



**City of Rice**  
205 Main St E – PO Box 179  
Rice, MN 56367  
**Rice City Council**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Monday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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. Scheel made a motion to accept the agenda. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Skroch added business i. Benton County. Scheel amended his motion to include i. Keller amended her second. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
2. Keller made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:
  - a. Approval Work Session September 3rd, 2024
  - b. Approval City Council Meeting Minutes September 3rd, 2024.
  - c. Approve Public Works Interview Minutes September 5th, 2024.
  - d. Approve Work Session Minutes September 16th, 2024.Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** None
4. **BUSINESS**
  - a. RESOLUTION 092324-18 a Resolution committing funds to the Fire and Police Departments from Shepherd of the Pines. Kampa made a motion to accept Resolution 092324-18 a Resolution committing funds to the Fire and Police Departments from Shepherd of the Pines. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
  - b. RESOLUTION 092324-19 a Resolution committing funds to the Rice Police Departments from The Ahles family. Keller made a motion to accept Resolution 092324-19 a Resolution committing funds to the Rice Police Departments from The Ahles family. Second by Nodo. Skroch read a note from the family thanking the Rice Police department. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
  - c. RESOLUTION #092324-20 a Resolution Receiving Bids & Awarding Contract Well No. 4 Water utility improvements. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #092324-20 a Resolution Receiving Bids & Awarding Contract Well No. 4 Water utility improvements. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
  - d. RESOLUTION 092324-21 a Resolution accepting a donation to the City of Rice from Mike and Paula Kampa. Keller made a motion to approve Resolution 092324-21 a Resolution accepting a donation to the City of Rice from Mike and Paula Kampa. Second by Scheel. Kampa stated it was for 9 office chairs. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Kampa abstained.
  - e. Approval of 2025 Preliminary Levy. Scheel made a motion to approve the 2025 Preliminary Levy in the amount of \$907,403.00. Second by Kampa. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
  - f. RESOLUTION #092324-22 a Resolution Adopting Proposed Property Tax Levy, Collectible in 2025. Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution #092324-22 a Resolution Adopting Proposed Property Tax Levy, Collectible in 2025. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
  - g. Set Truth and Taxation Meeting for December 2nd, 2024, 6 PM. Scheel made a motion to approve the Truth and Taxation Meeting for December 2nd, 2024, at 6 PM. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.



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- h. Stantec – Grinstead gave updates on all the city projects. Kampa asked if the well would be drilled this year, no next spring.
- i. Benton County – Benton County had more ARPA dollars, Fandel wrote a letter requesting additional funds and Benton awarded the City of Rice and an additional \$100,000. Scheel made a motion to approve amendment #1 to add the additional \$100,000 dollars for a total of \$400,000 from Benton County. Second by Keller 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

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

Clerks Report – We will be getting the back door replaced this week. The flooring comes next week, I would like to use Unique Movers to help with the big conference table and the filing cabinets. Kampa made a motion to approve using Unique Movers. Second by Scheel. Kampa stated she has used them, and they do an excellent job. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. We will be doing billing this week.

Public Works – During the annual lift station inspection, we found problems with three of the lift stations. Lift #1 is the worst, needs almost everything replaced, Lift #4 needs an impeller and rings, and Lift #7 needs a new valve. Altogether it will be \$10,978.42, this does not include having Nelson there to pump while they do the replacement. Kampa made a motion to have Tri-State Pump do the repairs on Lift stations #1, #4 and #7 with the unknown cost of Nelsons to pump while work is being done. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. The air compressor also needs to be repaired in the water treatment plant. Brian's first day went well, he said he would be back tomorrow. Back to the Craft Fair, there was goat in the Old Village hall, can we change the agreement to state no live animals. Consensus of the council was to have Fandel add that to the rental agreements, if someone wants to ask for a variance on that they can come to the council. If this is violated the full damage deposit would not be returned. Kampa asked Vaillancourt how it was going overall? He states good he has been getting more calls.

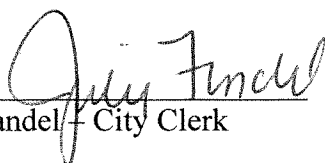
**6. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:**

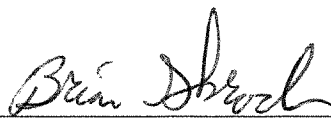
- a. September 30th, 2024 – Planning Committee Meeting 7 PM
- b. October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – Park Board Meeting 5 PM
- c. October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - Water Sewer Meeting 5 PM
- d. October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- e. October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- f. October 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 Nodo. 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 October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 6 PM.

  
Julie Fandel – City Clerk

  
Brian Skroch, Mayor