



**City of Rice**  
205 Main St E – PO Box 179  
Rice, MN 56367  
**Rice City Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 6:00 PM**



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

1. Scheel made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. 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 Planning Committee Meeting Minutes January 30th, 2023.
  - b. Approval of Park Board Meeting Minutes February 7th, 2023.
  - c. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes February 21st, 2023.
  - d. Approval of Planning Committee Meeting Minutes February 27th, 2023.Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **Citizen Participation:** None.
4. **BUSINESS**
  - a. RESOLUTION #030623-07 a Resolution of Municipal Consent for Benton CSAH 21 from approximately 550 feet N of the T.H. 10 WB On Ramp to Morrison County. Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution #030623-07 a Resolution of Municipal Consent for Benton CSAH 21 from approximately 550 feet N of the T.H. 10 WB On Ramp to Morrison County. Second by Nodo. Nodo asked if there were plans to review, Fandel said yes there was to many pages to print. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
  - b. PSN, Payment Service Network. Royalton has about 140 enrolled, producing \$18,000 per month in payments, cost \$1295 for Banyon (one time) and \$195 per year. Fandel went over the PSN process and costs. Scheel asked if we had to do a five-year contract, yes. Fandel explained that Banyon offers an auto pay only for checking and saving and no internet account access for \$995 (one time) and \$195 per year with no fee to the residents. This is a very different program, and we would have to do more of the work manual but also lower cost. Kampa suggested a “square” program but after clarification we can still use our credit card services. Kampa made a motion to approve the Banyon program. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
  - c. Moore Engineering Update – Skroch updated on the progress of the Well testing. We will be drilling in five areas, 2 by Trails Head park, water tower, Wollak’s easement, and Burski’s development. They will be moving ahead with this as soon as they can. They are also working on the Fox Meadow trail processes.
5. **DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE/BOARD/CONTRACTED STAFF REPORTS/UPDATE**

Clerks Report – Bid for flooring – reviewed all the information, council would like to change a few things and asked to have it brought back next meeting. Stormwater letters were sent to the residents that do not pay for any other services. You will notice in the bills the Systematic bill is being paid again, it was lost in the mail. Ball Field rentals, Fandel had a new idea that we can rent them like we do the buildings, \$30 per quarter and put them on the calendar. There will be no lights or access to the building. Nodo made a motion to approve the quarterly rental for the ball fields to non-profits for \$30.00. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Jennifer Lezer informed me that Benton County Highway Dept was awarded 2 million to reconstruct CSAH 2 (from US 10 to CR1) past Benton Beach.

Public Works – We have had complaints about the snowbanks. We have a repair person coming out tomorrow to replace bad sewer pumps. Ice rink is done for the season. I would like to increase the weekend persons wage from \$16 to \$18, he does a good job, last year he put in 67.5 hours. He does only round for us when we need the weekend off, if something happens we still must come in. The Lions building is very loud during meetings and events. The Lions would like to pay for acoustic panels and to have them installed. Scheel made a motion to approve the Lions Club paying for and installing acoustic panels in the Lions building. Second by Keller. Kampa



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asked to have the panels brought to the next council meeting to see them. Scheel amended his motion to include viewing the panels first. Keller amended her second. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Compost workers from last year one was making \$14, and one was making \$12, can we bring them both to \$14. Kampa would like to see how many hours they work and what the total was. Fandel will e-mail out that information and they can vote by email if they can be switched to \$14.

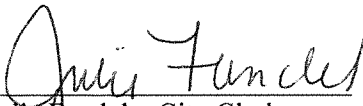
**6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:**

- a. March 27th, 2023 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- b. April 3rd, 2023 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- c. April 4th, 2023 – Park Board Meeting 5 PM
- d. April 10th, 2023 – Local Board of Review 6 PM
- e. April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – City Council Meeting 5 PM
- f. April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- g. May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- h. May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 - Park Board Meeting 5 PM

**7. Approval of Bills/Electronic Transfers:** Keller made a motion to approve the Bills/Electronic Transfers as presented. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

**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 March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 6 PM.

  
Julie Fandel – City Clerk

  
Brian Skroch, Mayor