

City of Pillager
Truth-In-Taxation/City Council Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2025

Mayor Adam Sparrow called the Truth in Taxation/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, Wade Mortenson and Leroy Smith.

Staff present: Lori Blumke and Justin Rogers

Visitors present: Greg and Lorna Manska

Truth In Taxation

Mayor Adam Sparrow opened the Truth in Taxation meeting and then asked for any public comment. There were no residents in attendance to speak about their proposed tax statements for 2026.

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve the 2026 Budget as presented. There were no changes made from the first approval in September 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Klein to approve the Certification of Final Levy for 2026 in the amount of \$385,149.42. This is a 2.5% increase from last year. The motion carried unanimously.

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Sparrow opened the regular council meeting and began by asking if there are any additions or deletions to the agenda.

1. Remove #7 – snow removal service agreement with Cass Co. Agricultural Society from the consent agenda for further discussion and add under New Business #3
2. Add under New Business #4 - Approve Pass-Through from the Pillager Lions Club to Cass Co. Agricultural Society for \$700.00
3. Add under New Business #5 – Comprehensive Planning -Review Update from Region Five Development Commission regarding Visioning Session in January – Assign council members to the planning team and choose a survey
4. Remove #8 – Resolution #12925-1 Exchange of Services Agreement with Ultimate Septic Service LLC from the consent agenda for further discussion and add under New Business #6
5. Remove #9 – Resolution #12925-2 Exchange of Services Agreement with Altrichter Excavating & Septic Services from the consent agenda for further discussion and add under New Business #7

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Freelove to accept the agenda with these changes.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Minutes of November 12, 2025 Regular Meeting
2. November 2025 Cash Control Statement
3. November 2025 Expenses
4. Financial Monthly Analysis
5. 2026 Meeting Dates and Application Deadline calendar
6. Impact Funding from Sourcewell - \$26,050.00

The motion carried unanimously.

Visitor Forum

Greg and Lorna Manska were in attendance to speak with council regarding the sewage dumping at the lift station by their home.

Public Works Report

Justin Rogers updated council and provided an incident report regarding a lift station issue and sewer backup into a resident's basement. He presented 2 quotes for a new lift station control panel and is expecting one more. After discussion, the city engineer will be contacted and a plan put in place to have necessary repairs completed to the lift station and implementation of a monitoring system. He also presented a quote for a winged push plow.

New Business

Motion by Council Klein, seconded by Council Freelove to approve Council members Joe Klein, Wade Mortenson and Rob Freelove to attend the League of Minnesota Cities Elected Leaders Institute. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Freelove to approve the Joint Powers Agreement with Sylvan Township for the MnDOT Road Improvement to include construction of a roundabout at MN Highway 210, 37th Avenue and Cass County Road 1. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Klein to approve the snow removal agreement with Cass County Agricultural Society with stated changes. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Klein to approve a pass-through from the Pillager Lions Club to the Cass County Agricultural Society in the amount of \$700.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Klein to assign Mayor Sparrow and Council Rob Freelove to the planning team for the Comprehensive Plan Visioning session. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Freelove, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve survey #1 titled - Copy of City of Pillager – Community Visioning Survey. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Freelove, seconded by Council Smith to approve Resolution #12925-1 – Exchange of Services Agreement with Ultimate Septic Service LLC with dumping location amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Freelove to approve Resolution #12925-2 – Exchange of Services Agreement with Altrichter Excavating & Septic Services with dumping location amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Freelove to allow Mayor Sparrow to sign checks to pay the remaining bills for December 2025 before the end of the year. 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 Freelove, seconded by Council Mortenson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



Adam Sparrow - Mayor



Lori Blumke - City Clerk