

**City of Pillager
City Council Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2023**

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

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

Staff present: Lori Blumke and Guy Efraimson

Visitors present: None

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 2024.

Motion by Council Thayer to approve the 2024 Budget as presented, seconded by Council Mortenson. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Thayer to approve the Certification of Final Levy for 2024 in the amount of \$375,756.00, seconded by Council Smith. 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. Motion by Council Freelove, seconded by Council Thayer to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Minutes of the November 14, 2023 Regular Meeting
2. November 2023 Cash Control Statement
3. November 2023 Expenses
4. Financial Monthly Analysis

The motion carried unanimously.

Visitor Forum

None

Public Works Report

Guy Efraimson provided a written report – no action required from this report.

Business owner Steve Bickford addressed the council about his proposed tax statement for 2024.

Old Business

Motion by Council Smith to adopt Ordinance No. 90 – Prohibiting the Use of Cannabis in Public Places, seconded by Council Thayer. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Smith to adopt Resolution #121223-1 City of Pillager Land Use and Subdivision Ordinance, seconded by Council Mortenson. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Thayer to adopt Resolution #121223-2 Authorize the Vacation of Certain Utility Easement, seconded by Council Freelove. The motion carried unanimously.

At the January 2, 2024 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, conditions for the CUP application request from Bob Sullivan will be reviewed.

The Personnel Committee received a contract negotiation proposal from Chief Tom Youngblom. After review by Council, consensus was for the Personnel Committee to have further discussions with Chief Youngblom.

Council Thayer moved to disregard the Union Memorandum of Agreement based on that the City is already following MN Statue 177.5 for Earned Sick and Safe Time for the City of Pillager, seconded by Council Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Thayer moved to give Police Chief Tom Youngblom, as part-time status and working more than 80 hours per year, 1 hour of ESST for every 30 hours worked up to 48 hours in accordance with State Statue, seconded by Council Frelove. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Motion by Council Smith to adopt Resolution #121223-3 – Approving the Decertification of Tax Increment Financing District #1-3, seconded by Council Mortenson. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Mortenson to allow Mayor Sparrow to sign checks to pay the remaining bills for December 2023 before the end of the year, seconded by Council Frelove. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Council Frelove to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Smith. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.



Adam Sparrow - Mayor



Lori Blumke - City Clerk