



**City of Rice**  
205 Main St E – PO Box 179  
Rice, MN 56367  
Rice City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday March 20<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, Chris Sonmor, City Engineer, Steve Wollak, Public Works, and Julie Fandel, City Clerk.

1. Public Hearing – Skroch opened the Public Hearing for Schlichting Farms Rezoning. Skroch asked Fandel if there was any written information, no. Anyone in the audience have any comments – one resident asked for clarification of the location, Fandel showed on the map. Any other questions, if not we will move on to our meeting.
2. Scheel made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. Kampa made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:
  - a. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.  
Second by Nodo. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
4. **Citizen Participation:** None.
5. **BUSINESS**
  - a. 6th Ave NW and 3rd Ave NW – Steve Wollak/Moore Engineering – Wollak has been dealing with 6<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, there is a very large pothole and he had to have Burski fill it. Scheel verified where the location was. Wollak said 3<sup>rd</sup> by Sauers house there is a dip that will have to be dealt with too. Kampa stated that the pothole is about 4 feet by 4 feet and at least 8 inches deep. Sonmor said that there isn't anything that can be done until the snow melts and we can fully assess it. Keller said that 3<sup>rd</sup> St between 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE there is water, Wollak said there is water everywhere. Skroch asked Wollak to do whatever needs to be done to keep the road open. Kampa asked if he could put out cones, Wollak said they usually disappear. Kampa and Scheel commented that any roads connecting to County Rd 2 are about 2 inches lower. Discussion on overall depths of all the roads.
  - b. Chuck Ertl – Ditch Cutting – Reviewed all the areas he cuts and how wide the cut is. Scheel said that Ertl does a great job, and he has never had a complaint. Nodo discussed where the Langola line is and Ertl corrected him on the location. Nodo made a motion to have Chuck's Brush and Ditch Cutting LLC cut the ditches for 2023. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
  - c. Close Public Hearing - Kampa made a motion to close the public hearing. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
  - d. Scheel made a motion to approve the rezoning of PID 150005702 and 150091000 from B-2 and R-1 to I-1. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
  - e. Crack and Seal Coat – Moore Engineering – Sonmor had no update on the seal coating, we want to make sure that it is done when it is warm so that it can "bake" in. Nodo stated that we want to do crack filling when its cold, so the cracks are wider. Sonmor stated that we can do the crack filling when its warm to and for sure before the seal coating, before September 15<sup>th</sup>.
6. **DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE/BOARD/CONTRACTED STAFF REPORTS/UPDATE**

Clerks Report – Bid for flooring – reviewed all the information, waiting for Steve's furnace information. We have an opportunity to work with NexTrex to recycle items that people don't usually recycle. It was brought to us from Sara Midas on the Park Board, it seems like a great idea. You collect the recyclable items and when you get to 500 lbs. you get a bench. Kampa made a motion for Fandel to move forward with the NexTrex project. Second by Keller 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. I did get picked for Jury Duty so that was today as I informed you and



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tomorrow for sure, if it goes longer, I will update you. I received a letter from the LMC, and they will be starting to try to collect on the fire truck damage. I asked that they just keep us informed.

Public Works – We have had complaints about water, the drains are all open and the French drains are all full. Kampa asked about the Compost positions, Wollak stated that he has William Brezinka and Charlie Walters, he is checking with Joe Voigt to do fill in. You have copies of the furnace bids; they do not include the cost for the electrician. Nodo had question BTU's and warranties. Kampa made a motion to approve the purchase of a new furnace/air conditioner for the city hall and part of the flooring in the city hall building. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

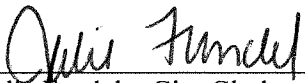
**7. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:**

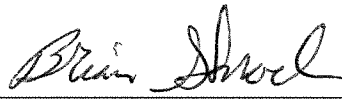
- a. March 27th, 2023 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- b. April 3rd, 2023 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- c. April 4th, 2023 – Park Board Meeting 5 PM
- d. April 10th, 2023 – Local Board of Review 6 PM
- e. April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – City Council Meeting 5 PM
- f. April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Planning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

**8. 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.

**9. Adjourn:** Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, 6 PM.

  
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Julie Fandel – City Clerk

  
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Brian Skroch, Mayor