



City of Rice
205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367
Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday January 22nd, 2024, 6:00 PM



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

1. Scheel made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday January 22nd, 2024. Second by Keller. Skroch add to 5. Business e. Chief Hamann, f. Resolution #012224-05, g. Anne Pressnall Advantage One Insurance and h. employee agreements. Scheel amended his motion to include the additions. Keller amended her second. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
2. Nodo made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:
 - a. Approval Special Meeting January 4th, 2024
 - b. Approval City Council Meeting Minutes January 8th, 2024.Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **Citizen Participation:** None.
4. **BUSINESS**
 - a. Graham Fire Contract – Sheel made a motion to approve the Graham Fire Contract. Second by Kampa. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - b. Gene Thomsen Work Contract – Kampa made a motion to approve Gene Thomsen Rice Rec Director agreement for 2024. Second by Nodo. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - c. Ball Field Rentals – How we want to rent the fields for the upcoming year. Wollak confirmed that we had no issues with any of the team last year. Discussed different options. Scheel made a motion to have a ball field agreement for \$25.00 per month rental for 2024. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - d. Stantec – Review projects, Fox Meadows plans have not been submitted, Fandel will be checking into. Well project, they need council approval to re view report. Scheel made a motion to allow Stantec to move forward with the report and bring information back. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Walnut Ridge will provide scope of the project next meeting. 6th avenue intersection can move forward until we have water, Wollak stated that we have pictures, Fandel will send Tim the pictures.
 - e. Chief Hamann – Chief Hamann discussed the cost and wait time for a new police vehicle. We have heard from insurance that they will be totaling the old one. We are trying to get one from out state, it may cost more but the time wait is only a month instead of eight to nine months. Kampa made a motion for the purchase of a new police vehicle for up to \$55,000 for the vehicle and shipping. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - f. Resolution #012224-05 a Resolution Adopting Property Tax Levey Collectible in 2024 correction. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #012224-05 a Resolution Adopting Property Tax Levey Collectible in 2024 correction. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - g. Anne Pressnall Advantage One Insurance – Pressnall went over all the insurance information for 2024, she provided a book of evaluations that was done one each building. Review charges and why some rates have changed.
 - h. Employee Agreements – Kampa made a motion to approve Fandel/Pyka and Bridenstine employee contracts effective 1-01-2024. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.



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

Clerks Report – Fandel asked if the council had considered the idea she proposed for laptops. Consensus of the council was to start getting prices. Friday, March 1st I will have election training at Benton County, I will try not to cut back on hours to avoid overtime. March 5th is the primary elections; I will be here from 6 am to???. 2024 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is scheduled for April 8th at 6 PM. I am working on the audit that is scheduled for February 5th, 2024. I need to void a check in the payments, we got a refund. Scheel made a motion to void check #38801. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Public Works – Wollak is working on getting quotes on alarms for the five major lift stations. They flooded the ice rinks; we will wait and see what happens this week. Clean up day is April 27th the time this year is 7 am to 11, the garbage company requested the change.

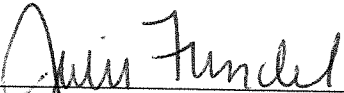
6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

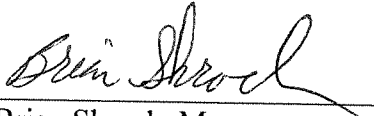
- a. January 22nd, 2024 – Work Session 5 PM
- b. January 22nd, 2024 – City Council Meeting 6 PM
- c. January 29th, 2024 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- d. February 5th, 2024 – City Council Meeting 6 PM
- e. February 6th, 2024 - Park Board Meeting 5 PM
- f. February 19th, 2024 – Office Closed
- g. February 20th, 2024 – City Council Meeting 6 PM
- h. February 26th, 2024 – 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 Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

8. Adjourn: Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting February 4th, 2024, 6 PM.


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor