

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF ROCK CREEK
April 6, 2023**

The Rock Creek City Council meeting was called to order at 7:02PM by Acting Mayor Berdan.

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

Absent: Dick Johnson.

Others: Curt Kubesh, Bob Carlson, Eric White, Carl Pederson, Amy Thompson, Ron Teeman, Stephen Hallan, Dave Hill, Tom Miller, Loreal Lindstrom, Shawn Linnell, Don Burger, Wendy Bloom, Terry Peterson, Les Bloom, Perry Carlson, Brandon Wimmer.

Ramberg moved seconded by Christenson to approve the March 2, 2023 Council minutes. Motion carried all ayes.

Saumer motioned seconded by Ramberg approval of Conditional Use Permit, CUP-23-003 / Bob Lindstrom with the conditions listed in the Finding of Fact and Decision. Motion carried all ayes.

The City of Pine City's Mayor Carl Pederson, Councilmember Dave Hill and Fire Chief Tom Miller were present to discuss fire protection. Mayor Pederson stated "There is a lot of dialogs going on with the fire contracts and the future potential of a change in the direction."

Fire Chief Miller presented the detail on a longer-term contract. The reason a nine-year contract was presented is to show the amortization to get to the end of the ten-year in paying for the pumper and an engine. And there is language in the contract that if any of the municipalities that Pine City serves do decide to leave, the language is there to give notice and leave. Also reflected in the paper contract, trying to spell out in black & white that through the term of this contract, capital things that were funded were; there is no question of where did the money go.

Pine City Councilmember Dave Hill explained where the council is coming from. "If the break comes, and Rock Creek goes completely with Rush City just understand that I'm only one vote, one councilmember out of five, that we'll have to take a hard look at that mutual aid contract with anybody that serves Rock Creek. We'll have to look at other avenues, if they decide they want us to help them – on how that's going to be charged out, it won't be at gratis I'll guarantee you. If we don't have a vested interested in this property, why would we be obligated – why should we have to pay to send our fire department down when we have nothing to do with this territory. If Rock Creek goes with Rush City for the entire territory, if Rush City or Rock Creek wants Pine City to come and put out the fires with Rush City, we are not going to do it on a gratis or we help you, you help us, the cost will have to change – there will be a cost for each machine so much for each man."

Rock Creek feels we are being charged to much at the present time, it is only the monetary part of the bill that we're discussing. It's such a drastic difference in lateral coverage. There is nothing wrong with either fire department. We do not understand how Pine City depreciates the equipment - length of loan versus length of service. Rock Creek is looking at a fiscal requirement to our citizens and exploring options.

Councilmembers thanked Pine City for coming to this meeting to discuss fire protection for the City of Rock Creek.

Christenson motioned seconded by Ramberg to withdraw the account funds of CD #797701-30 at the maturity date of April 22, 2023 from Spire Credit Union. To take these funds and purchase a CD from First Citizens Bank in Mora with Mayor Dick Johnson, Treasurer Ashley Rauschnot and City Clerk Administrator Sandra Pangerl as responsible parties. Motion carried all ayes.

Christenson motioned seconded by Ramberg approval of the 2023 Fire Contract with the City of Rush City. Motion carried all ayes.

Saumer motioned seconded by Christenson to proceed with hiring MidState Reclamation and Trucking to apply Base One Stabilizer on Nature Avenue North and if the cost is less than \$55,000 on Emerald Ave. Motion carried all ayes.

Christenson motioned seconded by Saumer to hire Doug Brown and Billy Brown as emergency contract workers paying each \$75.00. Motion carried all ayes.

Ramberg motioned seconded by Saumer to appoint Josh Froelich to the Rock Creek Planning Commission, first term is May 15, 2023 to July 31, 2024. Motion carried all ayes.

Ramberg motioned seconded by Saumer approval of the application LIB-23-002 for a Low Impact Business for Andrew Sutcliff to operate Kodah Contracting. Motion carried all ayes.

Saumer moved seconded by Christenson to approve the Easement Agreement with Pine County, for a term of 5 years. Motion carried all ayes.

Saumer motioned seconded by Ramberg to contract with Midco for internet service; Up to 100Mbps for 60 months at a cost of \$75.00/monthly along with a modem lease of \$12/monthly. Motion carried all ayes.

Saumer motioned by Ramberg to approve payment of check #'s 16659 – 16696 and e-transfers totaling \$239,126.55. Motion passed all in favor.

Ramberg motioned seconded by Christenson to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:56PM. Motion carried all ayes.

Sandra Pangerl
City Clerk Administrator