



City of Rice
205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367
Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday December 2nd, 2024 – 6 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, and Julie Fandel, City Clerk.

1. Opening of Truth and Taxation Hearing

a. Public Discussion (Please go to the podium to address the Council/Sign the roster provided) Skroch asked if there was anyone who would like to speak, then if there were any written requests, Fandel stated that were not.

2. Keller made a motion to accept the agenda. Second by Scheel. Fandel updated the resolution numbers and changes. Keller amended her motion to include the changes. Scheel amended his second. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

3. Kampa made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:

- a. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes November 18th, 2024.
- b. Approve 2025 Shady's Liquor License Renewal
- c. Approve 2025 O'Brien's Pub Liquor License pending Insurance Certificate
- d. Approve 2025 American Legion Liquor License Renewal
- e. Approve 2025 Westside Liquor License Renewal
- f. Approve 2025 Rice Clubs Liquor License Renewal
- g. Approve 2025 Old Creamery Liquor License Renewal
- h. Approve 2025 Corner Pocket Liquor License Renewal

Second by Nodo. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

4. **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** None

5. BUSINESS

a. Closing of the Truth and Taxation Hearing – Skroch asked if anyone had anything for the Truth and Taxation, none. Kampa made a motion to close the hearing. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

b. RESOLUTION #120224-28 Resolution Establishing a Final Budget for 2025. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #120224-28 a Resolution Establishing a Final Budget for 2025. Second by Nodo. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

c. RESOLUTION #120224-29 Adopting Property Tax Levy Collectible in 2025. Nodo made a motion to approve. Second by Keller. Scheel asked to take out the second \$ sign. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

d. RESOLUTION #120224-30 Resolution Establishing the 2025 Polling Precinct. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #120224-30 a Resolution Establishing the 2025 Polling Precinct. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

e. RESOLUTION #120224-31 Resolution Committing Funds from Rice Firefighters Association to the Rice Fire Department. Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution #120224-31 a Resolution Committing Funds from Rice Firefighters Association to the Rice Fire Department in the amount of \$99.33. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

f. RESOLUTION #120224-32 Resolution Committing Funds to from American Legion Post #473 to the Rice Fire Department. Keller made a motion to approve Resolution #120224-32. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

g. RESOLUTION #120224-33 a Resolution Accepting a donation from Mike and Paula Kampa.



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Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #120224-3333 a Resolution Accepting a donation from Mike and Paula Kampa in the amount of \$1,000 to go towards a new laptop for the City Clerk. Second by Nodo. Scheel thanked Kampa. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Kampa abstained.

- h. RESOLUTION #120224-34 Resolution Committing Funds to from Justin & Amanda Folkens to the Rice Fire Department. Keller made a motion to approve Resolution #120224-34. Second by Scheel. Fandel explained that this was from the Folkens. They have had a fund raiser each year since the passing of their little girl. They really appreciated how the fire department took care of them. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- i. Stantec – Update projects, Jeremy met with Railroad, MNDOT and Benton County will attend the 16th meeting for next steps. Fox's Meadows trail we will reevaluate it in the spring. Well-they put up the silt fence. Scheel asked about the completion date, Tim stated that we changed it to April 2025. Walnut Ridge is complete.

6. DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE/BOARD/CONTRACTED STAFF REPORTS/UPDATE

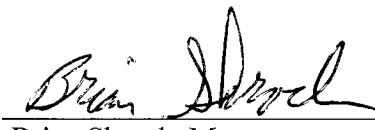
Clerks Report – New rates and information for the Human Society, informed the council that Chris Byrd, Benton County is going to be charging a fee of between 2-3 percent of the full project cost for the Railroad project. He had originally stated that it would be 5% but doesn't have that in writing. There is some confusion on this, it was not brought up before we applied for the grant. The council would like Fandel to invite Byrd and Commission or Popp to the December 16th council meeting. We received the BEP billing it is \$2,000. Scott was able to work with our existing "appliances" and we should get a few more years out of it. Letter from Sheriff Heck. The LMC sent information on the possibility of rates going down. I received notification from the MN Department of Revenue that I will need to change from doing quarterly reports for them to monthly.

Public Works – MN Department of Health was out doing inspections; we had a few minor items that have changed. The roof on Well house 3 is a flat rubber roof and it is leaking and has been leaking for a while. I would like to go ahead and get quotes to replace it, it is original. Everything else is going good.

Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

- a. December 16th, 2024 – City Council Meeting 6 PM
 - b. December 25th & 26th, 2024 – City Hall Closed Christmas Eve & Day
 - c. December 30th, 2024 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
 - d. January 1st, 2025 - City Hall Closed New Year's Day.
 - e. January 6th, 2025 – City Council Meeting 6 PM
 - f. January 7th, 2025 – Park Board 5 PM
7. **Approval of Bills/Electronic Transfers:** Keller made a motion to approve the Bills/Electronic Transfers as presented. Second by Scheel. Fandel noted that the election equipment bill did include the grant money off. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
8. **Adjourn:** Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- Next City Council Meeting December 16th, 2024, 6 PM.


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor