



City of Rice

205 Main St E – PO Box 179

Rice, MN 56367

Rice Planning Commission Meeting

Monday February 26th, 2024 – 7:00 PM

Rice Council Chambers



Dave Thene called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Joe Voigt, Kristi O'Brien, Mark Brixius, Brian Skroch, Adam Virnig, Mike Kampa, Jeremy Mathiasen and Tim Grinstead, City Engineers and City Clerk, Julie Fandel.

Approval Agenda: Voigt made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Second by O'Brien. 7 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.


New Business:


- a) Cole Schlangen – Auto repair business in the lot next to the Holiday Station building. He will be doing only auto repair no body work. Schlangen discussed his plans and the possibility of purchasing the lot behind him as well. Commission discussed the road, water and sewer needed to service the lot. Discussion on different options the council will need to decide how to move forward. We can not land lock that last lot, but if he purchases it the water and sewer could be extended to the first lot. Voigt asked about looping the water as talked about before. Grinstead stated that we would not have to loop. We want to keep it economical too. Mathiasen stated that he agreed but it is good practice to be ready for the next phase. Virnig asked if you could extend the road or would it have to be completely replaced, engineers stated you could extend. O'Brien ask if there is an easement though Holiday why cannot the be used. It is believed that when HWY 10 off ramps were put in that easement was affected. Brixius asked if they would need sprinklers in the building and if so would there be enough pressure. Schlangen said that his engineer did not think they would. At this point we will need to get prices and decide which way to move forward. Grinstead will get Fandel numbers so that it can be presented to the council. The address for the new business is 200 4th Ave NE.

O'Brien made a motion to approve the concept of the building pending the configuration of the road, water, and sewer. Second by Kampa. 7 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Adjourn: Voigt made a motion to adjourn at 8:10. Second by Brixius. 7 ayes, 0 nays motion carried.

Next Planning Commission Meeting – March 25th, 2024.


City Clerk – Julie Fandel


Dave Thene