

**City of Pillager
City Council Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2026**

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

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

Absent: Council Member Wade Mortenson

Staff present: Lori Blumke, Guy Efraimson, and Tom Youngblom

Visitors present: Kim Gibbs, Jerry Kleinschmidt, Eric Miller, Bob and Cathy Tripp

Mayor Adam Sparrow opened the regular meeting and began by asking if there are any additions or deletions to the agenda. He requested to add under New Business #3 – Discuss Portable Toilet and Garbage pickup for the community dock and under New Business #4 – Approve 2026-2027 Liquor Licenses for The Shante, Huntin' Shack Tavern, LLC and KC's Uptown Saloon, Inc. Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Freelove to accept the agenda with these additions. The motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Minutes of April 14, 2026 Regular Meeting
2. April 2026 Cash Control Statement
3. April 2026 Expenses
4. Financial Monthly Analysis
5. Resolution No. 051226-01 Authorizing the Transition to a .gov Domain
6. Accept Donation of \$50.00 from William Gay to the Police Dept.
7. Approve 2 Day Temporary Liquor License application for the Pillager Fair from Cass County Agricultural Society
8. Approve Gambling License application (Bingo) for the Pillager Fair from Cass County Agricultural Society
9. Resolution No. 051226-02 Approving Exchange of Services Agreement with Ultimate Septic Services
10. Resolution No. 051226-03 Approving Exchange of Services Agreement with Altrichter Excavating & Septic Services
11. Terminate Deputy Clerk non-union contract

The motion carried unanimously.

Visitor Forum

Kim Gibbs addressed council about clarification on having a fireworks display in the city limits. Chief Youngblom explained that there is paperwork that the licensed fireworks operator needs to fill out which will require the Chief of Police and Chief of the Fire Department to sign. Kim will follow through.

Old Business

Eric Miller with St. Charles Rentals addressed council about digging a drainage ditch on either side of the driveways at both of his rentals, to allow the water to be redirected. Rainwater puddles quickly, and thawing and refreezing becomes hazardous for his tenants. Motion by Council Freelove, seconded by Council Klein to allow Eric Miller to complete the work without presenting a problem to other residents and if so, will remedy any problems that arise. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Klein to fly the old Minnesota State Flag pending State Legislation or create a city flag with the Pillager logo on it as approved by residents. Voting in favor of: Council Members Klein and Smith. Voting against: Mayor Sparrow and Council Member Freelove. The motion fails as it did not achieve a majority. There was a tie vote.

New Business

Estimates from Jerry Kleinschmidt for basement repairs was tabled until the next meeting so that Jerry can obtain a few more quotes.

Purchase of city land by the Pillager school was tabled until the next meeting for additional information.

Council Mortenson arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Smith to provide a portable toilet located by the cemetery for the community dock through the end of October 2026 and revisit for next season. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve 2026-2027 Liquor Licenses for Huntin' Shack Tavern LLC, The Shante and KC's Uptown Saloon Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Report

Motion by Council Klein, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve the City Sanitary Sewer Backup Informational letter to be mailed to all city residents. The motion carried unanimously.

Guy Efraimson, Public Works Supervisor reported on quotes received for class 5, VFD's were installed on city wells at the water plant, and control panels for lift stations 1 and 2 have been delivered. Guy will make the necessary arrangements with the electrician for installation.

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

Motion by Council Klein, seconded by Council Freelove to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.


Adam Sparrow - Mayor


Lori Blumke - City Clerk