



City of Rice
205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367
Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday March 3rd, 2025



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

1. Mayor Skroch opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 pm, no one present wanted to address the council. Skroch asked if there was any written correspondences received, no there was not. Skroch asked Marc Kelash if he wanted to address the audience. Kelash stated he is applying for the conditional use permit for general offices for business purposes. Kampa asked when he would start on this, Kelash stated he must wait to hear back on some numbers before starting. Skroch stated we would leave the public hearing open.
2. Scheel made a motion to accept the agenda. Second by Nodo. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. Kampa made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:
 - a. Approve Work Session Meeting Minutes February 18th, 2025.
 - b. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes February 18th, 2025.
 - c. Approve Planning Committee Meeting Minutes February 24th, 2025.Second by Scheel. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
4. **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** None
5. **BUSINESS**
 - a. Stantec- City engineer was not present but submitted a memo beforehand that was included in the packet, general update on the Railroad Crossing and New Well improvements and Walnut Ridge Development.
 - b. Close Public Hearing - Scheel made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 6:10 pm. Second by Kampa. Skroch asked if anyone had any further questions, no discussion. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
6. **DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE/BOARD/CONTRACTED STAFF REPORTS/UPDATE**

Clerks Report – Fandel will close the office on Thursday March 13th at 12:15pm to attend BEP at SCSU. Kampa asked if the equalization meeting has been scheduled for the beginning of April. Pyka said she will check with Fandel.

Public Works – On Friday evening 2/28/25, Bobby got a call around 8:20pm about a red light flashing on #9 lift station. Bobby and Brian C. came in and found that the lift station was not running. It was at a high level, so Bobby called Nelsons to pump it out. Bobby was able to get a pump to run by holding in the electrical contractor. Tri State pump was called to come work on it. They did a temporary fix to get us by. Bobby and Brian C. were on site until 1:30am. They came in Saturday 3/1/25 and Sunday 3/2/25 to manually pump the lift station down to lower the level in the lift to buy some time. Bobby was in contact with Brian Skroch about it throughout the night. Tri State Pump was out today to replace three or four relay switches. This will keep things running till the new part gets here. Kampa and Scheel would like to thank Bobby and Brian C. for their extra help this past weekend with this.



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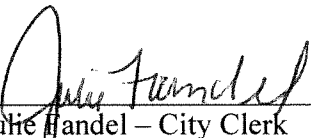


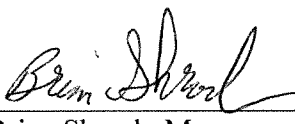
Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

- a. March 4th, 2025 – Park Board Meeting 5 PM
- b. March 17th, 2025 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- c. March 31st, 2025 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- d. April 7th, 2025 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- e. April 8th, 2025 – Park Board Meeting 5 PM
- f. April 21st, 2025 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- g. April 28th, 2025 – Planning Committee Meeting 7 PM

7. **Approval of Bills/Electronic Transfers:** Nodo made a motion to approve the Bills/Electronic Transfers as presented. Second by Kampa. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
8. **Adjourn:** Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 PM. Second by Scheel. 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting March 17th, 2025, 6 PM.


Julie Handel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor