



City of Rice
205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367



Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday June 20th, 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, Clif Allen and Jeremy Boots, Moore Engineering, and Julie Fandel, City Clerk.

1. Scheel made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Tuesday June 20th, 2023. Second by Nodo. Skroch asked to move the clerks report to before the closed meeting. Scheel amended his motion, 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 May 15th, 2023.
Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **Citizen Participation:** Lee Popp discussed people watering on the wrong days, are we going to be fining them, council yes. He also questions the number of cats that are roaming around and if there is anything that can be done, can he rehome them. Nodo stated that the council can't tell him that it's ok to rehome. State Representative Isaac Schultz addressed the council.
4. **BUSINESS**
 - a. Amendment to PFG Loan Agreement. -Nodo made a motion to approve the PFG Amendment.
Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - b. Rice Fire Fighters Association – Temporary Liquor License Scheel made a motion to approve the Temporary Liquor License. Second by Keller. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Kampa abstained.
 - c. Large Gathering Permit – Immaculate Conception Keller made a motion to approve the large gathering permit for Immaculate Conception. Second by Nodo. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Skroch abstained.
 - d. RESOLUTION 062023-11 Lawful Gambling Immaculate Conception Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution 062023-11 for a Lawful Gambling permit for Immaculate Conception. Second by Keller. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Skroch abstained.
 - e. Immaculate Conception – Temporary Liquor License Scheel made a motion to approve the Temporary Liquor License. Second by Nodo. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Skroch abstained.
 - f. Library – Boy Scouts – The Rice Women of Today will take over the little libraries, Fandel will email address.
 - g. Fox Meadow Trail Ken Nodo, Nodo expressed concern about the trail being moved, there are issues with the stormwater and the slope would require a fence and retaining wall. This will increase the cost. Allen stated that all changes to the trail were approved. The design is only about 30% complete and after the State reviews there may be more changes. Scheel and Skroch stated that this information was in the packets before.
 - h. Moore Engineering – Allen introduced Jeremy Boots, Chris Sonmer has left Moore and Jeremy will be the City Engineer, Allen will continue to work with him. Allen went through a review of items, they are looking for any funding that would help with the Industrial Park, the bids for the test Wells should be in around the 28th. Boots will take over the railroad pedestrian crossing, moving forward with Fox Meadows Trail. Allen spoke to Fandel about submitting the Lead Lines request, it was done today. Scheel made a motion to get the bids for the seal coating as presented by Moore Engineering. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Allen said they should be ready



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around July 11th, 2023. Street repairs, Nodo asked why 3rd avenue was on the list, there are others that need more, and we should just put that onto the 6th fix, he doesn't feel its efficient. Kampa stated that 3rd is where the water sits on the road and is causing potholes, we can still save some of it. Scheel stated that if we could afford it, we could do more of 6th but we need to take care of what we can. Keller would like to see the repairs go into the commercial side of town. Skroch stated that these were the areas we had agreed on in previous meetings. We need to get the bids and have our final discussion then. Kampa made a motion to repair 6th and 2nd and patch 6th and 4th. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

- i. Cannabis – Ordinances/Licenses – Council consensus is to put this on hold and see the Counties information.
- j. Clerks Report – Juneteenth discussion, Kampa made a motion to pay all employees for 6-19-23 the Juneteenth Holiday. Second by Nodo. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. The Initiative Foundation would like to request support in 2024. Scheel made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Foundation in 2024. Second by Nodo. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. With the new meters we can check for residents watering on the wrong day and bill them. We will bill them each time we find them in noncompliance with the ordinance. The housing study is complete, I can email a copy to whomever wants it. We should start to think about CDs to gain more interest. Summer ball is going great, we think we have the highest registration this year! We took in our plastic bags; we have 155 pounds. I will be on vacation July 3rd, 5th, and 6th.
- k. Employee Performance - Closed meeting per Minnesota Statute 13D.05 Subdivision 3 Kampa made a motion to close the meeting and go into the closed meeting at 7:18. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- l. Scheel made a motion to close the closed meeting 7:36. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

5. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

- a. June 26th, 2023 – Planning Committee Meeting 7 PM
- b. July 3rd, 2023 - City Council Meeting 6 PM Cancelled
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- d. July 3rd, 2023 - City Council Meeting 6 PM Cancelled
- e. July 11th, 2023 – Park Board Meeting 5 PM
- f. July 17th, 2023- City Council Meeting 6 PM.
- g. July 31st, 2023 – Planning Committee Meeting 7 PM
- h. August 7th, 2023 - City Council Meeting 6 PM

6. **Approval of Bills/Electronic Transfers:** Keller made a motion to approve the Bills/Electronic Transfers as presented. Second by Nodo. Kampa asked about David Drown invoices, is that yearly, Fandel said yes. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

7. **Adjourn:** Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting July 17th, 2023, 6 PM. Nodo will be gone.


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor