

CITY OF RUSHFORD VILLAGE MINUTES OF July 7, 2026
FARMERS WIN COOP CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PUBLIC HEARING and
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
43038 State Hwy 30, Rushford Village, Minnesota 55971-5167

Farmers Win Coop Conditional Use Permit Public Hearing 6:45 pm

The July 7, 2026 Farmers Win Coop Conditional Use Permit Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Dennis Overland at 6:45 p.m. in the Rushford Village Office. Council Members present: Mike Ebner, Travis Link, Robert Hart and Rick Ruberg; Public Works/Maintenance Supervisor Darrin Dessner, Planning/Zoning Administrator Jon Pettit, City Attorney Joseph O’Koren, Treasurer Judy Graham and Clerk Mary Miner

CITIZENS/OTHERS PRESENT: Derek Olinger-Bolton & Menk by phone, Wanda Hanson-Fillmore County Journal, Gary Brown & Josh Brown-Brown’s Tire, Tony Kjos, Eric Johnson, Doug Heintz, Travis Blockhus, Ronald Cruise, Tannor Burke-Farmers Win Coop, Steve Highum

Public Hearing purpose is to solicit public comments regarding Farmers Win Coop Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Application to allow an agricultural warehousing and distribution facility and placement of fill within the floodplain at the property immediately west of 45004 State Highway 43 at Parcel ID: 050166040

- Pettit reported Derek Olinger from Bolton & Menk has been working with Farmers Win Coop to make sure everything is done correctly
- Olinger stated the Conditional Use Permit is required because this is an agricultural warehouse & distribution facility and placement of fill within the floodplain
- A CUP application requires a public hearing which gives anyone with concerns to voice their concerns. Once all concerns are heard it is recommended the Council approve the CUP with conditions
- The overall site use with the CUP is allowed by code. There are no issues with the building design or setbacks, parking requirements and in regards to the floodplain, based on what has been submitted so far Bolton and Menk does not have any concerns that they will not be able to obtain approval
- Recommended conditions listed in draft resolution include:
 - Provide Wastewater loading and design information for the grinder station, as well as Operation and maintenance manuals for the new sanitary sewer equipment.
 - Provide easement for wastewater grinder and piping. The easement should include both the new and existing pipe and grinders between applicable buildings and the highway.
 - Approval is contingent upon review by the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources with all associated requirements. Olinger does not expect any comments from either department
 - No Outdoor storage will be allowed on the site without amending the CUP
 - Dust control applied regularly to gravel roads
- Hart received a question about runoff going into the Root River. Olinger stated Farmers Win Coop developer and design team have been submitting design information and running a river model through the area and plugging in their proposed development into that to insure any impacts to the floodplain are within the acceptable range. This area is in the flood fringe not the flood way which means there does not tend to be as much moving water and fill within these areas and it does not tend to effect the floodplain as much. Based on what Olinger and his review team at Bolton & Menk have seen so far they do not see any red flags up to this point. Farmers Win Coop have proposed the installation of a stormwater treatment pond that would treat and manage any of the runoff coming from the site. As part of the overall review Bolton and Menk will make sure this is designed in accordance with state requirements

Motion made to Close the Public Hearing at 6:57 pm

Motion by Ruberg, 2nd by Ebner. Carried.

Regular Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The July 7, 2026 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, Robert Hart and Rick Ruberg; Public Works/Maintenance Supervisor Darrin Dessner, Planning/Zoning Administrator Jon Pettit, City Attorney Joseph O’Koren, Treasurer Judy Graham and Clerk Mary Miner

Motion made to approve Resolution 2026-07-07-CUP for an Agricultural Warehousing & Distribution Facility AND Placement of fill within the Floodplain on Parcel ID: 050166040 as presented

Motion by Ruberg, 2nd by Ebner, Carried.

CITIZENS/OTHERS PRESENT: Wanda Hanson-Fillmore County Journal/ Stayed for motion on Resolution 2026-07—
07-Farmers Win Coop CUP action only-Derek Olinger-Bolton & Menk by phone, Gary Brown & Josh Brown-Brown's Tire, Tony Kjos, Eric Johnson, Doug Heintz, Travis Blockhus, Ronald Cruise, Tannor Burke-Farmers Win Coop, Steve Highum

AGENDA was approved as presented

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg, Carried.

