



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



Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday May 15th, 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, and Julie Fandel, City Clerk.

1. Scheel made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday May 15th, 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 Park Board Meeting Minutes April 4th, 2023.
 - b. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes May 1st, 2023.Second by Keller. Nodo stated that he had not seen the Fox Meadows trail plan and that he did not agree with the Park Board proposing a 10x12 pavilion. Skroch explained that the Park Board was only talking about the pavilion and had not motioned it, he asked Fandel to email Nodo the trail plan. Nodo also stated that in the council minutes under c, it should be 200 feet not 2000. Kampa amended her motion. Keller amended her second. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

3. Citizen Participation: None

4. BUSINESS

- a. Summer Festival – Large Gathering Permit – Rhonda Jeurissen – Kampa made a motion to approve the Summer Festival large gathering permit. Second by Nodo. Fandel read two letters of concern from residents that could not attend the meeting. Jeurissen stated that she did not know who would put up the roping that the residents were requesting, Scheel said that she would be responsible for talking with them and figuring that out. Nodo said he was concerned if the resident's driveway was going to be blocked, Jeurissen said that they could move the barricades after the parade. Discussion included extra no parking signs, fencing around the kids play area, increased Police presence, keeping one side of the road open, and garbage picked up more promptly. Scheel stated that these items would be up to Jeurissen to take care, Kampa suggested giving residents Jeurissen number for the event so they could contact her if issues arose. Kampa amended her motion to include the added stipulations and pending insurance coverage. Nodo amended his second. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- b. RESOLUTION 051523-10 Committing Funds from BNSF RAILWAY FOUNDATION to the Rice Fire Department. Scheel made a motion to accept Resolution 051523-10 a resolution to commit \$5000 to the Rice Fire Department from BNSF Railway. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- c. 2024 IUP request discussion – Moore Engineering – Table for next meeting.
- d. Firefighter resignation. Scheel made a motion to accept the resignation of Fireman Tyler Martinez. Second by Nodo. Kampa asked Chief Janski how many firefighters he has, 19 and he has one on leave. Ideally he would like to have 25 so if you know anyone. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

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

Clerks Report – We have 51 residents on auto pay, Helping Hands wanted to Thank the Lions for putting up the sound panels. We have 37 kids signed up for soccer and 30 for summer ball.
Public Works – None



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6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

- a. May 15th, 2023 – National Peace Officer Memorial Day 7 PM
- b. May 23rd, 2023 – Planning Committee Meeting 7 PM
- c. June 5th, 2023 – City Council Meeting 6 PM
- d. June 6th, 2023 – Park Board Meeting 5 PM
- e. June 19th, 2023- City Council Meeting 6 PM, June 20th if Holiday
- f. June 26th, 2023 – Planning Committee Meeting 7 PM
- g. July 3rd, 2023 - City Council Meeting 6 PM Cancelled

7. Approval of Bills/Electronic Transfers: Keller made a motion to approve the Bills/Electronic Transfers as presented. Second by Kampa. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

8. Adjourn: Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting June 5th, 2023, 6 PM.


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor