

**City of Pillager**  
**City Council Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**August 8, 2023**

Mayor Adam Sparrow called the Public Hearing/Regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance being said.

Council Members present by roll call: Rob Freelove, Wade Mortenson, Leroy Smith and Shawn Thayer

Staff present: Lori Blumke and Guy Efraimson

Visitors present: Steve Bickford, Jake Huebsch, Todd Holman

Mayor Sparrow opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. The purpose of this public hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to give comments regarding a 12-month moratorium on the establishment of new mini-warehouses and/or self-service storage units in the Pillager City limits.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Sparrow closed this public hearing at 6:33 p.m.

Mayor Sparrow then opened the regular city council meeting at 6:33 p.m. and began by asking if there are any additions/deletions to the agenda. He requested to add consideration of a Gambling Permit Application for the Mule Deer Foundation and Pillager Dam Road project update.

Council Freelove requested to add Fire Department Association update.

Council Mortenson requested to add Pillager Alliance Committee update.

Motion by Council Thayer, seconded by Council Smith to accept the agenda with these additions.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Minutes of the July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular Meeting
2. July 2023 Cash Control Statement
3. July 2023 Expenses
4. Financial Monthly Analysis

The motion carried unanimously.

**Visitor Comments - None**

**Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape** - Project Coordinator Todd Holman was in attendance to answer questions regarding the ACUB Buffer program and provide an update on the Camp Ripley/Veterans State Trail.

**Public Works Report** - Guy Efraimson presented a plan for future road projects, discussed having spare pumps for lift stations, Verizon equipment replacement on water tower, plow truck and Pillager School Football players service day.

**Zoning Ordinance** - Jake Huebsch with Sourcewell gave an update regarding the status of the new zoning ordinance. Two items were yet to be reviewed and after discussion, Jake will make changes for land use regarding mini-storage/storage unit projects and the new cannabis law will be revisited after more information is received from the state regarding retail and licensing.

Council will review an ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Cannabis in Public Places for the September meeting.

**Old Business**

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Freelove to accept the 2022 Audit Report. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Freelove to accept the CD and Money Market Investment Account Allocation as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Thayer, seconded by Council Freelove to propose option II contingent on that Sylvan Township cover the total cost for the extension of Pillager Dam Road to the landing for submitting the SPRA grant application through Moore Engineering. The motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Freelove to adopt Ordinance No. 85 – A Temporary Moratorium on Mini-Warehouse and /or Self-Service Storage. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Freelove, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve the quote for Xtona IT Support services. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Thayer, seconded by Council Freelove to approve a Gambling Permit Application for the Mule Deer Foundation on September 9, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Council Thayer, seconded by Council Smith to continue this regular meeting until Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting continued – 9:10 p.m.

**City of Pillager  
Continued City Council Meeting Minutes  
August 23, 2023**

Mayor Adam Sparrow reconvened the regular City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
Council Members present by roll call: Rob Freelove, Wade Mortenson, Leroy Smith and Shawn Thayer  
Staff present: Lori Blumke and Guy Efraimson

Mayor Sparrow asked if there are any additions/deletions to the agenda. He requested to rearrange New Business and Council Thayer requested to add under New Business – Discuss future police operations. Motion by Council Thayer, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve the agenda with these stated changes. #1 – Approve resignation of Chase Reed, Police Officer, #2 – Discuss future police operations and #3 – 2024 Budget Planning. The motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Freelove to pay a stipend of \$200.00 to David Efraimson for his expertise and review of 2009 Mack plow truck. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Freelove to purchase a 2009 Mack plow truck and pay in full. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Thayer to set Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for LOMC Collaboration Services Workshop with Amiee Gourlay. The motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

Motion by Council Thayer, seconded by Council Smith to accept the resignation of Police Officer Chase Reed effective August 21, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Thayer, seconded by Council Mortenson to post for a full-time Police Officer. The motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed the complete 2024 Budget. Clerk will make changes discussed and forward to the Budget committee when completed.

Motion by Council Thayer, seconded by Council Smith to adjourn this regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



Adam Sparrow – Mayor



Lori Blumke – City Clerk