



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



Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday August 7th, 2023, 6:00 PM

Mayor Brian Skroch called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present: Paula Kampa, Ken Nodo, Chris Scheel, Steve Wollak, and Julie Fandel, City Clerk. Absent Michelle Keller.

1. Scheel made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday August 7th, 2023. Second by Nodo. 4 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 June 6th, 2023
 - b. Approval of Planning Commission Meeting Minutes June 26th, 2023
 - c. Approval of Work Session Meeting Minutes July 17th, 2023.
 - d. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes July 17th, 2023.
 - e. Approval of Planning Commission Meeting Minutes July 31st, 2023Second by Scheel. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **Citizen Participation:** Nanthan Trisko – Water Fine- How do we know how the water is being used. How much water is too much, Nodo agreed that the new meters do not tell how you are using water. Kampa asked if he was aware of the odd/even and he said he was. Trisko stated that he was, he was cleaning his camper tanks and filling a pool. Table until letter f.
4. **BUSINESS**
 - a. Craft Show Large Gathering- Mark Larson – Scheel made a motion to approve large gathering permit for Mark Larson – Craft Fair. Second by Kampa. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - b. Family Move Night Large Gathering – Gene Thomsen -Kampa made a motion to approve the large gathering for Movie Night. Second by Nodo. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - c. Rice Day Large Gathering - Sara Midas Rice Women of Today Scheel made a motion to approve the large gathering permit for Rice Women of Today Rice Day gathering. Second by Kampa. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - d. Outside Band Large Gathering Permit – O'Brien's Pub Kristi O'Brien Scheel made a motion to approve O'Brien's large gathering permit for an outside band. Second by Kampa. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - e. RESOLUTION #080723-12 a Resolution Accepting \$2,000 Donation from Langola Township to Rice Rec. Kampa made a motion to approve resolution #080723-12 a donation from Langola Township to Rice Rec for \$2,000. Second by Nodo. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - f. Watering – Andrea Mescall – Mescall stated that she was watering her garden and the ordinance does not state that you cannot water the garden or children. Nodo stated that watering your garden would be the same as water grass. She stated she went back and forth with the office asking for when the warning was given. She did not agree that being on the water bills, website and newsletter was enough. She disagreed with the method of notification, Nodo agreed, the rest of the council concurred that it was decided that these notifications were the best way to notify. Skroch stated that we will look at the ordinance and check with the attorney.
 - g. Moore Engineer – Wollak checked into doing a patch on 6th instead of total repair, Fandel shared a quote from Hanson for \$12,000 instead of \$74 -81,000. Kampa made a motion to approve \$12,000 to patch 200 ft as described in quote. Second by Scheel. Wollak asked if he should see if there is a way



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to funnel the water to the other side of the road to avoid a low driveway. Wollak will notify the council by email of the changes. Kampa amended her motion to include the change, Scheel amended his second. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

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

a. Clerks Report – We got our first bench from the bag recycling program, Thanked Steve, and Bobby for taking the bags and helping move them. Fandel read a letter of resignation from Bobbi Caster Office Assistant; her last day will be September 7th, 2023. Scheel made a motion to accept the resignation letter. Second by Nodo. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Fandel read a letter from Cheryl Bovy on removing trees by her property at 1512 3rd St SW. Kampa made a motion that the tress in the easement can be removed at the cost of Bovy. Second by Scheel, 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

b. Public Works – Light Pole on 6th is back up. The lighting took out the treatment plant, it was a tripped breaker. We have been doing a lot of locates and still finding curb stops. The sprinkler to the soccer field was turned off by the renter of the ball field. With soccer starting there will be damage to the grass because of this. Also, he was dumping the oil from the deep fry onto the ground, he said he did not know that you could not do that. There are a lot of flies now and it smells right by the building.

6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

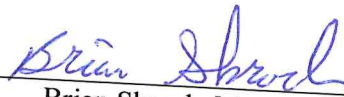
- a. July 31st, 2023 – Planning Committee Meeting 7 PM
- b. August 7th, 2023 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- c. August 1st, 2023 – Park Board Meeting 5 PM
- d. August 7th, 2023 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- e. August 21st, 2023- City Council Meeting 6 PM.
- f. August 28th, 2023 – Planning Committee Meeting 7 PM

7. Approval of Bills/Electronic Transfers: Nodo made a motion to approve the Bills/Electronic Transfers as presented. Second by Scheel. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

8. Adjourn: Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. Second by Scheel. Andre Duncan stated that she was concerned about speeding in her neighborhood. Chief Hamann stated that they had been checking the area, she asked to have the speed limit reduced. Chief Hamman and Wollak stated that to change it you would have to have a speed study done, that is expensive and might not find a change necessary. Fandel will check again with the engineer. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting August 21st, 2023, 6 PM.


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor