

CITY OF RUSHFORD VILLAGE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2023
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
43038 State Hwy 30, Rushford Village, Minnesota 55971-5167

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The February 21, 2023 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, Robert Hart and Rick Ruberg; Planning/Zoning Administrator Jon Pettit, Clerk Mary Miner.

Absent: Council Member Travis Link, Public Works/Maintenance Supervisor Trenten Chiglo, City Attorney Joseph O’Koren (available by phone), Treasurer Judy Graham

AGENDA was approved as presented Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ebner, Carried.

MINUTES from the February 7, 2023 Regular Council Meeting were approved as presented
Motion by Ebner, 2nd by Ruberg, Carried.

CITIZENS/OTHERS PRESENT: Kirsten Zoellner-Fillmore County Journal

FINANCIALS: Receipts through February 15, 2023 \$3,217.06/Expenses through February 15, 2023 \$18,228.59
Estimated February Receipts \$7,900.00/Estimated February Expenses \$43,000.00
CD’s renewing at current advertised rates

- Graham and Miner completed paperwork at Rushford State Bank to consolidate 46 CD’s into 9 CD’s

Motion made to approve the Financials as presented Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg. Carried.

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

New Permits: None Written

Permit Status / Projects in Process / Inquiries:

- **Featherstone Fruit & Vegetable 2023-2024 Interim Use Permit Renewal:**

- Pettit reported he met with Jack Hedin for the annual Featherstone Interim Use permit renewal walk-through
- There are no changes to the 2023-2024 Interim Use Permit

Motion made to approve 2023-2024 Featherstone Interim Use Permit as presented

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg. Carried.

ROADS/WATER/SEWER:

- **Roads/Utilities Update-Chiglo:**

- Chiglo was absent, nothing reported

- **Skidsteer Rearview Camera-\$609.00:**

- Miner reported Chiglo would like to purchase a rearview camera for the skidsteer. Chiglo stated it is hard to see when backing the skidsteer and he feels it is a safety issue
- Ruberg and Ebner agree it is hard to see when backing up and feel a camera is a good idea
- The cost is approximately \$609.00 at Hammell Equipment but if purchased in February there is a 10% customer appreciation discount

Motion made to purchase rearview camera from Hammel Equipment for the skidsteer

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg. Carried.

- **Water Meter Installation Estimates:**

- Two estimates were received to install 105 new water meters in South Rushford. Vis Plumbing–Heating–Air Conditioning ¾” brass ball valve \$10,500.00 or ¾” bronze (recommended) ball valve \$13,650.00 and STS Plumbing & Heating 1” bronze (recommended) ball valve \$19,879.13
- Hart questioned why STS used 1” ball valves and Vis used ¾” ball valves. Hart stated he would like to know why STS estimated a 1” bronze ball valve and what the STS estimate would be with the ¾” bronze ball valve
- Ebner stated there would not be a difference as far as performance between ¾” and 1” and he did not think the STS estimate would change drastically with a quote for ¾” size and that Vis would remain the low bid
- Ebner will reach out to STS to get answers to these questions

Motion made to go with the lowest estimate contingent on checking with STS to see what their estimate would be for ¾” and why they estimated a 1” ball valve Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg. Carried.

- Ebner contacted STS:

- STS quoted 1” because they do not know for sure what size they would find when they go to replace the water meters and they would rather estimate it high because of that.

- STS estimate for the ¾” bronze ball valves would be \$15.00 less per meter which comes out to \$1,575.00 which brings their estimate down to \$18,304.13
- Vis Plumbing-Heating-Air Conditioning remains the lowest estimate for ¾” bronze ball valve at \$13,650.00

OTHER:

• **Featherstone Farms Final 60% Principal MIF loan Reimbursement \$12,952.19:**

- Featherstone Fruit & Vegetable paid off their MIF loan in full in 2022. The final 60% principal reimbursement is \$12,952.19

Motion made to approve the final Featherstone Fruit & Vegetable 60% MIF principal reimbursement in the amount of \$12,952.19 Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ebner. Carried.

• **CRV Employee Guide Update:**

- Miner and Hart reported they along with Roger Knutson have been working on the Employee Guide
- Overland questioned the amount of sick time the new guide shows which is 8 hours of sick pay accrued per month for a total of 96 hours per year for a full-time employee compared to 24 hours of sick pay a full-time employee gets now. Currently sick and holiday pay are together for a total of 96 hours (24 sick/72 holiday) per year for a full-time employee.
- The final draft should be completed soon for the Council to review and make the final decisions before it is sent to Paul Ness for his final review

• **Rebecca Charles-CEDA Annual/Monthly Reports:**

- Charles was not present because of bad weather but was available by phone if needed
- Charles sent her monthly and annual reports for the Council to review
- Ebner questioned why Charles was helping other organizations put together their trail plans. Overland and Miner assured Ebner this is not what is happening. The Council gave Charles permission to share findings from the CRV Trail Study with any organization asking for information
- Hart questioned why Charles talked about a meat processing plant. Overland explained Charles asked for types of businesses CRV might try to pull in and a meat processing plant was one of them. Charles does not have authority or make any offers or promises on behalf of CRV
- Ebner questioned why the Comp Plan is on hold. The Comp Plan was on hold while she was working on the trail study but she will be working on it again now
- Hart has concerns about things being written that makes it sound like the Council is approving something, when they are not approving anything, it was just a study that took place.

OTHER UPDATES / MEETINGS:

- March 21-24, 2023-Miner attending MCFOA Conference-St. Cloud
- April 17-21, 2023-CRV Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Open Book at Fillmore County Assessor’s Office

Next Meetings: Council: March 7 and March 21, 2023 @ 7:00 pm at CRV Hall Office

Zoning: March 21, 2023 @ 5:30 pm at CRV Hall Office

Motion made to Adjourn Regular Council Meeting at 7:24 pm by Ruberg, 2nd by Ebner. Carried