

City of Rice

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



Regular Meeting Minutes Monday July 18th, 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, Steve Wollak, Public Works, and Julie Fandel, City

- 1. Scheel made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday July 18th, 2022. Second by Keller. Kampa added Resolution 071822-24 to Business j. Scheel amended his motion to include the addition. Keller amended her second. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- 2. Kampa made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:
 - a. Approval of Planning Commission Meeting Minutes May 23rd, 2022
 - b. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes June 20th, 2022 Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- 3. Citizen Participation: Lee Popp expressed concern about the increased activity of minibikes, 4 wheelers and cats. The noise and danger of the minibike and 4 wheelers with the speed and no helmets. The cats are out of control, he can't even leave his patio door open they will run in. Wonders if maybe we remind people that they have to keep track of their animals.

4. BUSINESS

- a. Benton County Fair Duty Scheel made a motion to approve the Benton County Fair Duty for the Rice Police Department. Second by Keller. Kampa asked if the city would have enough coverage, Fandel stated that Chief Hamann said we would. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- b. Large Gathering Permit Kampa made a motion to approve the new Large Gathering Permit Form. Second by Keller. Scheel said it looks great, thanks to all who put it together. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- c. RESOLUTION #071822-23 a Resolution Approving State of Minnesota Joint Power Agreements with the City of Rice on Behalf of its City Attorney and Police Department. Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution #071822-23 a Resolution Approving State of Minnesota Joint Power Agreements with the City of Rice on Behalf of its City Attorney and Police Department. Second by Keller 5ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- d. Fire Contract Watab Consensus of the council was to move forward with the contract and bring it back when the tax capacities are available.
- e. Liquor license for Fire Fighters Association Scheel made a motion to approve the Liquor Permit for The Fire Association. Second by Keller. Fandel stated that we do not have a large gather permit request for the Fun Day Events yet. They will not use this if that doesn't get submitted. Scheel amended his motion to include when large gathering permit is pulled. Keller amended her second. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Kampa abstained.
- f. Ken Nodo Storm Water Nodo does not agree with the way the city is charging for the storm water fee, might even be illegal. Skroch stated that the city attorney approved the information as we had stated to Nodo in the past. Kampa asked why he thought it was illegal? Because we can't charge each parcel the same amount. Skroch explained that the calculating of each property would be very difficult, and that the city had to change to



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the flat rate per month. Skroch stated that Nodo was contradicting himself with how the fee should be applied. Nodo also commented on some additional items. He said that street sweeping isn't really a good explanation, the city could talk to the farmers and change them. Wollak explained that the street sweeping is for the dirt that comes from the snow, and we don't want that in our drainage. Nodo stated that the fee should be included with the levy. Also, over in Field of Dreams, the residents should have to put the proper drainage back in place. It was in the platting, that the drainage had to be at a certain level and people have filled that in. Nodo stated that this is just his opinion.

- g. Large Gathering Permit Virnig Manufacturing Employee Fun Day Kampa made a motion to approve the Virnig Employee Fun Day Permit. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carries.
- h. Large Gathering Permit Movie Night Scheel made a motion to approve the movie in the park permit. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- i. Large Gathering Permit Party in the Park Scheel made a motion to approve the party in the park permit. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- j. RESOLUTION #071822-24 a Resolution Accepting a donation from Watab Township. Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution #071822-24 a Resolution Accepting a donation from Watab Township. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

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

Clerks Report – I will have election training over the next few weeks, Bobbi will be here to cover. We completed the quarterly reports.

Public Works- We had problems with the water tower computer system last weekend, Bobby and I have been monitoring since. They think they may have found the problem and will be out tomorrow morning. We may need to update the radios in the well houses. Still waiting for well 1 and well 3 quotes, they are working on them but still looking for equipment.

6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

- a. July 25th, 2022 Work Session 5 PM
- b. July 25th, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- c. August 1st, 2022 City Council Meeting 6 PM
- d. August 2nd, 2022 Park Board Meeting 5 PM
- e. August 9th, 2022 Primary Elections 7 AM 8 PM
- f. August 15th, 2022 City Council 6 PM
- g. August 28th, 2022 Planning Commission 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 6:50 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting August 1st, 2022, 6 PM.

Julie Fandel - City Clerk

Brian Skroch, Mayor