



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



Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday September 18th, 2023, 6:00 PM

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

1. Scheel made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday September 18th, 2023. Second by Nodo. Skroch stated that letter d under business should be removed, and Resolution #091823-18 added. Scheel amended his motion to reflect changes. 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 Work Session Meeting Minutes September 5th, 2023.
 - b. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes September 5th, 2023.
 - c. Approval of Special Meeting Interviews September 12th, 2023.Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **Citizen Participation:** None
4. **BUSINESS**
 - a. RESOLUTION #091823-16 a Resolution Committing funds from Rice Firefighters Association to the Rice Fire Department. Keller made a motion to approve Resolution #091823-16 a Resolution Committing funds from Rice Firefighters Association to the Rice Fire Department. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - b. RESOLUTION #091823-17 a Resolution Committing funds from Kwik Trip to the Rice Fire Department. Scheel made a motion to accept Resolution #091823-17 a Resolution Committing funds from Kwik Trip to the Rice Fire Department. Second by Kampa. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - c. Special Assessment Policy. Scheel made a motion to approve the Special Assessment Policy as presented. Second by Nod. Kampa and Scheel thanked the Planning Commission for working out the details. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - d. Ordinance Clean Air -REMOVE
 - e. Fire Contracts – Langola and Graham. Kampa made a motion to send Langola Fire Contract out for their approval. Second by Scheel 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Nodo made a motion to send Graham Fire Contract out for their approval. Second by Keller 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Kampa told Fandel to ask them if they want us to attend a meeting too.
 - f. RESOLUTION #091823-18 a Resolution Adopting Proposed Property Tax Levey, collectible in 2024. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #091823-18 a Resolution Adopting Proposed Property Tax Levey, collectible in 2024. Second by Nodo. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
5. **DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE/BOARD/CONTRACTED STAFF REPORTS/UPDATE**
 - a. Clerks Report - Our Assessor would like to be added as an employee so that she can get PERA. Consensus was that there would be more cost to the City to do that and they would have to post a job position. Fandel will check further into the processes. Tiffany Pyka accepted the Office Assistant position and will start October 3rd, 2023. Reminder I have an appointment on Wednesday and the Office is closed on Thursday for training.
 - b. Public Works – Crack filling started today; we had a few complaints about the dust and rocks. Nodo stated he checked on them and they are doing a good job, Wollak stated they should be done by Friday. Wollak will start to blow out sprinklers next week, its earlier because we can only rent the compressor on that week. Wollak found where the ponds drain into the river, all the manholes and piping. They marked all the spots with stakes, and he contacted the DNR to see if he could brush cut the area. They gave the ok and he will do that in the next few weeks. Kampa asked how the Arts and Craft Fair went, Wollak said for him fine, but Chief Hamman dealt with



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everything on the days. Chief Hamman said that overall, it went well, in the last hours he had some issues with a few vendors.

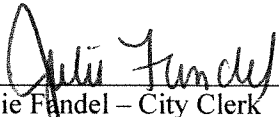
6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

- a. September 25th, 2023 – Planning Committee Meeting 7 PM
- b. October 2nd, 2023 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- c. October 3rd, 2023 – Park Board Meeting 5 PM
- d. October 9th, 2023 – Water Sewer Meeting 6 PM
- e. October 16th, 2023 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- f. October 30th, 2023 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- g. November 6th, 2023 – City Council Meeting 6 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 6:25 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting October 2nd, 2023, 6 PM.


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor