

**City of Pillager  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
July 14, 2026**

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

Members present by roll call: Joe Klein, Wade Mortenson and Leroy Smith

Members absent: Rob Freelove and Adam Sparrow

Staff present: Lori Blumke, Guy Efraimson and Tom Youngblom

Visitors present: Alex Hardy and Sue VanHal

Acting Mayor Wade Mortenson opened the regular meeting and began by asking if there are any additions or deletions to the agenda. He requested to remove under New Business #5 – Review request to vacate alley, Block 3 Peterson Addition. Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Klein to accept the agenda with this deletion. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Smith seconded by Council Klein to accept the consent agenda with the following items and move # 5 – Two pass-throughs from Pillager Lions Club - from the consent agenda to New Business #5.

1. Minutes of June 9, 2026 Regular Meeting
2. June 2026 Cash Control Statement
3. June 2026 Expenses
4. Financial Monthly Analysis
5. Two (2) Pass-Throughs from Pillager Lions Club - \$1,500.00 and \$3,600.00
6. Application for Exempt Permit for the Mule Deer Foundation
7. Donations – Pillager Fest
8. Downtown road closure for Pillager Fest
9. Alcohol sales during Pillager Fest in front of KC's Saloon in the fences off area

The motion carried unanimously.

**Visitor Forum - None**

**Bollig Engineering**

Planning/Design Engineer Mark Klema shared an update regarding the LRIP grant funding awarded to the city for the round-about project. After the city applied for LRIP funding, MnDOT announced that they would pay for our portion of the round-about. LRIP funding cannot be used for water and sewer utility relocation or any other project. Mark also reviewed the process of relocating city utilities for this project. Discussion was held regarding infrastructure needs because of potential growth in the city.

**Old Business**

Results from the poll conducted regarding flags that will be flown in the city were reviewed. Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Klein to follow the results of canvassing and fly the historical state flag. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Klein, seconded by Council Smith to approve Option #2 for the Verizon Lease Renewal Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

Motion by Council Klein, seconded by Council Smith to decline the LRIP grant funding. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Klein, seconded by Council Smith to approve the election judge list, as presented for the August Primary and November General elections. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Klein to adopt Resolution No. 0714-01 Amending the Boundaries of Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-4. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Klein to renew CD # 5014851 and #5014854 with Pine River State Bank to a 13-month 3.7% rate. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Klein, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve two pass-throughs from Pillager Lions Club to Spectrum Industrial Products and City of Pillager. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Works Report**

Guy Efraimson, Public Works Supervisor reported on communication received from Eric Miller with St. Charles Rentals regarding water issues at the end of his apartment driveways and an email received from Wiley Buck regarding his concerns at Pillager Point Pier. Guy to follow-up.

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

Motion by Council Klein, seconded by Council Smith to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
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Adam Sparrow - Mayor  
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Lori Blumke - City Clerk