



City of Rice
205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367
Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday May 20th, 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, Bobby Vaillancourt, Public Works, and Julie Fandel, City Clerk.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** – Mayor Skroch opened the Public Hearing at 6:01. There were no written concerns, and no one was present with any concerns. Kampa questioned if the sign would be on the MN DOT property, but in reviewing before the meeting it is not.
2. Keller made a motion to accept the agenda as presented for Monday May 20th, 2024. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. Nodo made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:
 - a. Approval City Council Meeting Minutes May 6th, 2024.
 - b. Benton County Law Enforcement Services AgreementSecond by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
4. **Citizen Participation:** None
5. **BUSINESS**
 - a. GASB 54 Fund Balance Policy Approval. Scheel made a motion to approve the GASB 54 Fund Balance Policy as presented. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - b. Michelle Keller – Alley Question – Keller had a picture of the alley next to her house. She would like the alley to be paved, it is very dry, and it looks bad. Scheel stated that he drove by the alley today and it is one of the better alleys in town. It was brought up that Keller had brought this to the council about four years ago and all the neighbors were very much against it. Scheel also mentioned that with the amount of street work that needs to be done in the town it would be extremely hard to get behind paving an alley. Keller then suggested putting gravel on the alley. Skroch stated that the cost to do the alley we would have to plow snow and that would also be an added cost. Kampa added that we would have to clean the gravel out of the yards in the spring too. Scheel said that he does not think this would be an effective way to spend taxpayers' money, the alley looks good Kampa and Skroch agreed. Nodo said he would not say it looks really good. Keller said she still feels it should be done as soon as possible. Scheel pointed out other streets that would need the work more, Keller then agreed.
 - c. Large Gathering Permit 2nd Annual Hog Roast Sons of the American Legion. Kampa made a motion to approve the Large Gather Permit for the Sons of the American Legion Hog roast. Second by Nodo. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - d. Resolution #052024-08 a Resolution Approving Plans and Specification and Ordering Advertisement for Bids 4th Avenue NE Roadway and Utility Improvements. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #052024-08 a Resolution Approving Plans and Specification and Ordering Advertisement for Bids 4th Avenue NE Roadway and Utility Improvements. Second by Keller. Nodo stated that there is bitumen under 4th, Skroch state that our previse engineer did not think there was any under it. Kampa stated that the motion is for the plans not what Nodo is asking. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.



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- e. Resolution #052024-09 a Resolution Accepting a Donation from Langola Township. Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution #052024-09 a Resolution Accepting a Donation from Langola Township. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays. Motion carried.
- f. Stantec- Grinstead gave updates on all the city projects. Scheel made a motion to approve Task Order 24-05 for project Well No 4 Design, Bidding and Construction Services. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Stantec will be doing painting at City Hall, June 20th, this is a community service project for them.
- g. Close Public Hearing Kampa made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:27. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- h. Approval of Scott Smith's Variance. Noda made a motion to approve Scott Smith Variance. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

Clerks Report – Burski's will be doing the repairs to 6th, just not sure of a date yet. Brian Folden County Assessor had concerns with our assessor. Reviewed some information that he shared with me. I got a quote from Hoffman Painting for painting the rest of the City Hall. Kampa made a motion to except the quote of \$4,200 with the possibility of another \$500 for council chambers. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. I have not received the updates quote for the flooring. I will be off this Wednesday and next Wednesday.

Public Works – Tri State Pump had to come out last Saturday because two floats went out. We also had an air compressor got out last week. Team Lab did the 4 primary ponds, should get the results in a few weeks.

7. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

- a. May 27th, 2024 – CLOSED Memorial Day 2024
- b. May 28th, 2024 – Planning Commission Meeting 7PM
- c. June 3rd, 2024 – City Council Meeting 6 PM
- d. June 4th, 2024 – Park Board Meeting 5 PM
- e. June 17th, 2024 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- f. June 19th, 2024 – CLOSED Juneteenth 2024
- g. June 24th, 2024 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM

8. 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.

9. Adjourn: Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting June 3rd, 2024, 6 PM.


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor