

**City of Pillager  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
November 12, 2024**

Mayor Adam Sparrow called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance being said.

Council Members present by roll call: Mayor Adam Sparrow, Council Member Rob Freelove, Council Member Joe Klein, Council Member Wade Mortenson and Council Member Leroy Smith

Staff present: Lori Blumke, Justin Rogers and Tom Youngblom

Visitors present: Alex Zelenski and Bethany Soderlund

Mayor Sparrow began by asking if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Council Mortenson requested to add under New Business #4 - Pillager Booster Club application for a gambling license. Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Freelove to accept the agenda with this addition. The motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Minutes of October 8, 2024 Regular Meeting
2. October 2024 Cash Control Statement
3. October 2024 Expenses
4. Financial Monthly Analysis
5. Accept Matching Fund Grant from Sourcewell for \$50,000.00
6. Accept bid from Elite Fence & Deck for fence replacement at the City Park

The motion carried unanimously.

**Visitor Forum - None**

**Public Works Report**

Justin Rogers reviewed the Public Works report submitted in packets. Other items discussed: condition of lawn mowers, cemetery restoration and bid process for the city grader.

**Old Business**

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Chief Tom Youngblom will be moved for discussion to the closed session.

**New Business**

Alex Zelinski was in attendance to review a proposal he has for the council to consider regarding the parcel next to him in The Crossing that he may want to purchase. After discussion, additional information will be researched for the next council meeting.

The Council discussed the Pillager Family Center lease agreement which remains in effect until November 2025 and possible changes to the park next to the City Hall building.

Discussion was held regarding an application for a gambling license from the Booster Club. No license is needed based on their non-profit status and dollar amount of prizes.

**Canvassing of Election Results**

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Smith to accept the Canvassing Report from Cass County for the General Election on November 5, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Mortenson to close the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m. and move into a closed meeting for contract negotiations. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Smith to reopen the regular meeting at 8:26 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Freelove, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Police Chief Tom Youngblom. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Klein, seconded by Council Freelove to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.



**Adam Sparrow - Mayor**



**Lori Blumke - City Clerk**