



City of Rice
205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367
Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday February 21st, 2023, 6:00 PM



Acting Mayor Scheel called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present: Paula Kampa, Ken Nodo, Michelle Keller, and Julie Fandel, City Clerk. Brian Skroch 6:05.

1. Kampa made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Tuesday February 21st, 2023. Second by Keller. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
2. Kampa made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:
 - a. Approval of Park Board Meeting Minutes December 6th, 2022.
 - b. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes February 6th, 2023.Second by Nodo. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **Citizen Participation:** None.
4. **BUSINESS**
 - a. Jim Hovda – Building Rentals Mr. Hovda explained that he doesn't feel the Boy Scouts should pay a rental fee to hold their meetings. The scouts do a variety of things for the city such as flags for memorial holidays. Scheel explained that even with the Lions building rentals the city is in the red with the cost of heat and paper products. Nodo stated that he doesn't feel that \$30 for the quarter was unreasonable. Hovda stated that the scouts do not bring in any money that the American Legion pays for some of their expenses. Kampa said she agreed but if we don't charge them we couldn't charge other groups and we would still be paying heat, insurance, and paper products.
 - b. Lions Municipal Park – A youth traveling ball program would like to use our ball fields, they are from this area. Kampa said that she thinks there needs to be a charge and a contract signed. Fandel stated that there would be no cost to the city for them to use the fields. Scheel and Skroch said that if they just show up and use them there is no cost, fields are open to anyone. Fandel will follow up with them.
 - c. 2023 Cleanup Day Price List - Keller made a motion to accept the Cleanup Day price list. Second by Scheel. Fandel pointed out the TV's have gone way up, and our cost is between \$40-\$50. We have to be careful not to charge too much or people will drop items in the ditches. Scheel mentioned air conditioners too, Skroch said that we really don't take a lot of those in. Fandel said that we have not heard if or how much we will receive for Score grants this year. Keep prices where they are unless we can dispose of TV's for less. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
6:25 Scheel turns meeting over to Mayor Skroch.
 - d. Approve 2023 Newsletter – Kampa made a motion to approve the 2023 Spring Newsletter. Second by Keller. Scheel said it looks good, great information, Kampa liked the removable price list too. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - e. Boy Scouts – Trent Hinkemeyer and Parker Dietman. They are looking for information that they need to get their citizen and community badges. Discussion on a variety of options to volunteer and help with Rice Rec and Rice Women of Today. They also talked about options for Eagle Scout projects. Scheel said that usually they bring the ideas to the council for approval, and we are very open. Kampa suggested park projects they could do cleaning or add new games or equipment.
5. **DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE/BOARD/CONTRACTED STAFF REPORTS/UPDATE**

Clerks Report – PSN Payment Service, reviewed information and asked Fandel to follow up with a few more questions. We received the Workers Compensation Premiums, I left a message for our insurance agent, I think we always take the standard premiums. We have a new Union Representative, Kaysie Worm. She stopped by and has spoken with both public workers and the police. We are asked to participate in “No Mow May” it has to do with



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the pollination through Central Minnesota Audubon Society. Consensus of the council was that we were not interested.

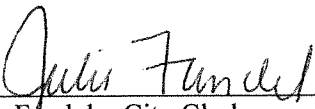
6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

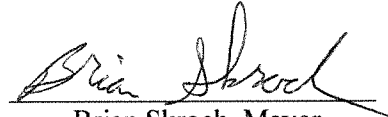
- a. February 27th, 2023 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- b. March 6th, 2023 – Work Session 5:30 PM Road Discussion.
- c. March 6th, 2022 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- d. March 7th, 2023 - Park Board Meeting 5 PM
- e. March 20th, 2023 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- f. March 27th, 2023 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- g. April 3rd, 2023 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- h. April 4th, 2023 – Park Board Meeting 5 PM
- i. April 10th, 2023 – Local Board of Review 6 PM

7. Approval of Bills/Electronic Transfers: Keller made a motion to approve the Bills/Electronic Transfers as presented. Second by Kampa. Kampa asked why the Hardware Hank bill was so high, Fandel explained that both the Fire Department and public works had large purchases. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

8. Adjourn: Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting March 6th, 2023, 6 PM.


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor