD's – Kampa asked if Bremer could come to a meeting and present different options for our investments. Skroch stated that it must be easily accessible. Kampa stated that the city is not supposed to be trying to make money for the city, the money is to be used to maintain the city. Skroch said that he thinks it would be beneficial to use it on improvements.



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

- a. Clerk Report – Cable Franchise good through 2026. Internal Control we need to look through that policy and make changes. Skroch stated that we will have a work session on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 following the Council meeting. Storm water- Fandel will be sending out the Storm water notice, should there be a later charge if they are not paid and what would it be. Scheel made a motion to send out the billing and included a \$12.50 late fee for unpaid balances. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. We received the signed agreement back from Prairie Farms. Have not heard back from the attorney on the Post Office sidewalk. We received the property taxes, and they went down a small amount. Permission to attend the BEP Quarterly meeting, granted.
- b. Rice Rec. – The new lights will be installed this week. The information on the Summer Ball program is on the website and it will start June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Thomsen asked if they had considered his request to paint the floor in the Old Village Hall. Discussion on cost and durability. Kampa made a motion to paint and coat the floor. Second by Keller. Work with Mark and Steve to get it done. 5 ayes nays, motion carried. Question on other possible programs, Thomsen stated that the biggest problem is getting coaches. Kampa suggested reaching out to the High School coaches for athletes that could be coaches. Walter also suggested reaching out to Royalton, they are doing a track and field event.

**6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:**

- a. April 6th, 2021 Park Board Meeting 6 PM
- b. April 12th, 2021 Board of Appeal and Equalization 6 PM
- c. April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 City Council Meeting following equalization meeting.
- d. April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Work Session following council meeting.
- e. April 19th, 2021 City Council Meeting 6 PM
- f. April 26th, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting 7 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 7:35 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting Monday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6 PM

Julie Fandel – City Clerk

Brian Skroch, Mayor