

City of Pillager
City Council Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2023

Mayor Adam Sparrow called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance being said. Council Members present were: Rob Freelove, Wade Mortenson, Leroy Smith and Shawn Thayer. Staff present were Lori Blumke and Chris Korwes.

Mayor Sparrow requested to add under Old Business #4 – Memorandum of Agreement for Police Officer Chase Reed and remove under New Business #3 – Lot Split Proposal from Zoe Zuhlsdorf.

Motion by Council Mortenson and seconded by Council Freelove to accept the agenda with the following changes:

Add under New Business #5 instead of Old Business #4 – Memorandum of Agreement for Police Officer Chase Reed and remove under New Business #3 - Lot Split Proposal from Zoe Zuhlsdorf. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sparrow proposed that the minutes of the March 14, 2023 Regular Meeting be removed from the consent agenda and tabled for next month for clarification. Motion by Council Smith and seconded by Council Thayer to accept the consent agenda with the following items:

1. March 2023 Cash Control Statement
2. March 2023 Expenses
3. Financial Monthly Analysis
4. Resolution #041123-1 - Authorize Signatories for Unity Bank

The motion carried unanimously.

Camp Ripley Community Brief

LTC Steve Hall and LTC Troy Fink with Camp Ripley were in attendance to present to council the 2023 Camp Ripley Annual Community Brief. LTC Hall gave an update on what is new at Camp Ripley as well as the events and training that will take place for the upcoming year.

Visitors Comments

Alex Bitter from Widseth was in attendance to follow-up with council regarding the proposal for GIS services. The council received a copy for further review.

Public Works Report – Chris Korwes

Motion by Council Smith to approve the bid from LandWerx for spring street sweeping in the amount of \$1,850.00, seconded by Council Thayer. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Council will revisit Minnesota Power Street Light installation next month after locations are reviewed.

Motion by Council Freelove to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for Chris Korwes, seconded by Council Mortenson. Voting in favor of: Council Mortenson, Council Freelove and Mayor Sparrow. The motion presented was opposed by: Council Smith and Council Thayer. The motion carried.

Mayor Sparrow handed out a draft copy of the Pillager Zoning Ordinance and asked council to review the changes made by the ordinance committee and Jake Huebsch with Sourcewell. A work session has been set for Monday, May 15th, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

New Business:

Motion by Council Thayer to approve annual membership to Cass County Economic Development with a contribution of \$500.00, seconded by Council Mortenson. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Thayer to approve the listing contract renewal with Linda Steffen of Century 21, seconded by Council Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Mortenson to approve Mayor Adam Sparrow to attend League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference, June 21 – 23, 2023, seconded by Council Frelove. The motion carried unanimously.

Memorandum of Agreement for Police Officer Chase Reed tabled for additional information.

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

Motion by Council Thayer to adjourn this regular meeting, seconded by Council Frelove. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.



Adam Sparrow – Mayor



Lori Blumke – City Clerk