

CITY OF RUSHFORD VILLAGE MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2025
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
43038 State Hwy 30, Rushford Village, Minnesota 55971-5167

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The July 15, 2025 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, City Attorney Joseph O’Koren, Treasurer Judy Graham and Clerk Mary Miner
Absent: Travis Link

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

MINUTES from the July 1, 2025 Liquor Ordinance #20 and Gambling Ordinance #21 Public Hearings approved as presented Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg, Carried.

MINUTES from the July 1, 2025 Regular Council Meeting approved as presented Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg, Carried.

CITIZENS/OTHERS PRESENT: Jayme Longmire-CEDA, Kirsten Zoellner-Fillmore County Journal

FINANCIALS: Receipts as of July 15, 2025 \$2,912.14, Expenses as of July 15, 2025 \$82,642.11 (F550 \$58,475.00)
Estimated July Receipts \$78,000.00/Estimated July Expenses \$71,000.00
CD’s renewing at current advertised rates

Motion to approve the financials are presented Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ebner. Carried.

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

New Permits: None

Permit Status/Projects in Process/Inquiries/Updates: Nothing new to report at this time

ROADS/WATER/SEWER:

- **Roads/Utilities Update:** Ebner Reported
 - Universal Equipment, Centerville WI will have the 2025 F550 Ford plowing/sanding equipment installed next week
 - Dave Syverson Truck center started work on the Freightliner, work should be completed in 5-6 days
 - Hammels Equipment completed work on the McCommick tractor and ditch mower, they will look at the backhoe next
 - RDO completed the work on the John Deere grader
 - The Big Tex and Midsota trailers have been DOT inspected
 - Continue to remove trees from roads
 - The old merry-go-round has been reinstalled. Ebner will get a quote from Robin Rislove to install a concrete base and bolt pattern for the new ADA compliant merry-go-round
 - The Airport Dr sign has not been replaced. Ebner and Miner have both talked to MN DOT about this. There are other signs that need to be replaced, some we have on hand they just need to be put up
 - Ditch mowing needs to be done and the newly installed culvert at Dunn and Vogan needs work done to it
 - Overland reported Rick Lee has started his water and wastewater contract and is looking over water and wastewater reports
- **Big Tex 2013 Trailer:**
 - The only piece of equipment the trailer is big enough to be used for is the John Deere riding mower
 - The trailer needs to have a yearly DOT inspection
 - Ebner suggests down the road, purchasing a 10-foot aluminum trailer with a drive-up ramp to haul the riding mower. This would not require yearly DOT inspections
 - Ebner suggested selling the trailer at Darr Auction

Motion made to approve selling the Big Tax Trailer at Darr Auction Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg, Carried.

- Ebner will contact Darr Auction

- **STS Goodrich Street Storm Drain Quote:**

- Received estimate #4135 to replace the storm drain pump on Goodrich Street in the amount of \$3,575.68
- Ebner stated everything is working ok right now with just the one pump but if there was to be a lot of rain in a short amount of time it could be a problem. He would like to see the repairs done before there is an issue

Motion made to approve STS Plumbing Estimate #4135 for \$3,575.68 Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg, Carried.

- **STS Maintenance Shed Tube Heat Quote:**

- Received estimate #4134 to install a radiant tube heater on the north side of the maintenance shed in the amount of \$6,379.34
- Ebner would like to see this done by winter. This should complete the maintenance shed remodel

Motion made to approve STS Plumbing estimate #4134 for \$6,379.34

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg, Carried.

- **F550 Extended Warranty:**

- Pete Onsgard from Sugar Loaf Ford informed Miner extended warranties are no longer offered for the F550

- **Chip Sealing Project:**

- Miner reported the chip sealing project will be done July 23, 2025
- Pearson will place no parking signs Tuesday, July 22, 2025

OTHER:

- **Jayme Longmire-CEDA-Comp. Plan-Final: Public Works/Maintenance Supervisor Applications:**

- Longmire presented the Council with the revised final draft of the Comp Plan. The final plan will be printed on high quality paper and bound
- CRV will receive 4 bound copies, Hart suggested one copy be brought to the Rushford Library
- The Comp Plan will be added to the CRV website
- Longmire stated the next step is for the Council to review the goals listed at the end of the Comp Plan. For the August 5th Council meeting she would like the Council to have 2 or 3 goals they would like to consider working on and from there narrowing it down to 1 goal for her to focus on. The CRV CEDA contract is for 16 hours per month so focusing on one goal is highly recommended
- Longmire stated she understands budgeting concerns so now that the Comp Plan has been completed if the Council is not ready to move forward with any goals at this time the Council has options. They could end the current CEDA contract with a 30-day written notice, not renew the contract for 2026 or hire CEDA on a case by case basis which tends to be a little more expensive.
- Longmire stated if there is a goal the Council would like her to work on, they could continue with the contract to allow her to do research to the end of the year but she would need to have a work plan in place and guidance from the Council as to what they want her to do going forward
- Ebner stated he struggles with what CEDA can be used for because CRV is so different than other cities
- Overland stated this gives the Council something to think about and thanked her for the options

Motion to approve the Comp Plan as presented, four copies will be printed, one will go to the Rushford Library

Motion by Ruberg, 2nd by Ebner, Carried.

- **Public Works/Maintenance Supervisor Application Update:**

- Ruberg reported Hart, Miner and himself met earlier in the day to review and rate the applications received
- Seven applications were received, after rating them it was narrowed down to four that were called for interviews
- Three interviews will be Saturday, July 19th and one Tuesday, July 22nd

- **Southeast Service Coop (SSC) AI Seminar-August 11, 2025, 1 pm-3 pm-Rochester \$45.00:**

- Miner requested she be allowed to attend the AI seminar at the SSC in Rochester, cost \$45.00

Motion made to approve Miner attend the SSC AI Seminar at a cost of \$45.00

Motion by Ruberg, 2nd by Ebner, Carried.

- **Special Meeting:**

- Mayor Overland called a special meeting to consider the hiring of a new Public Works/Maintenance Supervisor
- Meeting will be held Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the CRV hall office
- Miner will post notice of the special meeting at designated businesses, CRV Hall and CRV website

OTHER UPDATES / MEETINGS:

- July 29, 2025-Tuesday-SEMLM Summer Meeting-Albert Lea, Wedgewood Cove
- July 31, 2025-Thursday-CEDA Annual Meeting-Visions Event Center, Winona-10:00 am-1:00 pm
 - At this time no one plans to attend either meeting

Next Meetings: Council: Special Meeting July 23, 2025 @ 7:00 pm; August 5, 2025 and August 19, 2025 Regular Council Meetings @ 7:00 at CRV Hall Office

Zoning: August 19, 2025 @ 5:30 pm at CRV Hall Office

Motion made to Adjourn Regular Council Meeting at 7:28 pm by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg. Carried