

CITY OF RUSHFORD VILLAGE MINUTES OF August 20, 2024
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
43038 State Hwy 30, Rushford Village, Minnesota 55971-5167

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The August 20, 2024 Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dennis Overland at 7:00 p.m. in the Rushford Village Office. Council Members present: Mike Ebner, Travis Link and Robert Hart; Planning/Zoning Administrator Jon Pettit, City Attorney Joseph O’Koren and Treasurer Judy Graham

Absent: Council Member Rick Ruberg, PW/Maintenance Supervisor Trenten Chiglo, Clerk Mary Miner

AGENDA was approved as presented

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ebner, Carried.

MINUTES from the August 6, 2024 Hans Anderson Road Vacation Public Hearing & Regular Council Meeting were approved as presented

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Link, Carried.

CITIZENS/OTHERS PRESENT: Kirsten Zoellner-Fillmore County Journal

FINANCIALS: Receipts as of August 15, 2024 \$4,449.65, Expenses as of August 15, 2024 \$26,972.70

Estimated August Receipts \$10,600.00/Estimated August Expenses \$52,000.00

CD’s renewing at current advertised rates

Motion made to approve the Financials as presented

Motion by Ebner, 2nd by Link. Carried.

PLANNING/ZONING: Pettit: New Permits/Inquiries/Updates:

New Permits: None Written

Permit Status / Projects in Process / Inquiries:

- Pettit reported there have not been Planning and Zoning meetings for the last two months (July & August), lack of quorum
- During their July 23, 2024 meeting the CRV Council set the Branden Johnson shed variances public hearing for September 3, 2024 at 6:45 pm. Variances are for site location and sidewall height

ROADS/WATER/SEWER:

- **Roads/Utilities Update:** Overland reported for Chiglo
 - Nothing new to report on Gilbertson Road Project
 - Road ditches have been mowed
 - Quote received for 9 traffic/road signs is \$753.66

Motion made to approve the cost of \$753.66 for 9 new street signs

Motion by Link, 2nd by Ebner, Carried.

- **Hans Anderson Road Vacation Recorded at Fillmore County:**

- Miner had road vacation documents recorded with Fillmore County
- Recorded documents are in the safety deposit box at the Rushford State Bank

OTHER:

- **Consent to 1 day temporary liquor license for Featherstone Farms issued by Fillmore County:**
 - CRV received a request for a 1 day temporary liquor license from Featherstone Farms.
 - O’Koren reported because CRV does not have a liquor license ordinance in place at this time Fillmore County is willing to write this one day temporary liquor license for this time only. Moving forward Fillmore County shall not issue liquor licenses for CRV because this is within a cities jurisdiction it is exclusively a city thing so Fillmore County would not have the authority to issue this
 - O’Koren stated CRV should consider a liquor license ordinance in the future and suggested looking at what the City of Whalen has. Whalen does not have a bar but they still have the framework in place for issuing liquor licenses. There would need to be a public hearing to pass an ordinance
 - Council will need to decide if they want to have a structure in place to issue liquor licenses.
 - O’Koren recommends CRV get something in place now so if future requests are made CRV will be ready.
 - If the Council does not want to have a liquor license ordinance CRV would have to go through the process to become a dry city. All cities are considered wet cities unless there is something stating they are a dry city

- Link stated he felt an ordinance should be in place in case someone wants to open a supper club, micro/craft brewery, etc.

Motion made to approve the 1 day temporary liquor license for Featherstone Farms issued by Fillmore County

Motion by Link, 2nd by Ebner, Carried.

- Hart suggested reviewing Whalen's Liquor License Ordinance
- **Rebecca Charles Monthly CEDA Update/Comp Plan Review:**
 - Charles planned to attend the Planning and Zoning meeting to discuss the Comp Plan and have Pettit bring a recommendation to the Council from Planning and Zoning. There was a lack of a quorum so Planning and Zoning did not have a meeting.
 - Charles did not attend the Council meeting because she wants to discuss the Comp Plan with Planning and Zoning before bringing it to the Council. She will attend the September 17th meetings
- **SMIF Rural Improvement Grant Letter of Support-Rebecca:**
 - Charles provided a letter of support for the SMIF Rural Improvement Grant to purchase a merry-go-round for the CRV community center park
 - It would be up to CRV as to what kind of equipment would be installed

Motion made to approve SMIF Rural Improvement Grant letter of support as presented

Motion by Ebner, 2nd by Link, Carried.

- **Budget Review:**
 - Graham stated we need to know if there is anything more to add. The 2025 budget is already over in dollars so things need to be looked at closely. The percentages for all the different businesses that increase yearly and salaries have been figured in to the budget. The preliminary budget has to be finalized before the end of September
 - F450, maintenance shed and chip sealing were the only items mentioned

OTHER UPDATES / MEETINGS:

- August 19-23, 2024-Miner on Vacation
- September 26-October 1, 2024-Chiglo on Vacation

Next Meetings: Council: September 3, 2024 Branden Johnson Public Hearing @ 6:45/Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm and September 17, 2024 @ 7:00 pm at CRV Hall Office

Zoning: September 17, 2024 @ 5:30 pm at CRV Hall Office\

Motion made to Adjourn Regular Council Meeting at 7:22 pm by Link, 2nd by Hart. Carried