

**City of Rock Creek
City Council Unapproved Minutes
February 5, 2026 - 6PM**

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

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

Others present: Public Works Curt Kubesh, Deputy Clerk Ashley Rauschnot, and interested citizens.

Dan Saumer motioned seconded by Don Ramberg approval of the January 6, 2026 Council Meeting minutes. Motion carried all ayes.

Don Ramberg motioned seconded by Dan Saumer approval of the January Disbursements. Motion carried all ayes.

Don Ramberg moved seconded by Dan Saumer to approve the City Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2025. Motion carried with Don Ramberg, Dan Saumer, Dick Johnson and Sam Christenson aye, Nancy Rys no vote.

Dan Saumer motioned seconded by Don Ramberg to hold a public hearing at the March 5, 2026 meeting to discuss adding the Rush City Fire Department, the Pine City Fire Department and the Braham Fire Department to the trade area in Subdivision 1 of Gambling Ordinance #71. Motion carried all ayes.

Dan Saumer motioned seconded by Don Ramberg to advertise for gravel bids. The loading and hauling of approximately 4,000 to 5,000 yards of gravel. The City requires a bond of \$40,000.00 be posted within 10-days after the contractor receives written acceptance of their bid, guaranteeing the gravel will be hauled after removal of road restrictions and by July 1, 2026. Bids to be opened during the March 5, 2026 City Council meeting that starts at 6PM. Contractors who submit a bid must be present. Motion carried all ayes.

Don Ramberg motioned seconded by Nancy Rys to approve the Low Impact Business Application for Donald Peterman on parcel R43.0616.001 for the impound vehicle holding site for a towing company as the business is a legal nonconforming use and is grandfathered in. Motion carried all ayes.

Sam Christenson motioned seconded by Dan Saumer approval of the Resolution to Adopt the 2025 Pine County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried all ayes.

Dan Saumer motioned seconded by Sam Christenson approval of the Agreement with Pine County to recognize the administrative burden of this minimal allocation of \$304.80 and yields this allocation to Pine County to help offset county election expenses in 2025 and 2026. Motion carried all ayes.

Dan Saumer motioned seconded by Don Ramberg to approve the purchase of a 9,000-gallon tank for the Fire Substation. Motion carried all ayes.

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Don Ramberg motioned seconded by Sam Christenson approval of the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Rush City and the City of Rock Creek for a Fire Substation. Motion carried all ayes.

Sam Christenson motioned seconded by Dick Johnson to approve the renewal of membership with the Pine County Historical Society in the amount of \$500.00. Motion carried all ayes.

Don Ramberg motioned seconded by Sam Christenson approval of a \$500.00 donation to the Pine City Summer Rec Program. Motion carried all ayes.

Sam Christenson motioned seconded by Don Ramberg to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:20PM. Motion carried all ayes.

Sandra Pangerl
City Administrator