

Rock Creek City Council
Summary Minutes
December 7, 2023

The Rock Creek City Council meeting was called to order at 7PM by Mayor Johnson.

Members present: Dick Johnson, Ronnie Berdan, Dan Saumer, Sam Christenson and Don Ramberg.

Others: Curt Kubesh, Amy Thompson, Ashley Rauschnot, Mark Muellner, Ron Teeman, Jason Teeman, April & Joe Anderson, Don Burger, Jonathan Lee, Terry Lee and Bob Carlson.

Ronnie Berdan moved seconded by Don Ramberg to approve the November 2, 2023 Council minutes. Motion carried all ayes.

Don Ramberg moved seconded by Sam Christenson to approve the November 27, 2023 TNT minutes. Motion carried all ayes.

Mayor Dick Johnson turned the meeting over to Acting Mayor Ronnie Berdan recusing himself from the following discussion.

Don Ramberg motioned seconded by Dan Saumer that Mark Muellner must immediately pay the current fine of \$500 to avoid further late fees, that no further fines will be issued until the new deadline of July 31, 2024 for cleaning up the property, if the property is not cleaned up by July 31, 2024 all fines will be retroactive to December 7, 2023 with all late fees accumulated. Mark must keep in contact with the city office every 30-days to give an update as to the progress that has been made in cleaning up the junkyard. Motion carried all ayes.

Acting Mayor Ronnie Berdan turned the meeting back over to Mayor Dick Johnson.

Ronnie Berdan motioned seconded by Don Ramberg that Terry Lee must immediately pay the current fine of \$500 to avoid further late fees, that no further fines will be issued until the new deadline of July 31, 2024 for cleaning up the property, if the property is not cleaned up by July 31, 2024 all fines will be retroactive to December 7, 2023 with all late fees accumulated. Terry must continue to stay in contact with the city office every 30-days to give an update as to the progress that has been made in cleaning up the junkyard. Motion carried all ayes.

Ronnie Berdan moved seconded by Don Ramberg to approve the Resolution adopting the 2023 proposed tax levy collectible in 2024, upon taxable property in the City of Rock Creek, for the following purposes.

General Fund	\$70,000
Road & Bridge	\$80,000
Fire	<u>\$60,000</u>
Total	\$210,000

Motion carried all ayes.

Don Ramberg moved seconded by Ronnie Berdan to adopt the Final Budget for 2024 as proposed. Motion carried all ayes.

Discussion held regarding fire protection for the City of Rock Creek.

The current contract with Pine City for fire protection commenced on January 1, 2023 at 0000 hours and shall expire December 31, 2023 at 2359 hours unless terminated earlier as provided herein.

The proposed contract with the City of Pine City for fire protection is a nine (9) year contract. *Term shall commence on January 1, 2024 at 0000 hours, and shall expire on December 31, 2032 at 2359 hours unless terminated earlier as provided herein. The contract may be terminated at any time during its term by mutual agreement of the parties, by personally serving a 180-day written notice of termination on the other party.*

The proposed contract includes a 5% increase per year for operating costs.

Ronnie Berdan motioned seconded by Don Ramberg to contract with the City of Rush City for 100% coverage for fire protection for the City of Rock Creek effective January 1, 2024. The current fire protection contract with the City of Pine City will expire on December 31, 2023 and the City of Rock Creek will not be signing a new contract for fire protection with the City of Pine City. On roll call vote motion passed with Dan Saumer nay, Sam Christenson nay, Don Ramberg aye, Ronnie Berdan aye and Dick Johnson aye.

Dan Saumer motioned seconded by Ronnie Berdan to approve the Resolution Establishing Precinct and Polling Place for the City of Rock Creek; Precinct 1 - Entire City limits of the City of Rock Creek, Polling Place – Rock Creek City Center, 7000 State Hwy 70, Junction of Highway 70 and County Road 61. Motion carried all ayes.

Don Ramberg moved seconded by Ronnie Berdan to adopt the Resolution to make the City of Rock Creek's Elected Officials "Employees" for work comp. Motion passed all ayes.

Sam Christenson motioned seconded by Don Ramberg approval of the City Council Payroll for 2023. Motion carried all ayes.

Don Ramberg moved seconded by Ronnie Berdan approval of Interim Use Permit # IUP-23-002/Josh Froelich allowing the operation of Short-Term Rental with the conditions listed on the findings of fact and decision pending the receipt of the Well Water Sample Results AND a Copy of the MN Dept. of Health License. Motion passed with all ayes.

Sam Christenson motioned seconded by Ronnie Berdan denial of the application for Interim Use Permit # IUP-23-003/April Anderson allowing her to keep up to two (2) horses in the R-1 Residential District (Rock Creek Estates, A Division of Gallager Farms) because of the complaints already received. Motion carried all ayes.

Dan Saumer motioned seconded by Don Ramberg that the existing horse on the property in the Rock Creek Estates Development, A Division of Gallager Farms must be removed by January 2, 2024 as the application for IUP-23-003/April Anderson was denied because of the complaints already received. Motion carried all ayes.

Don Ramberg motioned seconded by Ronnie Berdan to hire Tucker Kubesh as a Temporary Seasonal Public Works Employee. Motion carried all ayes.

Sam Christenson motioned by Don Ramberg approval payment of check #'s 16986 – 17017 and e-transfers totaling \$88,291.40. Motion passed all in favor.

Don Ramberg moved seconded by Ronnie Berdan to adjourn at 8:48PM. Motion carried all ayes.

Sandra Pangerl
City Clerk Administrator