



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



Rice City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 2nd, 2025

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

Kampa made a motion to accept the agenda. Second by Janski. Skroch add Business b. Resolution #090225-27. Kampa amended her motion. Janski amended her second. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

1. Scheel made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include:
 - a. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes August 18th, 2025. Second by Nodo. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
2. **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** None
3. **BUSINESS**
 - a. Stantec. Railroad project is out for bids and will be in on Friday 9-5-25. Kampa asked if they could forward the bids to the council on Friday, Fandel will let them know. Task Order 25-03 is updated for the Well Project. Scheel made a motion to approve Task Order 25-03. Second by Kampa. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried. Street improvement change order was approved at the last meeting. Fox Meadows Trails is being closed out by Benton County.
 - b. Resolution #090225-27 a Resolution accepting a Donation to Rice Police and Fire Department from Shepherds of the Pines. Scheel made a motion to approve Resolution #090225-27 a donation of \$367.00 from Shepherds of the Pines to the Rice Police and Fire Department. Second by Nodo. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

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

Clerks Report – Fandel checked with Kampa if she compared the websites presented last meeting, Kampa stated she had not, should be next meeting. Kampa stated if Fandel wanted to move forward with one she could. Fandel informed the council that the monthly MN Department of Health fee will increase to \$1.27 for each resident's bill. Fandel has approved vacation for September 10th, 11th and 29th, and October 22nd.

Public Works – Skroch and Vaillancourt recapped for the council the events from the water main break. Skroch and Vaillancourt thanked everyone that helped. Vaillancourt reported that Well 3 is done with a new pump and motor, Traut should have test results on Thursday, and we should have it back up then. Kampa asked when the generators would be in and would they have helped with the main break, Vaillancourt said they will be installed by the end of October, and they would not have helped with this. Skroch stated that the water tower is back to full, over all it was just a really bad design that caused the issues.

Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

- a. September 8th, 2025 - Park Board Meeting 5 PM
 - b. September 15th, 2025 – Budget Work Session 5 PM
 - c. September 15th, 2025 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
 - d. September 29th, 2025 – Planning Committee Meeting 7 PM
 - e. October 6th, 2025 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
 - f. October 7th, 2025 - Park Board Meeting 5 PM
 - g. October 20th, 2025 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
 - h. October 27th, 2025 – Planning Committee Meeting 7 PM
5. **Approval of Bills/Electronic Transfers:** Scheel made a motion to approve the Bills/Electronic Transfers as presented. Second by Janski. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
6. **Adjourn:** Kampa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting September 15th, 2025, 6 PM.


Julie Fandel – City Clerk


Brian Skroch, Mayor