



City of Rice
205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367
Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday November 4th, 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. Kampa made a motion to accept the agenda. Second by Keller. 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 21st, 2024.
 - b. Approval Planning Committee Meeting Minutes October 28th, 2024.Second by Nodo. Scheel noted a spelling error in the Planning Commission notes. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** None
4. **BUSINESS**
 - a. Notice of Benton County Board of Commissioners Public Hearing Ordinance #496 Regulating Cannabis – Kampa suggested that Fandel attended the Public Hearing. Fandel stated she would.
 - b. Old Village Hall- Rice Sportsman – It is getting increasingly difficult to hold their meeting at the OVH. They are wondering what the city’s long-term plan for that building is. They may want to donate/partner with the city to help bring it up to a more useable space. Discussion on how to move forward, use this building or another one. Keller stated that the stage does not get used for anything. She also asked if the Boy scouts still used it, Fandel said yes. Kampa added that we could use another location to rent out. Nodo said it would be too expensive to take down so we should see if we can update it. The consensus was to get bids from an architect and a plan.
 - c. Stantec - Update projects, the Railroad approved the plan for the crossing, Fox’s Meadows trail is complete, pay vouch should be coming in next week. Well – we will be scheduling a pre-construction meeting for the week of November 18-21, 2024. Lead Service line inventory is complete.
5. **DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE/BOARD/CONTRACTED STAFF REPORTS/UPDATE**

Clerks Report – With the elections tomorrow I will be off part of Wednesday and all of Thursday. Thanks to Bobby and Brian for all their help with the flooring. Benton County is completing the TA grant. We received another building permit for the new development.

Public Works – lift #1 is done Tri State suggested that we replace the other pump as well. Kampa asked if the new well would have an influence on that lift, Bobby said no. This is the original pump and everything in town goes through it. We installed the signs on the trail and have been pulling manhole covers to check for tree roots and were we need to jet. Kampa asked if Brian had started any of the training for his license yet, Bobby stated that he must work here for a year first.
6. **Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:**
 - a. November 5th, 2024 – Election
 - b. November 6th, 2024 – Park Board Meeting 5 PM
 - c. November 11th, 2024 – Closed Veterans Day
 - d. November 12th, 2024 – Election Canvis Meeting 6 PM



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- e. November 18th, 2024 – City Council Meeting 6 PM
- f. November 25th, 2024 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- g. November 28th, 2024 – Closed Thanksgiving
- h. November 29th, 2024 – Closed.
- i. December 2nd, 2024 – City Council Meeting 6 PM.

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 6:35 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting November 18th, 2024, 6 PM.

Julie Fandel – City Clerk

Brian Skroch, Mayor