



City of Rice
205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367
Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday May 1st, 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. Scheel made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday May 1st, 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 City Council Meeting Minutes April 17th, 2023.
Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **Citizen Participation:** Charlie Anderson- Thanked Wollak for taking care of the potholes on 1st Ave.
4. **BUSINESS**
 - a. Leather Neck Club- Large Gathering Permit – Fund Raiser – O’Brien’s. Scheel made a motion to approve the Large Gathering Permit for the Leather Neck Event. Second by Nodo. Kristi O’Brien explained that it should all be in the back fenced in area. 5 ayes 0 nay, motion carried.
 - b. Summer Feast – Large Gathering Permit – Rhonda Jeurissen- (Jeurissen was late moved to the end)
 - c. Moore Engineering – Update on current projects – Reviewed projects and numbers. The pedestrian crossing next step is to meet with the railroad. Fox Meadows Trail – memo has been submitted and will take anywhere from a few months to a year. Road repair, where to start and stop when doing patching. What is the plan so that we can either wait or add to the patch in a year or so. Nodo stated that he doesn’t like these little projects, they don’t make sense. Wollak stated that the patch we did by PFG is holding up very well, just something to think about. Skroch asked if the ditch grading was included, yes. Kampa asked for an explanation for the cost difference between the two. Sonmor went through each address and explained what the repairs would be. Scheel said this is wonderful these costs are really good and Skroch agreed. Skroch asked the council if they were ready to move forward with these addresses. Kampa made a motion to repair 6th to County Rd 2, not to exceed 200 feet, 6th to 4th NW and 3rd to 3rd NW not to exceed 150 feet. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - d. Summer Feast – Kampa made a motion to approve the Summer Feast Large Gathering Permit. Second by Scheel. Last year there were a few issues with the neighbors, they are very concerned about having the event in the same place as last year. They had items stolen, people walking through their yards and garbage everywhere. There are also safety concerns about the kid’s games being too close to the railroad tracks. Kampa asked if the location could be moved, Jeurissen said no the placement is right where it is most convenient for the bar. The neighbors also stated that they were not notified that this was going on, Jeurissen stated that she was too busy and that they were the least of her concern. Kampa asked if the two neighbors and Jeurissen could work together to come up with a compromise, Skroch asked Jeurissen to draw out the location and they could discuss it and possibly come up with moving it in some way. Jeurissen said she could draw it out, but it would be in the same spot as last year. Skroch asked her to have the drawing for the next meeting. 0 ayes 5 nays, motion failed.
5. **DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE/BOARD/CONTRACTED STAFF REPORTS/UPDATE**
Clerks Report – Meet with Burski’s about the easements for the wells, they are fine with them we just need a little more information. I will be at the Clerk Institution next week; Bobbi will be here.



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Public Works – Power went out last Thursday at 2:30am, both Wollak and Vaillancourt came in to monitor the lift stations, there is no generator that runs the main lift station or the treatment plant. They waited four hours and they had to call Nelsons to pump. The generator we have only services some of the lifts. Skroch stated that he had spoken with Sonmor, and they thought there may be grants to get generators, Wollak said that he had a lead on some extras that the DNR might be getting rid of. Wollak just wanted to make the council aware of the situation. Street sweeping will start tomorrow. Scheel asked about the power pole on 6th, Wollak said that MN Power has it on the list to replace.

6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

- a. May 2nd, 2023 – Park Board Meeting 5 PM - CANCELLED
- b. May 4th, 2023 – Day of Prayer
- c. May 15th, 2023 – City Council Meeting 6 PM
- d. 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 Scheel. 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 15th, 2023, 6 PM.



Julie Fandel – City Clerk



Brian Skroch, Mayor