

**City of Pillager
City Council Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2025**

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 and Guy Efraimson

Visitors present: Jim Kramer, Mary Sandelands, Kelly Scegura and Bethany Soderlund

Mayor Sparrow opened the regular council meeting and began by asking if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. He requested the following changes: Under Old Business #2 delete – Comprehensive Planning review with Savannah Winkler from Region 5. Under New Business #3 add – Update on two purchase agreements received for lots in the Crossing and #4 add - Pillager Fest Update. Motion by Council Klein, seconded by Council Smith to accept the agenda with these changes. The motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Minutes of February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting
2. Minutes of February 25, 2025 Special Meeting
3. February 2025 Cash Control Statement
4. February 2025 Expenses
5. Financial Monthly Analysis

The motion carried unanimously.

Visitor Forum - None

Mayoral Proclamation

Mayor Adam Sparrow read his Proclamation recognizing the 125th Anniversary of the City of Pillager, MN. The year 2025 commemorates the quasiquicentennial year, celebrating 125 years as a city.

Old Business

Mary Sandelands and Kelly Scegura with MnDOT were in attendance to answer any questions the council may have regarding the roundabout project on Highway 210. Mary passed out a map and reviewed the need for MnDOT to obtain a temporary easement on city property. The council was able to ask additional questions regarding this project such as timeline, detour, utility infrastructure and cost. Further meetings will begin in May.

New Business

Community Development Administrator, Bethany Soderlund informed the council of a future multi-family development in the works which are on commercially zoned parcels and 3 surrounding parcels zoned commercial also but already have residential uses on them.

Motion by Council Klein, seconded by Council Mortenson to direct Community Development Administrator, Bethany Soderlund to begin the process of rezoning 5 lots on Meadowview Circle N and Palomino Avenue W from Commercial to Residential (R1). The motion carried unanimously.

Jim Kramers with KLD informed the council that he is working with buyers interested in purchasing Meadowview Apartments and the 2 lots that come with the existing rentals. The proposed plan would be to construct 12 additional rental units on those 2 lots. Once closed, they will come back to the city with site and utility plans.

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Mortenson to purchase back 1 cemetery lot in the amount of \$125.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sparrow updated the council regarding two purchase agreements recently received and accepted for 2 commercial lots in The Crossing.

Pillager Fest is scheduled tentatively for Saturday, September 20, 2025. Pillager Quasquicentennial t-shirts and community cookbooks will be on sale. The money raised will be used for Pillager Fest.

Public Works Report

Supervisor Guy Efraimson reviewed the Sanitary Survey Report just received from the MN Department of Health. This report summarizes an on-site inspection of the public water system and will be available for public review at the city hall. Guy also updated council on the Control Structure 1 project to tentatively begin this spring.

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

Motion by Council Klein, seconded by Council Smith to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



Adam Sparrow - Mayor



Lori Blumke - City Clerk