

City of Pillager
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2025

Mayor Adam Sparrow called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance being said. Members present by roll call: Adam Sparrow, Rob Freelove, Joe Klein, and Wade Mortenson

Absent: Leroy Smith

Staff present: Lori Blumke, Guy Efraimson and Tom Youngblom

Visitors present: Alexander Hardy

Mayor Sparrow opened the regular council meeting and began by asking if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. He requested to add under New Business #5 MOU regarding Public Works during supervisor's leave of absence. Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Freelove to accept the agenda with this addition. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Freelove, second by Council Mortenson to accept the consent agenda with the following items:

1. Minutes of August 12, 2025 Regular Meeting
2. August 2025 Cash Control Statement
3. August 2025 Expenses
4. Financial Monthly Analysis
5. Accept donations

The motion carried unanimously.

Visitor Forum - None

Public Works

Supervisor Guy Efraimson reported on: new street paving and next steps for shouldering, MN Rural Water will assist the city in filling out a grant through Well Head Protection for well pump VFDs, update on Control Structure 1 from Bollig, resident concern about cemetery stone, will further review treatment program for sewer ponds, and reviewed a quote for a new pump at the main lift station.

Motion by Council Klein, seconded by Council Mortenson to accept the quote from WW Goetsch to purchase the HPS4HCX pump for the main lift station. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business - None

New Business

Council Smith, City Clerk and Public Works Supervisor attended a meeting with MNDot and Sylvan Township regarding the roundabout construction scheduled to begin Spring of 2027. Plans for this project are 60% complete. Cost participation between the City of Pillager and Sylvan Township was discussed.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Klein to update Ordinance No. 53 – City of Pillager Water Use. Committee members will be Council Mortenson and Council Klein, Public Works department and city clerk. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Klein to reimburse Double V Properties – Travis and Jamie VanVickle for overpayment on 3 building permits. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Klein, seconded by Council Mortenson to reschedule the November Regular City Council meeting to Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Klein to reschedule the November Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Freelove, seconded by Council Klein to approve the 2026 Budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Klein to certify the Proposed Levy for 2026 in the amount of \$385,149.42 which is a 2.5% increase from the previous year. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Klein, seconded by Council Mortenson to increase Justin Rogers wage effective September 25, 2025 to Grade 9 Step 6 while the Public Works Supervisor is gone on leave. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Freelove, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve monthly bills as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Klein to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Adam Sparrow - Mayor



Lori Blumke - City Clerk