



City of Rice
205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367
Rice City Council



Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday February 18th, 2025

Mayor Skroch called the meeting to order. Present: Brian Skroch, Chris Scheel, Paula Kampa, Ken Nodo, Jeremy Mathiasen, City Engineer, Bobby Vaillancourt, Public Works, Tiffany Pyka, Office Assistant and Julie Fandel, City Clerk. Absent Jacki Janski.

1. Scheel made a motion to accept the agenda. Second by Nodo. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

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

- a. Approve Work Session Meeting Minutes February 3rd, 2025.
- b. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes February 3rd, 2025.

Second by Scheel. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

3. **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** None

4. BUSINESS

- a. It Service Discussion – Scott Janski – Janski asked the council if they wanted iPad or laptops, consensus was iPad. Janski informed the council of all the changes coming for government IT and with Xtona we are covered for everything. Cyber security, back up both in the building and cloud storage. There are different rules for Police Departments as well and I would sooner be ahead of the changes. Kampa made a motion to move forward with Xtona. Second by Scheel. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- b. RESOLUTION 021825-09 a Resolution Governing Write-In Vote Counting. Kampa made a motion to approve Resolution #021825-09. Second by Scheel. Fandel explained that this eliminates counting all the made-up people in an election. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- c. Stantec. Mathiasen updated the council on the railroad crossing, cost came in higher than was planned. Mathiasen presented a change order for Well #4. Scheel made a motion to approve change order #1. Second by Nodo. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Nodo made a motion to approve the first payment for the Well project. Second by Scheel. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Kampa asked about a price change from Time, Mathiasen was not aware of anything but will check. Kampa asked when the bids will be for the railroad crossing, Mathiasen said April.

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

Clerks Report – RFP for Building inspector is out, Alspec submitted a proposal, the information in your packet was for a virtual company, I informed them that we need to have a person but wanted to share it with you. I was contacted by Emma of Benton County about starting the safe route to school committee again and gave her your email address. Gina Fiorini is also leaving Kennedy & Garvin and is moving to a different firm. If the council wanted me to attend the TIF program put on by BEP, we may have to close the office. Consensus was yes. The farm lease was signed, nothing from the ball field yet. I will be out of the office from March 3rd to the 10th or 11th.

Public Works – Worked with Total Control Spent on Scada again last week. Kampa asked how many more times he will flood the rink, at least 2 depending on the weather. Fandel added that Pyka had finished putting all the dogs that are licensed into Silver Smith and Bobby will add the Police department to the service. Kampa asked if Silver Smith would need to be part of the new IT, Vaillancourt stated no its web based. Skroch informed the council of Amanda Othoudt was looking for 8 acres and a rail spur, which we do not have. Kampa stated that she had been recommended to go to



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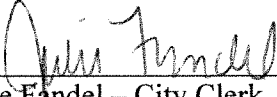
Washington and meet with congress person, so if anyone wanted her to ask anything let her know. She will be there from March 10th through the 15th.


Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

- a. February 24th, 2025 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- b. March 3rd, 2025 – Work Session 5:30 PM
- c. March 3rd, 2025 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- d. March 4th, 2025 – Park Board Meeting 5 PM
- e. March 17th, 2025 - City Council Meeting 6 PM

- 6. **Approval of Bills/Electronic Transfers:** Kampa made a motion to approve the Bills/Electronic Transfers as presented. Second by Nodo. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- 7. **Adjourn:** Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM. Second by Scheel. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting March 3rd, 2025, 6 PM.


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor