



City of Rice

205 Main St E – PO Box 179

Rice, MN 56367

Rice City Council

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday October 7th, 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. Keller made a motion to accept the agenda. Second by Nodo. Skroch add Business e Resolution #100724-25. Keller amended her motion to include. 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 City Council Special Meeting Minutes September 23rd, 2024. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** None
4. **BUSINESS**
 - a. Eagle Scout Project - Layton Lenarz- Eagle Scout Project- Meadow Park -Add a row of pine trees on the property line, replace the mulch with rubber mulch, add a few maple trees and put up a permanent weatherproof rules board for the nine square game at Meadow Park. Kampa made a motion to allow Lenarz to do park improvements for his Eagle Scout project. Second by Scheel. Kampa and Scheel stated it is a great idea. Nodo asked when it would be complete, Lenarz stated this fall. 5 ayes 0nays, motion carried.
 - b. RESOLUTION #100724-23 Resolution Accepting a Donation from Top Point Automotive. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #100724-23 a Resolution Accepting a Donation from Top Point Automotive. Second by Keller. Skroch stated that we could use them for the city vehicles and as a reward for the employees. Kampa question if we could since there is a monetary value, Skroch said he thought it would be ok since they were donated, but we do not have to decide now. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - c. RESOLUTION #100724-24 Resolution committing funds from Rice Firefighters Association to the Rice Fire Department. Kampa made a motion to accept Resolution #100724-24 a Resolution committing funds from Rice Firefighters Association to the Rice Fire Department in the amount of \$429.56. Second by Nodo. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - d. Stantec -Updated on all the projects. Fox Meadows trail is complete just the seeding, Well bidding is complete we should be scheduling the preconstruction meeting soon. Walnut Ridge is complete with just a few small items to finish. 4th Ave is complete, they are working on restoration. Still working with the Railroad, and the city clerk will complete the Lead Service by sending out the final letters.
 - e. RESOLUTION #100724-25 Resolution Accepting a Donation from Kwik Trip to the Rice Fire Department. Scheel made a motion to accept Resolution #100724-25 a Resolution Accepting a Donation from Kwik Trip to the Rice Fire Department in the amount of \$150 in gift cards. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
5. **DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE/BOARD/CONTRACTED STAFF REPORTS/UPDATE**

Clerks Report – The back door is complete, Vaillencourt has some touch up to complete, we order signs for the Meadows trail that say no motorized vehicles, public works will put them up. Nodo would like to do a grand opening on the trail, Kampa suggested that we wait until the park project is done too. They



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will be starting the floors on Wednesday. I have a TA grant meeting tomorrow, Benton County wants to partner on the grant for a bike trail from Trail Head Park to Bend in the Rice Park. Fandel explained that she told Benton County that we had no dollars to contribute but the cost the city incurred purchasing the easements would be their part. I will be leaving early on Wednesday and on vacation Thursday. Public Works – Wednesday they will be working on lift station #4 and #7, #1 will be on October 22nd, 2024. We have been adding to the Silversmith program and will be blowing out sprinklers this week.

6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:


- a. October 21st, 2024 - Water Sewer Meeting 5 PM
- b. October 21st, 2024 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- c. October 28th, 2024 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- d. November 4th, 2024 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- e. November 5th, 2024 – Election
- f. November 6th, 2024 – Park Board Meeting 5 PM
- g. November 11th, 2024 – Closed Veterans Day
- h. November 18th, 2024 – City Council Meeting 6 PM
- i. November 25th, 2024 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- j. November 28th, 2024 – Closed Thanksgiving

7. **Approval of Bills/Electronic Transfers:** Keller made a motion to approve the Bills/Electronic Transfers as presented. Second by Scheel. Kampa asked about the USBank payment, Fandel confirmed it is for the Fire Department pension. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

8. **Adjourn:** Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting October 21st, 2024, 6 PM.


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor