



City of Rice

205 Main St E – PO Box 179

Rice, MN 56367

Rice City Council

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday November 7th, 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, Steve Wollak, Public Works, and Julie Fandel, City Clerk.

1. Scheel made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday November 7th, 2022. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
2. Opening of Public Hearing – Variance Request 2610 119th ST NW, Rice. Mayor Skroch asked Fandel to read requests. Any comments written or called in, Fandel no. Anyone present to discuss, Ryan Gebhardt, neighbor asked for clarification. Skroch asked if anyone else had questions, none. We will move on and leave the meeting open.
3. Scheel made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:
 - a. Approval of Park Board Meeting Minutes September 7th, 2022
 - b. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes October 17th, 2022
 - c. Approval of Planning Commission Meeting Minutes October 24th, 2022
 - d. Approve 2023 Shady's Liquor License Renewal
 - e. Approve 2023 O'Brien's Pub Liquor License
 - f. Approve 2023 American Legion Liquor License Renewal
 - g. Approve 2023 Westside Liquor License Renewal
 - h. Approve 2023 Rice Clubs Liquor License Renewal
 - i. Approve 2023 Old Creamery Liquor License RenewalSecond by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
4. **Citizen Participation:** None.
5. **BUSINESS**
 - a. Advantage One Insurance Update Anne Pressnall – She is our new insurance representative; she has been meeting with all the departments. She has been starting to do comparisons and will work with Fandel as needed. She will meet again before the February renewal.
 - b. Ferche Billing – In the water meter swap out project, a meter was found that wasn't working and hasn't been for a while, that they are paying water charges on. The average yearly bill was around \$250.00, they were only charged for the minimum water rate. There was a pile break at one time, and they rerouted to a different meter. Kampa made a motion to credit Ferche \$1000.00 Second by Keller. 4 ayes 0 nays. Scheel absent.
 - c. Close Public Hearing Kampa made a motion at 6:15 to close the Public Hearing. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nay, motion carried.
 - d. Council Decision on Variance Request. Kampa made a motion to grant the variance to 2610 119th ST NW, Rice as requested. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nay, motion carried.
 - e. RESOLUTION 110722-30 Committing Funds from KWIK TRIP to the Rice Fire Department. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution 110722-30 a resolution Committing Funds from KWIK TRIP to the Rice Fire Department for \$150.00. Second by Keller. Fandel stated that these are gift cards. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - f. RESOLUTION 110722-31 Committing Funds from Minnesota Power Foundation to the Rice Fire Department. Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution 110722-31 a resolution Committing Funds from Minnesota Power Foundation to the Rice Fire Department for \$1000.00. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - g. Park Cameras – Internet installation later \$150.00 - Discussion on if it made sense to add internet to the Lions building and run the camera so that they can be viewed easily. Kampa stated that we can



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adjust the rental rate for the building when we do the fee schedule in 2023. Kampa made a motion to have the internet installed to the Lions Building. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

- h. Approval of Developers Agreement. Kampa made a motion to approve the Developers agreement. Second by Keller. Discussion on the changes made to the agreement. Kampa asked if we wanted to look at putting a well there would that need to be done by resolution? Fandel went through each change and compared it to the first agreement. The only concern was the 30% completion rate and Scheel stated that they wanted to be covered unlike in the Field of Dreams Development. Kampa amended her motion to include that the 30 % be changed to 40%. If the developer is an agreement, they could move forward. Keller amended her second. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- i. Ken Nodo – What is the cities plan for the buckthorn on the city property next to his. He asked several times for the plan and would like to see one in place. Kampa stated that the last time we discussed we got bids, and they were extremely high for the problem. Nodo stated he thought the bids of \$7500-\$8000 was a good deal, and the city should have done it. Wollak stated that we should clear cut the property and then cut it two times a year. Nodo then asked what the city planned to do with the property. Skroch stated that there were no plans right now to do anything with it. Scheel stated he thought clear cutting was a good idea and Wollak should check into it.

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

Clerks Report – We send a letter of intent for a TA grant for the railroad crossing and should hear back in about two weeks. The bank sent an update on the current money market and CD rates. Kampa asked if we had to wait to do anything until after the first, Fandel will check. Chief Hamann had an audit by the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training, he passed without any issues. I have elections tomorrow.

Public Works – We have all been working together to get the meters installed, as of today we have three that are not scheduled. Everything is going well, and we should be done before the end of November. It was a great team effort by Bobbi, Bobby, Julie, and me.

7. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

- a. November 21st, 2022 – Water Meeting 4:30 PM
- b. November 21st, 2022 – Work Session Budget Review 5 PM
- c. November 21st, 2022 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- d. November 28th, 2022 – Planning Commission 7 PM
- e. December 5th, 2022 - Truth and Taxation 6 PM Followed by the City Council Meeting.

8. **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.

9. **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 November 21st, 2022, 6 PM.


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor