

**City of Rock Creek  
City Council Minutes  
December 4, 2025 - 6PM**

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Mayor Dick Johnson called the Rock Creek City Council meeting to order at 6PM with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor Dick Johnson, Council Members Dan Saumer, Sam Christenson, Nancy Rys and Don Ramberg.

Others present: Public Works Curt Kubesh, Deputy Clerk Ashley Rauschnot, Amanda Johnson from Eckberg and Lammers P.C., Larry Hansen and interested citizens.

Dan Saumer motioned seconded by Don Ramberg approval of the November 6, 2025 Council meeting minutes. Motion carried all ayes.

Don Ramberg motioned seconded by Dan Saumer approval of the November 10, 2025 Special Assessment Public Hearing minutes. Motion carried all ayes and Sam Christenson abstaining.

Nancy Rys motioned seconded by Sam Christenson approval of the November Disbursements. Motion carried all ayes.

Don Ramberg moved seconded by Dan Saumer approval of the Resolution for the 2025 Proposed Tax Levy Collectible in 2026; General Fund \$210,000.00. Motion carried all ayes.

Nancy Rys moved seconded by Don Ramberg approval of the Final Budget for 2026 as proposed. Motion carried all ayes.

Sam Christenson motioned seconded by Dick Johnson approval of the Liquor Licenses for the Time Out Bar & Grill / Christopher Steenberg. Motion carried all in favor.

Don Ramberg motioned seconded by Sam Christenson 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.

Dan Saumer moved seconded by Sam Christenson to adopt the Resolution to make the City of Rock Creek's Elected Officials "Employees" for Work Compensation Coverage. Motion passed all ayes.

Dan Saumer motioned seconded by Nancy Rys approval of the City Council Payroll for 2025. Motion carried all ayes.

Don Ramberg motioned seconded by Sam Christenson approval of Minor Subdivision MSD-25-004/Oliver Rauschnot pending approval of a variance application with the public hearing scheduled for the January 6, 2026 Council meeting. Motion carried all ayes.

Don Ramberg motioned seconded by Sam Christenson approval of Conditional Use Permit CUP-25-002/Josh Froelich to restore and erect a Historic Fire Watch Tower at Naure Shores Resort on parcel R43.0113.001 with the following conditions:

1. Copy of Insurance must be submitted to the City on an annual basis.
2. Copy of Inspections must be submitted to the City on an annual basis

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3. Copy of Report from the Structural Engineer must be submitted to the City every 5 years.
4. Stairways must be screened in per insurance company standards.
5. All laws, rules and regulations shall be complied with and all necessary permits obtained.
6. Hours of operation will be aligned with Nature Shores Resort hours and quiet times.
7. The height of the tower cannot exceed 115 feet.
8. The conditional use permit shall be reviewed on an annual basis, at which time conditions to protect the integrity of the neighborhood or health and safety maybe added. Conditions will be enforced by City Staff or Council. Should the conditions not be met, the Conditional Use Permit will be terminated.
9. If the Business is discontinued for at least one year, the Conditional Use Permit will be terminated.
10. It is the applicant's responsibility to notify the City if the business is discontinued or if there is a transfer of property of ownership.

This Conditional Use Permit authorizes only the conditional use specified in the permit and expires if for any reason the authorized use ceases for more than one year. This permit is being issued under Section 1000.13: Rec-1 Recreational District, Subdivision 3; Conditional Uses. And 1000.25: Conditional Use Permits. Motion carried all ayes.

Dan Saumer motioned seconded by Nancy Rys approval of the City of Rock Creek paying 100% of the premium rate, that 0.00% will be deducted from employee's pay in 2026 for the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). Motion Carried all ayes.

Dan Saumer motioned seconded by Don Ramberg to charge an additional rental fee of \$50.00 to the November 28, 2025 rental due a window being left open. Motion carried all ayes.

Nancy Rys motioned seconded by Sam Christenson approval of terminating Conditional Use Permit 6-CUP-02 /Neal Gay after receiving confirmation from him that he hasn't used the pit in four plus (4+) years and no longer requires the conditional use permit. Motion carried all ayes.

Don Ramberg motioned seconded by Sam Christenson approval of terminating Conditional Use Permits CUP-23-001 and CUP-23-002 / Volkmann Unlimited Incorporated DBA DS Auto Sales Inc. after receiving confirmation from Larry Volkmann that he is no longer in business and does not require the conditional use permits. Motion carried all ayes.

Sam Christenson motioned seconded by Dick Johnson to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:35PM. Motion carried all ayes.

Sandra Pangerl  
City Administrator