



City of Rice
205 Main St E – PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367
Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday April 21st, 2025



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

1. Scheel made a motion to accept the agenda. Second by Nodo. Skroch added/changed Business a. to 5th graders, b. Schlenner Wenner, c. Resolution, d. RFP Building inspector, e. Resolution and f. Stantec. Scheel amended his motion to include the changes. Nodo amended his second. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
2. Kampa made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented to include:
 - a. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes April 7th, 2025.
 - b. Approve Board of Equalization Meeting Minutes April 14th, 2025.Second by Janski. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
3. **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** None
4. **BUSINESS**
 - a. 5th Graders- They are doing a project to enhance the city by putting up art that they have made around town. Kampa asked if it would be inside or outside, inside. Nodo asked if they would be doing the sidewalk chalk again this year, yes, they will. Kampa asked how many grades or just 5th? It would be anyone at school that wanted to. Skroch stated that it would be fine to put it in the City Hall, Scheel added and the Old Village Hall. Kampa complemented the two presenters, you are very brave and did a great job.
 - b. Ashley Meagher – Schlenner Wenner – Meagher presented the 2024 audit. Kampa made a motion to accept the 2024 Audit. Second by Nodo. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - c. RESOLUTION #042125-11 a Resolution Committing Funds from Rice Women of Today. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution 042125-11 a Resolution Committing Funds from Rice Women of Today for the Welcome to Rice sign. Second by Janski. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - d. RFP Building Inspector- Kampa made a motion to approve AllSpec Service as the Building Inspector for a three-year term. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - e. RESOLUTION #042125-12 a Resolution for a donation to the Rice Police Department. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #042125-12 a Resolution for a donation to the Rice Police Department from the Royalton Dollar General. Second by Janski. Skroch asked Chief Hamann what the donation was? Hamann stated it was a wide variety of items shoes, decorations, books, dishes. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
 - f. Stantec – The test that Traut was doing for the city did not work, there was too much noise from houses and roads. We will need to re-evaluate what we want to do with the Well project, is the council ok with Stantec to explore other options? Discussion on where to move next and what options we have for a Well site. Unsure on cost if we need to treat nitrates and what options we have with the DNR. The consensus of the council was that we review and move forward. The railroad crossing is on track; we are still going back and forth with the plan. Mathiasen went over the road construction, Skroch stated he thought the prices looked good and we should consider doing more. Nodo stated that the engineer cost looked too high, Mathiasen, that is the percentage that most engineers use on projects. Skroch suggested adding more, then a smaller project next year and another larger one the following year, a three-year estimate. Discussion on what areas and how much to do. Kampa made a motion to have Stantec move forward with the resurfacing as follows: 3rd St NE looing to 1st Ave NE to 2nd St NE and 3rd Ave NE for the approximate cost of\$435,000.00 Second by Janski. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
5. **DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE/BOARD/CONTRACTED STAFF REPORTS/UPDATE**



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Clerk's Report – Clean Up day is Saturday, does the council want packets or emails until we get iPad? Scheel started packets. I have meetings on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and on Thursday the office will be closed until 9:30.

Public Works – Vaillancourt reviewed estimates for the generators, Kampa ask him to verify the prices for the next meeting. We may need to do some street sweeping in a few areas. We have a coating company coming out this week. Vaillancourt presented a quote to repair the roof. Scheel made a motion to approve the repair of the roof not to exceed \$13,000. Second by Janski. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

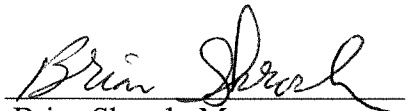
- a. April 26th, 2025, Clean Up Day
- b. April 28th, 2025 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 PM
- c. May 5th, 2025 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- d. May 6th, 2025 – Park Board Meeting 5 PM
- e. May 19th, 2025 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
- f. May 26th, 2025 – Office Closed Memorial Day
- g. May 27th, 2025 – Planning Commission Meeting 7PM
- h. June 2nd, 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 Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

7. **Adjourn:** Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting May 5th, 2025, 6 PM.


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor