



City of Rice
205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367
Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday April 17th, 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, Chris Sonmor, City Engineer, and Julie Fandel, City Clerk.

1. Nodo made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday April 17th, 2023. Second by Keller. Skroch added correction to Park Board Meeting, Resolution 041723-09 and Rice Women of Today. Nodo amended his motion to include, 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 Park Board Meeting Minutes March 7th, 2023
 - b. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes April 3rd, 2023.Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **Citizen Participation:** None.
4. **BUSINESS**
 - a. Rice American Legion- Large Gathering Permit – Hog Roast- Scheel made a motion to approve the Large Gathering Permit for Rice American Legion. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - b. Rice Women of Today – Sara Midas -They have started to run the Farmers Market and have had requests for bathrooms. She was informed that it is not a good idea to keep porta potties in that area on the weekends. They have the opportunity to purchase one and are wondering if the city would let her store it someplace. Scheel and Nodo said it is a good idea, Wollak stated that they could put it behind city hall if they locked it. Nodo made a motion to allow Rice Women of Today to store the porta potties behind City Hall. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - c. Resolution #041723-09 a Resolution accepting donations from Watab Township. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution 041723-09 a Resolution accepting a donation for Rice Rec for \$3,000.00. Second by Nodo. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - d. Moore Engineering – Sonmor and Skroch did a tour of roads before the meeting, 6th is the first one, some of the problems on these roads is that the grass is growing up to or over, so the water has no place to drain. Sonmor believes that some of the issues can be resolved by doing swells and ditching. Nodo asked if you make a ditch, how deep? Sonmor stated about a foot. Nodo stated that even if people don't like it, we will have to do it. Scheel talked about Field of Dreams and that the drainage was filled in, Sonmor stated that you can enforce them to be dug back out. Kampa asked by just doing spots are we throwing away money. Sonmor said in some cases maybe. Skroch said we must make sure that the repair goes to a portion of the roads that makes sense. Discussion on all the various ideas and what we can and can't do. Skroch asked when we would look at having this completed, Sonmor stated by September. Kampa made a motion to proceed with seal coating Fox Meadows, 12th St NW, 6th Ave NW, 11th St NW, 7th Ave NW, 6th Ave SW to 3rd St SW to 16th Ave SW and 134th St NW, not to exceed \$177,000.00 Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
5. **DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE/BOARD/CONTRACTED STAFF REPORTS/UPDATE**

Clerks Report – We currently have 27 residents on ACH, the new furnace and air unit went in and went smoothly, the bill was exactly what was quoted. I was going to start on the floor, however Scott stated that we will need to look for a new phone system, he estimated around \$1000.00. I have a BEP meeting on Thursday April 27th followed by the Loss Control Class. I will be off on Wednesday April 19th, 2023, Bobbi will be here. I received the Large Gathering Permit for Summer Fest, but it was too late for the meeting. The property at 600 Division St S has been sold and they are working on cleaning up, I have not received any information on what they are planning to do with it so if anyone sees movement let me know.



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Public Works – Petron did an excellent job installing the new furnace and gave us two new thermostats. The cleanup day went very well, it was very steady, we collected just under \$1000.00. Compost site opens April 25th, 2023. Street sweeping was going to start this week but might be later due to the snow. Wollak also found a person that can paint the play set at the Lions Municipal Park.


6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

- a. April 18th, 2023 – City Council/School Board 6 PM
- b. April 24th, 2023 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- c. May 1st, 2023 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- d. May 2nd, 2023 – Park Board Meeting 5 PM
- e. May 15th, 2023 – City Council Meeting 6 PM
- f. May 30th, 2023 – Planning Committee Meeting 7 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 7:05 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting May 1st, 2023, 6 PM.



Julie Fandel – City Clerk



Brian Skroch, Mayor