



City of Rice
205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367
Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday August 1st, 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 Clerk.

1. Keller made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday August 1st, 2022.
Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
2. Kampa made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:
 - a. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes July 18th, 2022
 - b. Approval of City Council Work Session July 25th, 2022.Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **Citizen Participation:** None
4. **BUSINESS**
 - a. Mark Larson – Craft Fair and Tractor Pull – Tractor pull is August 20th, 2022, from 2-6 PM. He is expecting a good turn out and it will be set up the same as it has been in the past. Rice Women of Today are taking over the burgers, chicken, beer, and wine sales. Boy Scouts will be selling brats and pork steaks. His insurance covers from Friday to Sunday for set up and take down.
 - b. Large Gathering Permit Craft Fair- Mark Larson is expecting a good turn out again this year, will not have the big food tent but instead food trucks. Insurance covers from Thursday to Monday for set up and take down. Scheel explained that the large gathering permit has changed a little and we are now billing for the city worker's time. Public Works charge is \$300 for putting up the no parking signs; Police cost is \$1,000.00 for extra patrol and presents. Larson asked if that can be paid after the event, yes. Kampa made a motion to approve the Large Gathering permit for the Craft Fair pending insurance receipt. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - c. Benton County Administrative Agreement – Scheel made a motion to approve the Administrative Agreement with Benton County. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - d. William Gullickson Water Fine – Mr. Gullickson asked the council to wave his \$50.00 watering fine due to him not being aware of the ordinances. Discussion from both council and Mr. Gullickson, he felt that it did not make sense since he paid for the water and was given a 30-day watering pass. It was explained that the pass was for people like him that need to water new sod or grass seed. He stated that had he known about the ordinance he would not have done it. Scheel asked where we note our water policy, Fandel stated that it had been on the water bills, website and in the newsletter. Walter asked if we could do more for new residents to inform them of the watering information. Keller felt it should be waved because he was following the odd/even days now. Kampa and Scheel stated that it was setting a precedence and needed to be enforced. Scheel made a motion to wave Mr. Gullickson's watering charge. Second by Keller 1 aye 4 nays, motion failed.



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- e. Moore Engineer - Fandel read a Memo from Moore Engineering in regrades to 4th Ave NE. Scheel made a motion to forward the Memo to the two property owners. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

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

Clerks Report – We have our first meter meeting on Wednesday August 10th. We have a primary election on Tuesday. We will continue to update the budget and I will schedule a work session for August 15th at 5 PM. Fandel spoke with the county about the road closure for Rice Family Fun Festival. They normally do not approve without the cities approval but Fandel asked him to make sure it was on the agenda so it could move forward. We did receive, an insurance application late in the day today. I contacted Kampa Gerbi and Paula stated that it was not the correct one. I also contacted Rhonda to try to explain it.

Public Works- Steve contacted Traut Wells after the last meeting. Traut then contacted the engineer, any of the well work will need to be done with the engineer. Wollak finished getting all the water samples, behind Benton Coop was the best, he is going to redo the ponds since the numbers seemed off. He and Vaillancourt have been working on marking and updated the file for curb stops. The current files are incorrect. They have completed about 40 and will just keep working on it as they can.

6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

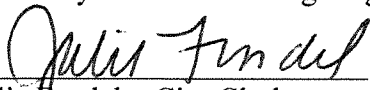
- a. August 9th, 2022 - Primary Election
- b. August 15th, 2022 - Work Session 5 PM
- c. August 15th, 2022 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- d. August 29th, 2022 - Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- e. September 5th Office Closed Labor Day
- f. September 6th, 2022 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- g. September 7th, 2022 - Park Board 5 PM

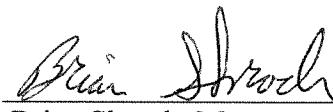
7. Approval of Bills/Electronic Transfers: Walters made a motion to approve the Bills/Electronic Transfers as presented. Second by Keller. Kampa asked if Fandel's millage was correct, coincident that it was the same as the old cell phone cost. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Fandel asked how we will move forward with the Rice Family Festival, Kampa stated that she will reach out to Rhonda to try and help with the insurance and Scheel said we will just keep waiting and moving forward.

8. Adjourn: Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting August 15th, 2022, 6 PM.


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor