



**City of Rice**  
205 Main St E – PO Box 179  
Rice, MN 56367  
**Rice City Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday April 3<sup>rd</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, Steve Wollak, Public Works, Bobbi Caster, Office Assistant, and Julie Fandel, City Clerk.

1. Keller made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. Second by Nodo. Skroch added Rice Elementary Walk for Life. Keller amended her motion to include, Nodo amended his 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 March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **Citizen Participation:** None.
4. **BUSINESS**
  - a. Kelly Lemke – City Assessor – Lemke updated the council and explained her process.
  - b. Schlenner Wenner Audit Ashley Meagher – Meagher reviewed the 2022 information; everything went well with the audit, and we are averaging around the same as last year.
  - c. RESOLUTION #040323-08 a Resolution to make copies of checks larger than \$500.00. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution 040323-08 a Resolution to make copies of checks larger than \$500.00. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
  - d. Jury Duty- Pay – Discussion on what other companies do, we should pay regular pay. Kampa made a motion to retro back to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and pay regular salary for Jury duty, and the person reimbursing the city for what the county pays per day. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
  - e. Rice Women of Today- Large Gathering Permit -Farmers Market -Scheel made a motion to approve the Large Gathering permit for the Farmers Market starting June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, put on by Rice Women of Today. Second by Nodo. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
  - f. Jason Risland Proposal of opportunities - Had many ideas of adding business to the city. Provided recycling of cardboard information.
  - g. Moore Information- Review provided information.
  - h. Rice Elementary Relay Walk for Life May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Keller made a motion to approve the road closings for the Walk for Life event. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

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

Clerks Report – Thanks to Bobby and Steve for painting the stalls in the women’s bathroom, what a difference. I received three bins for the plastic recycling program, one for City Hall and where would you like the other two? Kampa stated that the president of the Rice Chamber will reach out, she is going to see if we can rotate them between business. Skroch has already contacted both Hydrostat and PFG. Auto pay on utility bills is going well, we advertised that and cleanup day on the bills that just went out. Next Monday I will start selling compost stickers until the compost opens on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. I will be completing my last year of Clerk Institution, I applied for a grant too. We did receive three of the four SCORE grants I applied for, the compost road was rejected, we may need to look at doing something with that. If you have any ideas for other grant requests, please let me know.

Public Works – Those are the tiles for the Lions building, Kampa asked if they will throw darts in them? Wollak said I can’t answer that. Nodo stated that they look great and put them up! Wollak has been working to try to find cold patch for the potholes, no one has any in the state. He’s going to have to buy bags for \$15.75. Consensus of the council is to keep filling them. We still have about \$17,000.00 in equipment behind the garage, what do you want done with it? Skroch asked Wollak to try and sell it. Wollak asked Kampa and Scheel what they meant when



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they said in the paper article that Police, Fire and Public works is spending too much. Kampa said she was saying that they need to watch every budget, Wollak stated it was an embarrassment that they only had \$36,000.00 for streets. Scheel said that we need to tighten our belts, Wollak stated that the council approves everything that is spent.

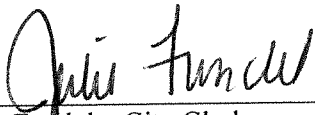
**6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:**

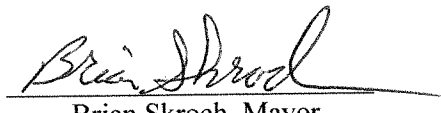
- a. April 10th, 2023 – Local Board of Review 6 PM
- b. April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – City Council Meeting 5 PM
- c. April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- d. May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- e. May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 - Park Board Meeting 5 PM

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

**8. Adjourn:** Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 6 PM.

  
Julie Fandel – City Clerk

  
Brian Skroch, Mayor