



City of Rice

205 Main St E – PO Box 179

Rice, MN 56367

Rice Planning Commission Meeting

Monday October 28th, 2024 – 7:00 PM

Rice Council Chambers



Dave Thene called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Mike Kampa, Joe Voigt, Mark Brixius, Brian Skroch, Kristi O'Brien, and City Clerk, Julie Fandel. Absent Adam Virnig.


Approval Agenda: Brixius made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Voigt. 6 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

New Business:


- a) Marc Kelash- Kelash had a few requests, he would like to abandon the utility easement between PID 150101300 and 150101200 and merge those two lots together. He will be building a house on the two lots. Discussion on what that looks like, Voigt pointed out there is a fire hydrant and questioned where it feeds from. Kelash stated that it feeds out the front. Also, there is a sewer line at the beginning of the easement, O'Brien asked if the city needed to work on who would be responsible for restoring it. Kelash stated that if it needs it to be worked on it would be his responsibility to restore it after the work. Kelash would be responsible for any road plowing too. Second he would like to change the plating for West Park Commons Plat 3 and 4. He would like to change it to have two separate houses on each plat. Fandel said she believed that the lot was too small but would check and let him know. Skroch made a motion to move to city council the vacating of the utility easement between PID 150101300 and 150101200. Second by Kampa. 6 ayes 0 nays motion carried.
- b) Rice Sportsman – Jeff Popp, Peggy and John Herman were present to discuss options for the Old Village Hall. 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 to help bring it up to a more useable space. Popp acknowledges that the biggest cost will be making the building ADA compatible, and that most improvements will require that. Kampa asked Peggy Herman how this would affect the food shelf. She stated that the roof leaks, the bathrooms could be expanded into the coat closet and doing something with the stairs would work for them. Discussion on how to move forward, use this building or another one. The consensus of the group was to check into get an architect and a plan. O'Brien made a motion to move to the city council to check into getting an architect with the help of the Rice Sportsman's Club. Second by Brixius. 6 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- c) Kristi O'Brien – Concerns about how many signs are put out in our parks and never picked back up. It looks very unattractive, and it is being abused. Fandel will review the sign ordinance and inform the committee.

Adjourn: Voigt made a motion to adjourn at 8:00. Second by Skroch. 6 ayes, 0 nays motion carried.

Next Planning Commission Meeting – November 25th, 2024.



City Clerk – Julie Fandel



Dave Thene