MINUTES from the June 16, 2026 Fee Schedule Ordinance #22 Public Hearing and Regular Council Meetings approved as presented

Motion by Ebner, 2nd by Link, Carried.

FINANCIALS: June Expenses \$54,683.35, June Receipts \$369,640.05
Outstanding Checks as of 6/30/2026 \$25,020.59, Bank Balance as of 6/30/2026 \$409,347.93
Estimated July Receipts \$60,000.00/Estimated July Expenses \$87,000.00
CD's renewing at current advertised rates

Motion to approve the financials are presented

Motion by Link, 2nd by Ebner. Carried.

- **2027 Proposed Levy:**

- Proposed Budget Report through June 30, 2026 was provided for review. Miner stated it is time to start thinking about the 2027 proposed budget. Preliminary budget has to be done in September. Dessner and the Equipment Committee will get a list together for the budget

- **Rushford Community Foundation Generator Grant:**

- \$1,000.00 was received. Should it go into a CD or into General Fund and designated for a generator

Motion made to deposit into the General Fund Checking account showing it is dedicated for a generator

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ebner, Carried.

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

New Permits:

- #1783-Rick Ruberg-Demolition of House, Pump House, Milk House-Ridgeview Rd
- #1784-Steve Wenzel-Reside-Plummer St
- #1785-Janet & Brett Wynia-Siding, Windows, Roof-Hayes St

Permit Status/Projects in Process/Inquiries/Updates: Pettit Reported

- **Farmers Win Coop:**

- The Farmer Win Coop Conditional Use Permit was approved by the CRV Council tonight
- He had a long discussion with Rasmussen about areas available for building but until those with the land are willing to do something there is not much that can happen

ROADS/WATER/SEWER:

- **Roads/Utilities Update:** Dessner reported

- Lead and Copper resident sampling has been completed and samples have been mailed
- McCarthy Well said they could possibly come this week to install the new flow meter at the pump house
- Dessner and Johnson will be attending the MN Rural Water training in Rushford for water and wastewater in July
- Multiple roads had washing and a few roads had trees down after the July 2nd rain event. Grading will continue to fix the washes. Aspen Road had the worst washing
- The McCormick tractor oil pressure light is on, the oil pressure switch was replaced but the light remains on, working with Hammells

OTHER:

- **2026 Spring Clean Up Recap:**

- 2026 spring clean-up had a loss of \$1,114.19, 2025 spring clean-up had a loss of \$998.34.
- This year was slower but the slight price increase helped offset the cost. \$920.00 was taken in and \$2,034.19 was spent on wages, the roll-off, disposing of electronics and advertising
- Suggested to stay away from scheduling the same weekend as Mother's Day

- **South Rushford Park Playground Equipment:**

- Overland stated he had a South Rushford resident approach him to let him know they would be willing to spearhead a project to improve the South Rushford Park playground equipment. This committee would get prices together and might be interested in doing fund raising to help pay for the equipment and Jayme Longmire from CEDA could apply for grants once it is determined what is wanted.
- Overland asked the Council for the OK to get a committee formed. Once it is known who will be on the committee Overland will let Miner know so she can send the information to the Council

Motion made to allow Dennis to set up a committee

Motion by Ebner, 2nd by Hart, Carried.

OTHER UPDATES / MEETINGS:

- July 10, 2026, Friday-Miner PTO at 10:00 am
- July 15-16, Wednesday-Thursday-Dessner and Johnson attend MN Rural Water/Wastewater Classes-Rushford
- July 14-28, 2026-Filing period for CRV open seats- 1 mayor, 2 Council-CRV Hall Office
- July 20, 2026, Monday-Election Judge/Clerk Processes & Equipment Training-1-4 pm-Preston
- August 9-16, 2026-Dessner PTO
- August 11, 2026, Tuesday-State Primary Election Day-7:00 am-8:00 pm at CRV Community Center

Next Meetings: **Council:** July 21, 2026 @ 7:00 pm and August 4, 2026 @ 7:00 pm at CRV Hall Office

Zoning: July 21, 2026 @ 5:30 pm at CRV Hall Office

Motion made to Adjourn Regular Council Meeting at 7:13 pm by Hart, 2nd by Link.