



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



**Rice City Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Second by Nodo. Skroch stated that letter c under business should be removed. 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 City Council Meeting Minutes August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
  - b. Approval of Planning Commission Meeting Minutes August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - c. Approval of Work Session Meeting Minutes August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023.Second by Keller. Nodo stated that he did not agree with the Planning Commission minutes. Skroch asked to have the Planning Commission minutes moved to letter e in Business. Kampa amended her motion. Keller amended her second. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **Citizen Participation:** None
4. **BUSINESS**
  - a. Rice Women of Today – Sara Midas Rice Women of Today would like a Large Gathering Permit for the Rice Day 2024. Midas has been very successful with numerous City events and feels that by starting now she could build more into the event. Discussion on how this would affect the current committee, Midas said that she would like to work together and just add to the event. Scheel asked if she had spoken to the current committee she has, and it was not well received. Krista O'Brien joined Midas and stated that in the past more than one event can go on at a time and more than one Large Gather permit can be on the same day. O'Brien also stated that a nonprofit should be managing the event, Kampa said that the current committee is. Rice Lions gambling manager stated that the current committee is not a nonprofit. Keller stated she thought it would be a great idea. Nodo made a motion to approve the Large Gathering Permit for Rice Day 2024. Second by Keller. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Scheel abstained.
  - b. SFC Kim Rauch and Jim Segler– Changing Rice Lions Park name to a hometown Veteran. Kim Rauch and Jim Segler addressed the council to ask that one of the fields at the Lions Municipal Park be named after Lt. Jane Theresa Paradeis. Scheel asked if they had talked to or met with the Lions Club, they stated no that they had started here. Steve Wollak speaking for the Rice Lions, he has been with the Lions for 40 years and they started the ballfields, it would hurt the Lions to give any part of them up. They raised all the donations to make it what it is today. It started out as a bare field, they donated blood, sweat and tears and put in a ton of time. James Hovda stated that the only place that is named for a fallen veteran is the American Legion, Hasso Briese, he feels that we need to honor another person killed in action. Kampa stated that there is a Park Board that could maybe help them, have they thought of a bench? This will be tabled until the Lions and American Legion can meet.
  - c. RESOLUTION #090523-14 a Resolution Limiting the Use of Cannabis in Public Places- REMOVE
  - d. RESOLUTION 090523-15 a Resolution Committing funds from Shepherd of the Pines to the Rice Police and Fire Departments. Kampa made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 090523-15 a Resolution Committing funds from Shepherd of the Pines to the Rice Police and Fire Departments. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
  - e. Approval of Planning Commission Meeting Minutes August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Nodo disagreed with the Planning Commission meeting notes. Scheel, Skroch, Kampa, Fandel and Krista O'Brien all explained that this is the process and has been. The Planning Commission reviews the information and makes recommendations to the



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City Council. Ordinances cannot be changed without a public hearing with very few exceptions. Noddo disagreed, it reads like changes were made. Discussion on what committees can and cannot approve and how the notes provide a summary of what was discussed and how to move it to the next step. Scheel made a motion to approve minutes. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

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

a. Clerks Report – Complaints about the BP parking lot, Fandel will try to contact them. We received 14 applications. I would like to do interviews next week. Can everyone please stop in a review the applications. The Clean Air information will need to be an ordinance, should I reach out to the Attorney to have it prepared, consensus of the council was to start that process. Fandel distributed the Special Assessment Policy for the council to review for the next meeting.

b. Public Works – Sewer and water are running good, we are still using a lot of water. We purchased the new lawn mower and have used it a few times. We will be getting ready for the craft fair this week too, Kampa asked if Wollak had to come in on Sunday, no they talk down signs on Monday. Kampa also asked if they would be blocking off the parking lot, Wollak said yes.

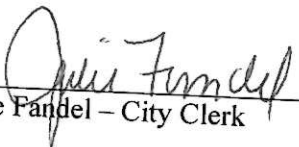
**6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:**

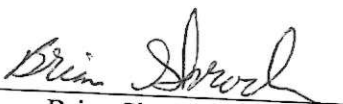
- a. September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023- Work Session 5 PM
- b. September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – City Council Meeting 6 PM
- c. September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Planning Committee Meeting 7 PM
- d. October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- e. October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 – Park Board Meeting 5 PM
- f. October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- g. October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM

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 6:53 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 6 PM.

  
Julie Fandel – City Clerk

  
Brian Skroch, Mayor