



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



Rice Planning Commission Meeting
Monday June 30th, 2025 – 7:00 PM
Rice Council Chambers

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

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

New Business:

- a. City of Rice Variance – Fandel explained that the city received a grant from Benton Telecommunications Foundation for \$15,000.00. This sign would help keep the community informed; it would display upcoming meetings and events. O'Brien stated that she feels like the sign is a great idea, however with all variances what are we opening to. Virnig stated that if we send out the notification, people have a chance to express their concern. O'Brien added that she was ok with it because it is the city and they will hear the complaints if there are any. Brixius made a motion to move the city sign variance request to a public hearing. Second by Virnig. 6 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
- b. Storage Pods – Discussion on numerous options, O'Brien stated that she understood the current ordinance to state that the storage shed needed to be the same material as the house, Fandel will check. Brixius stated that he also thought it had to match, Skroch added who decides what matches? All agreed that it should be addressed, table for next meeting.

Adjourn: Voigt made a motion to adjourn at 7:30. Second by Brixius. 6 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next Planning Commission Meeting –July 28th, 2025.



City Clerk – Julie Fandel



Kristi O'Brien - Chair