



City of Rice
205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367
Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday June 20th, 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 Wollak, Public Works, and Julie Fandel, City Clerk.

1. Kampa made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday June 20th, 2022. Second by Keller. Fandel added Resolution 062022-21 to 5f, Resolution 062022-22 to 5g, temporary liquor license 5h, large gathering permit 5i. Kampa amended her motion to include the additions. 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 Park Board Meeting Minutes April 5th, 2022
 - b. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes June 6th, 2022Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

3. Citizen Participation: None

4. BUSINESS

- a. American Legion Award- Commander Todd Waytashek presented Officer George Bridenstine the American Legion Award for extraordinary efforts in saving the life of a military Veteran. Bridenstine went above and beyond with the assistance he gave to this Veteran. Skroch stated on behalf of the City of Rice, we would like to thank you as well.
- b. Benton County Fair Duty- Benton Sheriff Department maybe asking Rice to take shifts at the Benton County Fair, Chief Hamann will be getting more information.
- c. Initiative Foundation – Request for 2023 Donation. Scheel made a motion to approve a donation to the Initiative Foundation in 2023 in the amount of \$500.00. Second by Keller. Kampa would like to check with BEP to see how much they are receiving to use in Rice. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- d. Moore Engineering – Project Update 4th Ave, this will be extremely aggressive scheduling, but we are still on track. We will set the bid presentation for August 1st council meeting. Keller asked where will the road go, in the school play area? Allen stated that this will follow the existing 4th Ave so on the non-school side of the playground fence. Kampa asked if the commercial appraisals were in? We are still waiting for the commercial appraisal to be finished, they are thinking by the end of the month. Keller asked when the work will start, Allan stated that after the August 1st bid presentation.
- e. RESOLUTION #062022-20 a Resolution Accepting a Donation from Langola Township – Scheel made a motion to accept Resolution #062022-20 a Resolution Accepting a Donation from Langola Township to Rice Rec for \$2000.00. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- f. RESOLUTION #062022-21 a Resolution to Approve Legal Gambling Permit for Immaculate Conception Church. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #062022-



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- 21 a Resolution to Approve Legal Gambling Permit for Immaculate Conception Church raffle on August 7th, 2022. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- g. Approval of Temporary liquor license for Immaculate Conception Church. Kampa made a motion to approve a temporary liquor license for the Immaculate Conception Church for August 7th, 2022. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - h. Large Gathering Permit- Kampa made a motion to approve the large gathering permit for Immaculate Conception Church for August 7th, 2022. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - i. RESOLUTION #062022-22 a Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and ordering Advertising for Bids – Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #062022-22 a Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and ordering Advertising for Bids on 4th Ave NE. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

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

Clerks Report – In your books you will find the estimate for the Banyon integration charge when we switch to the new meters. This was listed in the DSG bid without the cost. I have an email request to make a flag for the city of Rice, the person said that they enjoy making flags and would make us one for no charge. They sent some designs if we would like to move forward with it. I billed and received 2 of the 3 first ½'s of the Fire Contracts for this year. We should also be receiving the 2nd half of ARPA this week \$76,005.00 which we slotted for the well project. \$152,010. Steve and I have been working together on water violators, he lets me know an address and I contact them and let them know they are being billed and will be billed everyday they violate. It has been on the bills for the last two billing cycles, I put it in the newsletter and on the Website. It is very important that we keep moving forward with this. Police building – Just needs some final items, we should be moving in next month at the latest. We are thinking that the parking lot will be done this week due to locates coming in on it. I have spoken with Scott about fire parking when the lot is being redone. Summer Ball was canceled tonight due to heat. It has been going very well, he has some good volunteers. We have election judge training this week Wednesday 9-11 and 1-3. I have iPad training 6-27-22 11-12 and accuracy testing on Friday 8-5-22 9-11, I will try to adjust my time that week. August 9th Primary Elections 7am to 8pm. I have BEP meeting on Thursday. I had a call for a street easement lot between 504-416 10th Ave NE. I finalized the Large Gathering Permit Form, and sent it to the attorney, his only change was changing it to a Special Event.

Public Works- Well 1 & 2 are set up to run automatically, well 3 is manual, meaning it must be turned on and off, we need to change that to auto also. We need to start moving forward with the fourth well. If the weather and the watering stay the same we will not be able to keep up. Wollak stated that he contacted Allen and he will be putting together information. Allen stated that the grant that we received is for well 4 testing and we are working on getting samples. Allen estimated the cost of changing well 3 to auto would be between \$20,000-\$40,000 and we do not need the engineer for that. Well 1 had a camera view and the pump replaced about 5 years ago. At that time, we were



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informed that we were on borrowed time. If we redrilled in the same area it would be a replacement and it may save money.

Kampa asked if we punched a new well in the same area how long would that take? Allen said at this time he won't even give a guess. Skroch stated that he thought that we should get well 3 automated as soon as possible, that would give us more consistency. He asked Wollak if he had everything he needed to start getting quotes, Wollak will start tomorrow. Kampa asked if we need a watering band, Wollak said not yet. Should we wait to pave the back parking lot, both Skroch and Wollak stated that if we wait on the parking we will pay more later, and we do not know how long we would be waiting. Kampa asked about grants, Allen said we do not qualify due to the average household income. Scheel asked about the covid money? Fandel reminded the council that is what the money was originally slated for. Scheel asked if we update 3 to automatic and put in a new well behind the city hall building will that hold us, Wollak said he was not sure. There was discussion with Ken Nodo about the amount well 3 is producing, Wollak assured him that when Traut replaced the pump it was to the fullest composite of the well. Wollak will start the processes and keep the council in the loop.

6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

- a. June 27th, 2022 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- b. July 4th, 2022 – Office Closed
- c. July 5th, 2022 – City Council Meeting 6 PM
- d. July 6th, 2022 – Park Board 6 PM
- e. July 18th, 2022 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- f. July 25th, 2022 – 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 at 7:05 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting TBD, 2022, 6 PM.


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor