



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



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

1. Scheel made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Tuesday September 6th, 2022. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
2. Kampa made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:
 - a. Approval of City Council Work Session August 15th, 2022
 - b. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes August 15th, 2022Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **Citizen Participation:** Todd Waytashek, American Legion, asked if the council had made a determination on the striping in front of the American Legion. He stated that MN Statutes 169.34 states that it can only be 10 feet. James Hovda stated that he feels the striping though the town detours business and it should all be checked.
4. **BUSINESS**
 - a. Michelle Keller Police Plaque – Keller explained that with the new building there should be a plaque for all the past and future Police Officers. Skroch said that she should find out the cost and design and bring it back to the council.
 - b. Shawn Moore- Numerous complaints about Rice Festival – Moore expressed his concern about all the problems he, his family and neighbors had during the event. He had an attempted break in, a \$400 target was stolen, people walking through his yard and the garbage that remained until at least 6 PM the next night. He also was concerned about how close to the railroad tracks the kid games were set up. He asked that this not be allowed again, he felt it was just too much for a residential area.
 - c. RESOLUTION 090622-26 a Resolution Rejecting all Bids and Terminating Improvement Project. Kampa made a motion to accept RESOLUTION 090622-26 a Resolution Rejecting all Bids and Terminating Improvement Project. Second by Walters.
Fandel had to clarify the vote outcome. Skroch aye, Kampa aye, Scheel aye, Walter aye, Keller nay.
4 ayes 1 nays
 - d. RESOLUTION 090622-27 a Resolution Accepting Donations Scheel made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 090622-27 a Resolution Accepting Donations to the Rice Fire Department. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - e. Clif Allen Moore Engineering – Task Order Fox Meadows Trail, Task Order GSI mapping of curb stops, update on Wells 4 & 1 (presentation). Task Order for the mapping of curb stops is not cost effective for the city. There are a few options, the best one is that Moore provide a locator for Wollak to use and then map them afterwards, the cost would be \$4,000. Kampa made a motion to accept Task Order #5. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Task Order #4 is for the Fox Meadow Trail. Sonmer would like to start on the environmental study, this can sometimes take a long time and it



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makes sense to start early. Scheel asked if we could ease into the project. Sonmer stated that this would be the best way to do that. Scheel made a motion to approve Task Order #4 to start with the Environmental Study and the rest of the order to be determined later. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Allen then discussed the Well testing. The overall estimate cost would be \$675,000.00. We previously applied for some grants that we can apply for again if we are ready to move forward with the project in the next year. We should use the Hydrogeologist, it will cost more up front, but it prevents getting to far in and then there are problems. Scheel made a motion to move forward and apply for the grants. Second by Kampa. 5 ayes 0 nays motion carried. Allen stated that when we get to easements the city can save by doing them, council agreed. We will set up a work session for October 18th, 2022, if that works for everyone.

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

Clerks Report – Mr. Gullickson had addressed the council regarding his watering fine. He came into apology to me, Bobbi, and the council. I thanked him!

Langola has a grant to do Electronic recycling, it will be held in our parking lot.

Burskis returned the development agreement, and I forwarded it to our Attorney and Engineer.

Public Works – Wollak was contacted by the meter installers and asked if they could buy our used meters for \$1.30 a piece, he checked with local recyclers, and we can get between \$3-\$6 and they will give us totes to hold them until we are done. Scheel thanked Wollak for checking into that. Update on the meter project, in the process of getting all the meters we found out that we have about 22 larger meters then we thought, this will increase the cost of the projects by about \$10,000. Kampa made a motion to proceed and add up to \$10,000 to the project. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:


- a. September 19th, 2022 – Work Session 5 PM
- b. September 19th, 2022 – City Council Meeting 6 PM
- c. September 26th, 2022 – Planning Commission 7 PM
- d. October 3rd, 2022 - Work Session 5 PM
- e. October 3rd, 2022 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- f. October 4th, 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. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

8. **Adjourn:** Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting September 19th, 2022, 6 PM.


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor