



City of Rice
205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367
Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday October 21st, 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, Jeremy Mathiasen, City Engineer, Bobby Vaillancourt, Brian Cairns, Public Works, and Julie Fandel, City Clerk.

1. Keller made a motion to accept the agenda. Second by Nodo. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

2. Keller made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:
a. Approval City Council Meeting Minutes October 7th, 2024.
Second by Kampa. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

3. **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** None

4. **BUSINESS**

- a. Bremer Bank – Sidewalk – Bob Baurman from Bremer spoke regarding the painting of the curb. There was confusion about how much was painted and if the city would like he will have them remove the yellow on the curb. Consensus of the council was that the paint on the curb be removed.
- b. RESOLUTION #102124-26 Resolution Accepting a Donation from Watab Township to Rice Recreation. Scheel made a motion to accept Resolution #102124-26 a Resolution Accepting a Donation from Watab Township to Rice Recreation. Second by Keller. Scheel thanked Watab. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- c. Stantec – Update projects, still waiting on the Railroad for the crossing, Fox's Meadows trail is complete, discussion on if we will keep it open in the winter. Discussion on a ribbon cutting ceremony, Skroch will check with boy scout on the park completion. Nodo does not think we should combine it with the park, and we should have it now, Scheel stated it would be nice for people to see the whole thing. Well – the contracts are ready, and we will be scheduling a pre-construction meeting. 4th Ave is complete, and they will be putting up a reflective barricade at the end.

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

Clerks Report – I had the TA grant meeting; I received an email from the county engineer asking questions about engineering costs and other items, how should I respond. We received SCORE grant application, is there anything we would like to ask for? Scheel asked if I would ask for trees on the new trail and Kampa said and benches, Fandel will work on that. I received the amended contract from the county for the \$400,000 for the Well.

Public Works – Tuesday Lift 1 repairs will be done, we have been working on day-to-day projects, oiled fire hydrants, working on the Silversmith input. Kampa asked Cairns if he thought Silversmith was easy to use, he said yes it is very user friendly.

6. **Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:**

- a. October 28th, 2024 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- b. November 4th, 2024 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- c. November 5th, 2024 – Election
- d. November 6th, 2024 – Park Board Meeting 5 PM
- e. November 11th, 2024 – Closed Veterans Day



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- f. November 12th, 2024 – Election Canvis Meeting 5 PM
- g. November 18th, 2024 – City Council Meeting 6 PM
- h. November 25th, 2024 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- i. November 28th, 2024 – Closed Thanksgiving
- j. November 29th, 2024 – Closed.

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 6:55 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

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


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor