



City of Rice
205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367
Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday January 23rd, 2023, 6:00 PM



Mayor Skroch called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present: Brian Skroch, Chris Scheel, Michelle Keller, Paula Kampa, Ken Nodo, Julie Fandel, City Clerk, and Steve Wollak, Public Works.

1. Scheel made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday January 23rd, 2023. Second by Keller. Add Resolution #012323-05 to Business f. add Public Works information to Resolution #011223-04. Scheel amended his motion to include changes. 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 City Council Meeting Minutes January 9th, 2023.
Second by Nodo. Fandel stated that in the minutes on page two Nodo had corrected from 17 million to billion. Kampa amended her motion for the change. Nodo amended is second. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **Citizen Participation:** None.
4. **BUSINESS**
 - a. Nicole Schmit - City Wide Garbage – Discussion on providing city wide garbage, Fandel will check MN law.
 - b. RESOLUTION #012323-04 a Resolution Approving 2023 Annual Appointments. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #012323-04 Approving 2023 Annual Appointments. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - c. Anne Pressnall – Advantage One Insurance – Update on insurance information and changes that have been made. Kampa asked if the rates had changed after the fire truck accident, Pressnall stated that she didn't think so.
 - d. Cleanup Day April 8th, 2023- Kampa asked if this was earlier then usual, Wollak said yes this was the date he could get. Skroch asked if he would be opening the compost site at the same time, Wollak wasn't sure.
 - e. New Council Packet – Kampa made a motion to approve the Rice New Council Packet. Second by Scheel. Discussion on when to give this out, Fandel stated that moving forward all City Council would follow the information in the packet. Kampa stated that it should be given out after someone is elected, she would like copies in everyone's book so they can reference. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - f. RESOLUTION #012323-05 a Resolution for a donation to the Fire Department. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #012323-05 a donation for \$15,000.00 to the fire department. Second by Kampa. Scheel asked if this was from relief or association. Fandel clarified it was from the association. Scheel amended his motion to include from Rice Firefighters Association. Kampa amended her second. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

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

Clerks Report – We received the payment for the fire truck repairs, less our deductible. The league's contact sent out the cost to the other driver and their insurance agency. Xcel bills have almost doubled in cost. Scheel asked what it was last year at this time, Fandel will have that information at the next meeting. Fandel presented a bid for floor replacement in the city hall. Kampa asked about the furnace and Wollak state that he had that information. Skroch told Fandel to get a second bid, Kampa asked what the balance of the committed fund for city hall is. Public Works - Wollak had two bids for the city hall furnaces and air conditioners, the first bid is \$19,151.00 the second is \$18,350. Nodo asked if we are having any problems with either, Wollak said no. All the units are original and cannot be repaired if they go down, they don't make parts for them anymore. Well #3 is 90% complete and ready to run automatically. We are really battling with the ice rink this year; we have closed it until Thursday. The last time we flooded it did not freeze and when it was cleaned off it hurt the ice. We are trying to get it ready for Hockey Day. Wollak had pictures of some damage at the Old Village Hall. He thought that the kids were trying to shoot balls into the old projector hole. There were some broken tiles and some that had fallen.



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Will council approve him boarding up the projector hole, consensus was to cover it. He also states that the backdoor was left unlocked and ajar, the rink attendants are running the open gym. Kampa stated that we will need to talk to Gene about these issues. Just an FYI there are a lot of chairs that may need to be replaced in the Old Village Hall soon. Wollak asked if we had received any money from the gambling at O'Brien's yet? Fandel said she had not, should she be asking or how do we handle this moving forward. Fandel will check into what the requirements are and bring it to the next meeting. Nodo asked Wollak if the sump pump had been fixed at the treatment plant, Wollak said he was working on the heater. Wollak said that there is no sump pump and he is not sure where it would drain if there was, he is working on it. Nodo said he was sure there is a drain field and that there should be a check valve, otherwise sand can get into it. Wollak said he will keep working on it.

6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:


- a. January 30th, 2023 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- b. February 6th, 2022 – City Council Meeting 6 PM
- c. February 7th, 2023 - Park Board Meeting 5 PM
- d. February 20th, 2023 – Office Closed – President's Day
- e. February 21st, 2023 – City Council Meeting
- f. February 27th, 2023 – Planning Committee Meeting

7. Approval of Bills/Electronic Transfers: Keller made a motion to approve the Bills/Electronic Transfers as presented. Second by Nodo. 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 February 6th, 2023, 6 PM.


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor