

CHAPTER XXIII

THE RICE STAR CITY COMMISSION

Section 2300 - Establishing the Star City Commission

2300.01 The City Council of the City of Rice does ordain that: There shall be added to the Municipal Code of the City of Rice Ordinance #23, which shall read as follows:

2300.03 Short Title. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Rice Star City Commission Ordinance".

2300.05 Definitions. For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following words and their derivations shall have the meanings as set out therein:

- (a) "Commission". Commission is the Star City Commission of the City as created by this Ordinance.
- (b) "Chair". Chair is the Chairman of the Star City Commission as provided hereunder.
- (c) "Vice Chair". Vice Chair is the Vice Chairman of the Star City Commission as provided thereunder.
- (d) "Secretary". Secretary is the Secretary of the Star City Commission as provided hereunder.
- (e) "Planning Commission". Planning Commission is the City Planning Commission of the City of Rice.

2300.07 Establishment. A Star City Commission is hereby established to be advisory to the Council and Planning Commission, which Star City Commission shall have the powers and duties hereinafter set forth.

2300.09 Terms of Office. Of the members of the Commission first appointed, (3) three shall be appointed for the terms expiring in January of 1995 and (2) two shall be appointed for the terms expiring in January 1996. Remaining members shall be appointed for terms expiring in January of 1997. Upon expiring of said initial terms, future appointees shall serve three-year terms expiring in January of the appropriate year provided however, that members shall continue their terms until new appointments or reappointments are made by the City Council. The City Council shall make appointments to the Commission at its first official meeting in January of each year or as soon thereafter as it desires. Vacancies during the term shall be filled by the City Council for the unexpired portion of the term.

2300.11 Qualifications. The Commission shall consist of (7) seven to (12) twelve members consisting of the following: One City Council Member, one member of the Rice Loan Review Committee,

One member of the Planning Commission, one member of the Chamber of Commerce, one member representing School District #47, and the remaining members representing the general public, which may include local businesses, service organizations, churches, etc.

2300.13 Removal of Members. The Council by a four-fifths vote of its members shall have the authority to remove any members of the Commission from office whenever, in its discretion, the best interest of the City shall be served thereby.

2300.13 Meetings; Officers. The Commission will name its own Officers to serve at its pleasure from the membership of the Commission.

(a) Regular Meetings. The Commission shall meet publicly in regular session at least once each month at a time and place selected by a majority of its members.

(b) Special Meetings. The Chairman of any three (3) members of the Commission shall have the authority to call a special meeting of the Commission. Written or oral notice of special meetings shall be given to all members at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time of the meeting unless the time and place for the special meeting is set at a regular meeting.

2300.15 Commission Staff. The Commission may receive the staff services of the City Clerk as approved by the City Council within the means provided by appropriations made therefore by the City Council.

2300.17 Rules and Procedures. The Commission shall adopt a set of rules to govern its own meetings and procedures. The rules may be amended from time to time, but only upon notice to all members that the said proposed amendments shall be acted upon at a specified meeting. A majority vote of the Commission shall be required for the approval of the proposed amendment.

2300.19 Absence of Members. Absence from three consecutive regular meetings without the formal consent of the Commission shall be deemed to constitute a resignation of a member and the vacancy thus created shall be filled thereafter by appointment of the City Council for the remainder of the term of the member so deemed to have resigned.

2300.21 Powers and Duties. The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) To confer with and advise the Council and Planning Commission on all matters concerning the industrial and commercial development of the City.
- (b) To publicize, with the consent of the Council, the industrial and commercial advantages and opportunities of the City.
- (c) To collect data and information as to the type of industries and commerce best suited to the City.
- (d) To periodically survey the overall condition of the City from the standpoint

of determining whether the City has a community climate for industry and to determine the general receptiveness of the City of particular types of industry.

(e) To publicize information as to the general advantages of industrial and commercial development in a community.

(f) To cooperate with all industries and businesses in the City and in the solution of any community problems which they may have, and to encourage the expansion, development, and management of such industries and business so as to promote the general welfare of the City.

(g) To cooperate with the Regional Development Commission in the undertaking of necessary surveys and studies in the furtherance of commercial and industrial development.

(h) To aid the Council and Planning Commission in the proper zoning and orderly development of the area suitable for industrial and commercial development.

(i) To develop, compile, coordinate, and publicize information such as, but not limited to, the following:

1. Existing industrial and commercial concerns with the City, their addresses, types of business, number of employees, and whether each serves local, regional, or national markets.
2. Available industrial and commercial sites, including number of acres, approximate price, existing zoning, and proximity to trackage and highways.
3. Available buildings for industrial and commercial operations, including type of buildings, number of square feet, existing zoning, and proximity to trackage and highways. (Minnesota State Department Form).
4. Transportation facilities, including railroads, motor carriers, water transportation, air transportation, and highway facilities.
5. Electric power available.
6. Fuels available for industrial and commercial use.
7. Sewage disposal facilities.
8. Water supply facilities.
9. Commercial facilities such as fire, police, and educational.
10. Recreational facilities.
11. Going wage rate in the City for the trades, skilled, semi-skilled, and white-collar workers.
12. Availability of labor.
13. General community attitude toward industrial and commercial expansion, development, and attraction.
14. Experience and program of surrounding suburban communities in regard to industrial and commercial expansion development and attraction.

(j) To recommend to the Council and Planning Commission policies and particular actions in regard to industrial and commercial expansion development and attraction.

(k) To cooperate with and use the facilities of the Minnesota Department of Energy and Economic Development's Star City Program.

(l) To cooperate and coordinate with the Rice Loan Review Committee, the Rice City Council, and local lending institutions in defining available property and assembling financing packages for commercial and industrial prospects.

(m) The Commission shall have the power to appoint subcommittees of a size and nature it may deem necessary and may enlist the aid of persons and/or organizations who are not members of the Commission. The Commission shall have no power to make contracts, levy taxes, borrow money, or condemn property, but shall have full power and responsibility to investigate the necessity and recommend the taking of these and any other actions related to the industrial and commercial development by the Council and all other officers of the City responsible to formulate the terms of and the procedure for taking such action.

2300.23 Annual Report. The Commission shall make a report to the City Council of its activities in December of each year.

2300.25 Severability. The various sections and provisions of this chapter are severable, in the event any one or more of its sections or provisions shall be found to be invalid or otherwise defective by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or defect shall not operate to render other sections or provisions invalid.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the Rice City Council and publication in the City's official newspaper.