

CITY OF RUSHFORD VILLAGE (CRV)
PLANNING/ZONING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FROM TUESDAY, March 18, 2025

The Tuesday, March 18, 2025 Planning and Zoning meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Planning and Zoning Administrator Jon Pettit in the CRV Office.

Members Present: Jon Pettit, Glen Kopperud, Hamilton Petersen and Jesse McNamer

Absent: Gordon Johnson

Citizens/Others Present: Dennis Overland-Mayor

Agenda Approved as presented

Motion by Petersen, 2nd by Kopperud. Carried.

Minutes from the February 18, 2025 Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting approved as presented

Motion by Petersen, 2nd by Kopperud. Carried.

NEW PERMITS:

- #1702-Dan Erickson-Chicken Coop-State Highway 43 S
- #1703-Clay & Haeli Anderson-New Home-Airport Rd
- #1704-Jim Norstad-24'x24' Addition to shed-State Highway 30
- #1705-Joey Busse-12'x24' Shed-Nordic Court
- #1706-Duane & Mary Miner-Sheetrock garage ceiling, build cabinets-Benson Lane
- #1707-Trey & Renee Ritter-Remodel House & add attached garage-Main St

PERMIT STATUS / PROJECTS IN PROCESS / INQUIRIES:

- **30475 Main Street Shed:**
 - A shed was placed on the property without a permit and the lot is more than 25% covered with structures which is not allowed by ordinance
 - Hanson, renter, was acceptable to removing the shed, the man living there was not
 - Pettit called Olson, owner of the property, she was decent about it and said she would tell the renters to remove the shed, which she did
 - Pettit received a call from the renters letting him know they would remove the shed but they needed a little more time for the ground to dry out before they could move it.
 - They were given 30 days to remove the shed

- **Debra Kitchens Solar Array:**

Motion made for Pettit to bring the permit application to the Council with a favorable recommendation

Motion by Petersen, 2nd by McNamer. Carried

- Kopperud remembered talking about this but couldn't remember what the problem was with it
- Pettit explained the size of the array required a public hearing. A permit was not obtained until after the job was done and it was on the roof. Pettit believes the contractor was supposed to take care of the permit which they did not, they have taken care of the permit and paid for it. Everything was ok with the permit
- Kopperud asked if this company worked in the area a lot. Pettit stated they are new to the area but not new to the solar installation business. It is Pettit's understanding it is not uncommon for this contractor from Isanti MN to install an array without getting everything taken care of before the project is started, the product itself is fine
- **Abby Benson/Jack Hedin Property:**
 - Pettit has not received any more information on the location Benson is asking about
- **Alcohol/Liquor Ordinance:**
 - Council would like Planning and Zoning to look at getting an alcohol ordinance started and make recommendations
 - Pettit stated he would be satisfied with what Whalan has for an ordinance
 - Kopperud stated maybe it should start simple just to have something on the books and have it flexible enough to handle things as they come up
 - McNamer questioned if TCH infused drinks would be part of the alcohol ordinance. This will be brought to O'Koren
 - Kopperud suggested the easiest way would be to use someone else's and if needed modify it later

- Overland stated CRV is not a dry city and should have something on the books regulating alcohol for when someone wants a license. A referendum would have to be passed to become a dry city
- Pettit stated around 1984 Rushford and CRV had liquor licenses. Rushford kept so many but at some point CRV gave their licenses back to the County. CRV can get liquor licenses back once an ordinance is in place
- McNamer asked how often an alcohol license would need to be renewed. Overland stated it would need to be renewed annually with CRV
- Planning and Zoning is comfortable with using the Whalan Alcohol Ordinance as a guide but does have a couple questions about THC infused products and if that should be added to the ordinance
- McNamer questioned if there is a big difference in licensing if it is a business with a bar and if it's just off sale. Overland stated he believes CRV would regulate everything. Pettit stated there would be different license fees for the different types of licenses
- Overland stated just because a license is applied for it does not have to be granted by CRV
- McNamer asked about gambling and if CRV would have to regulate that or would that be just from the State. O'Koren will be asked about this

Motion made to recommend using the Whalan Ordinance as a guide for the CRV Alcohol Ordinance **Motion** by Petersen
No second to motion

- Policing could be an issue. Fillmore County responds to CRV calls but they do not patrol on a regular basis. Rushford police do not respond to CRV calls
- Any business with a liquor license would have to have insurance so CRV would not be on the hook for any incidents resulting from someone leaving that business
- Overland will bring the THC and gambling questions to the Council during their meeting tonight

OTHER ISSUES/CONCERNS: None

OTHER UPDATES/ MEETINGS:

Next Zoning Board Meeting: April 15, 2025, 5:30 pm at CRV Office

Next Council Meetings: March 18, 2025 Debra Kitchen Solar Array Public Hearing @ 6:45 pm and Regular Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm and April 1, 2025 Collection Ordinance #2 Public Hearing @ 6:40 pm, Mowing Ordinance #7 Public Hearing @ 6:50 pm and Regular Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm at CRV Hall Office

Motion to Adjourn made by Kopperud 2nd by Petersen at 6:38 pm

Recorder: Mary Miner