



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



**Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday August 21st, 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. Public Hearing

- a. Reliastone LLC Variance – Twelve-foot fence around the property. Open at 6 pm, any comments from the audience or from the Clerk, none.
- b. Liberty Management – Drainage Easement – Open at 6:01 pm, any comments from the audience or from the Clerk, none.
2. Scheel made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday August 21st, 2023. Second by Kampa. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. Nodo made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:
 - a. Approval of Work Session Meeting Minutes August 7th, 2023.
 - b. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes August 7th, 2023.
 - c. Approval of Work Session Meeting Minutes August 14th, 2023.Second by Kampa. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

4. Citizen Participation: None

5. BUSINESS

- a. Close Public Hearing Scheel made a motion to close the Relistone LLC public hearing at 6:10 pm. Second by Kampa. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Scheel made a motion to close the Liberty management public hearing at 6:11 pm. Second by Kampa. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- b. Approve variance for Reliastone LLC. Nodo made a motion to approve the variance for Reliastone LLC of a twelve-foot fence. Second by Kampa. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- c. Approve Drainage Easement Liberty Management. Kampa made a motion to approve the drainage easement for Liberty Management. Second by Scheel. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- d. RESOLUTION #082123-13 A Resolution vacating a certain portion of a drainage and utility easement with respect to previously recorded Wildwood South Plat. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #082123-13 A Resolution vacating a certain portion of a drainage and utility easement with respect to previously recorded Wildwood South Plat. Second by Kampa. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

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

- a. Clerks Report – Where would you like the new bench places, we will need to anchor it. Discussion to place outside the Old Village Hall or the Westside park. Nodo suggested having the Park Board choose the location, Fandel will put it on the Park Board agenda. I had notification that the Union would like to set up discussions, either September 11th or 13th. Would you like to make a committee again and who would be on the committee. Consensus was to set up a committee. Kampa suggested Skroch and Scheel as they did good before, both agreed that they would do it. Skroch stated that they need to have a meeting before with the council to set up the parameters. Scheel made a motion that Fandel should attend the training for earned sick and safe leave on September 21st, 2023. Second by Kampa. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. I would like to set the Truth in Taxation



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Meeting for December 4th, 2023, at 6 PM. Kampa made a motion to set the Truth in Taxation meeting for December 4th and 6 pm. Second by Nodo. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

b. Public Works – The 1998 lawn mower broke down and can't be fixed. I just wanted to get quotes so you can think about if you want to replace it this year or next. The quotes are from three locations, Arnie's here in town can't get the mower with suspension that we would like. Discussion on availability next spring, Nodo said fall is a better time to purchase, Wollak said that these quotes were from February, and they haven't changed as on 8-15-23. Scheel asked if there was any money from mowing lots this year, and there is not. Fandel believes that we have dollars in four areas for this. Kampa asked Fandel to check and email the council with the information. Skroch stated that he would like to move forward with it now, they are hard to get and may not be as available next spring. Kampa agreed noting that if we did have a lot of rain we would be out of luck. We have been working with the value in the water tower that is down in a hole, we thought we would have to have it fixed for about \$4,000. Bobby and I worked on it and finally got it loose and replaced the parts for about \$20. It was completely rusted together, probably the original. Scheel thanked Wollak for getting the soccer field back to green, looks great. Kampa stated that she also thanked Wollak via text for getting 6th Ave done so quickly. Kampa asked Chief Hamann how the Summer Festival went. Hamann stated that overall, it was good, the parade was a little unprepared. He said that he talked to the neighbors that had issues last year and they were ok. The heat was the only real complaint. Kampa said she saw all the officers interacting with the crowds and thanked Hamann for all he did, the rest of the council did also.

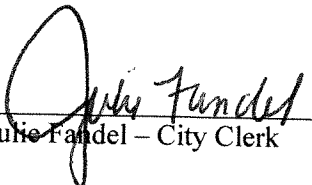
7. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

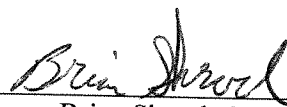
- a. August 28th, 2023 – Park Board 5 PM
- b. August 28th, 2023 – Planning Committee Meeting 7 PM
- c. September 5th, 2023 - Work Session 5 PM
- d. September 5th, 2023 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- e. September 11th, 2023 – Work Session 5 PM
- f. September 18th, 2023 – Work session 5 PM
- g. September 18th, 2023 – City Council Meeting 6 PM
- h. September 25th, 2023 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM

8. Approval of Bills/Electronic Transfers: Kampa made a motion to approve the Bills/Electronic Transfers as presented. Second by Scheel. Kampa asked about a LMC billing and asked Fandel to contact our insurance agent. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

9. Adjourn: Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 PM. Second by Scheel. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

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


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor