



City of Rice
205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367
Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday April 4th, 2022, 6:00 PM



Mayor Skroch called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present: Brian Skroch, Chris Scheel, Emily Walters, Michelle Keller, Paula Kampa, Clif Allen, City Engineer, Steve Wolak, Public Works, and Julie Fandel, City Clerk.

1. Kampa made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday April 4th, 2022. Second by Keller. Skroch added Walk for Life under Business f. Kampa amended her motion to include, 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 21st, 2022
 - b. Approval of Planning Commission Meeting Minutes March 28th, 2022Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **Citizen Participation:** Andrew Wojtanawicz asked the city if there was anything else they could do to help him with his neighbor, they are concerned that the problems will start as soon as the snow melts. Skroch asked where he was with the DNR, they said they had not heard anything. Skroch stated that he reached out to the DNR and was told they were taking care of the concern. Scheel suggested that Wojtamawicz reach out to Ed Popp County Commissioner.
4. **BUSINESS**
 - a. Clif Allen – See attachment for information on 4th Ave NW. Discussion on all the possibilities and payment options for 4th Ave NW. There is a lot of information to go over, and the council felt that they should have a work session to review. We will schedule the session for next Monday April 11th, 2022. Allen stated again that this is an estimate and with the change in costs it could go up or down. He will move forward with booking the surveys.
 - b. Insurance Agent RFP Scheel made a motion to approve the RFP for an Insurance Agency. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - c. Farmland Lease Scheel made a motion to approve the Prairie Farm Lease for 2022 with the option of Fandel changing the tax amount if necessary. Second by Keller. Kampa asked if it is Prairie Farms, Skroch confirmed that this had been discussed previously and it is. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - d. Parking Lot Paving Hansen Bid- Hansen bid has been accepted and Fandel will let the council know when they plan to pave.
 - e. BankVista – Information – Scheel stated that he did not think there was enough of a difference to make a switch, Kampa does not like how the dollars fluctuate.
 - f. Walk for Life – Kampa made a motion to support and approve the Walk for Life at the Rice Elementary on May 6th, 2022. Second by Keller. Kampa asked if we need a proclamation, Fandel will check. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.



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

Clerks Report – Open gym has been running for the last two weeks Gene is going to switch it from Friday to Sunday. Bobbi did the first cleaning and did a good job. I received a \$200 scholarship to attend the 2022 Minnesota Municipal Clerks Institute. Kampa made a motion for Fandel to attend the institution. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Stormwater billing for non-water/sewer accounts were sent out on Thursday. We have started handing out compost stickers, they can be picked up at the office until April 28th, 2022, then at the compost.

We received a quote to add a copier for the Fire Department, \$44.88 would be the monthly charge. The total for all the copiers is less than our previous rate for just the main one. Scheel made a motion to add the Fire Department copier for \$44.88 per month. Second by Kampa. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Public Works – Street Sweeping – Wollak contacted Chris Byrd, he thought they would be able to do it, however he was notified that they would not have time. Wollak hired Randy Henry, most of it is done and the rest should be finished this week. We had discussed 42nd and 40th St. last year and that it would need a patch, Wollak would like to get a bid for that so we can get it fixed. Consensus of the council was to move forward. Wollak addressed that we have a part time back up person that has been with us for four years, he would like to give him a two dollar and hour raise. Kampa made a motion to increase the Public Works backup position to \$16.00 per hour. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Kampa thanked Wollak for attending the meeting and giving updates.

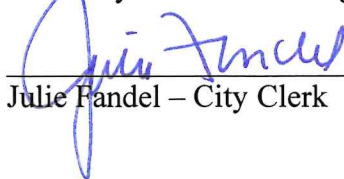
6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

- a. April 6th, 2022 – Work Session 5 PM
- b. April 11th, 2022 – Board of Appeal and Equalization 6 PM
- c. April 11th, 2022 - Work Session 6:45 PM
- d. April 18th, 2022 – City Council Meeting 6 PM
- e. April 25th, 2022 – Planning Commission 7 PM
- f. April 30th Rice Clean Up Day 8 am – 12 pm

7. Approval of Bills/Electronic Transfers: Walters made a motion to approve the Bills/Electronic Transfers as presented. Second by Keller. Scheel asked about the heating bill, Wollak stated that it was for the Old Village Hall Furnace. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

8. Adjourn: Keller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

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



Julie Fandel – City Clerk



Brian Skroch, Mayor