



City of Rice

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



Rice Planning Commission Meeting Tuesday May 23rd, 2023 – 7:00 PM Rice Council Chambers

Dave Thene called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Joe Voigt, Mark Brixius, Tricia Peters, Brian Skroch, Kristi O'Brien, John Pauna, City Engineer, and City Clerk, Julie Fandel.


Approval Agenda: Peters made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Voigt. 6 ayes, 0 nays motion carried.

New Business:

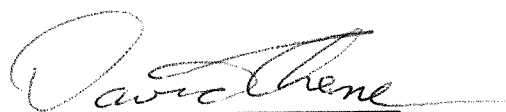
- a) BT Diesel Performance & Repair – Would like to build a 60 X 120 at 109 9th Ave, discussion on the business they operate and if the zoning was correct at that location. They do general repairs and sell auto accessories. Voigt asked if they did over the road equipment, no. O'Brien made a motion to approve the location under auto parts/accessories, retail sales and installation. Second by Skroch. 6 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- b) Cassie Baum – Provided building information and for PID 15004790 Pauna went over a few questions, he informed her that she needs to check with Benton County for the drainage plan. He also talked about her doing some drilling for the soil. O'Brien made a motion that Baum can move forward if she completes the items Pauna said she needs to and applies for a building permit. Second by Peters. 6 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- c) Dog Ordinance – Fandel stated that the dog ordinance does not state how many dogs a resident can have, but on the license it says two. O'Brien and Skroch stated that they remember the number being two in the ordinance. Voigt said the reason was they did not want puppy mills in the city limits. Fandel will check into other cities ordinances; consensus of the committee was to keep with two dogs and if they have a litter they have six months to get sell or give them away.
- d) Assessment Policy – Discussion on different percentages that can be assessed, Pauna stated that 20% is the lowest the state of Minnesota allows. Compared information on each of the examples Fandel provided. Fandel will come up with more options for the next meeting.

Adjourn: Peters made a motion to adjourn at 8:10. Second by Skroch. 6 ayes, 0 nays motion carried.

Next Planning Commission Meeting – June 26th, 2023.



City Clerk – Julie Fandel



Dave Thene