

**City of Pillager  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2024**

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: Adam Sparrow, Wade Mortenson, Leroy Smith and Shawn Thayer

Council Members absent: Rob Freelove

Staff present: Lori Blumke and Guy Efraimson

Visitors present: Karla and Mike Petrich

Mayor Sparrow opened the regular council meeting and began by asking if there are any additions or deletions to the agenda. Council Thayer requested to add under new business: #7 – Tami Altrichter letter and #8 – Work Order form. Motion by Council Thayer, seconded by Council Mortenson to accept the agenda with these additions. The motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Minutes of the January 9, 2024 Regular Meeting
2. January 2024 Cash Control Statement
3. January 2024 Expenses
4. Financial Monthly Analysis
5. Accept Consultant Reimbursement from Sourcewell in the amount of \$150.00
6. Resolution #021324-1 Approving Appointment of Election Judges
7. Resolution #021324-2 Authorize Grant Application for Community Impact Funding through Sourcewell

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Visitor Forum**

Karla and Mike Petrich were in attendance to speak to the council regarding the accidents and danger at the intersection of Hwy 210 and County Road 1 (River Street) and offered any help to assist in finding a solution.

Arlene Schmit was in attendance to update the council regarding the Camp Ripley Veterans State Trail and presented a petition of support for signatures from council members. Arlene also shared an inspection report completed by Cass County Highway Department regarding the bridge on 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW over Pillager Creek.

#### **Public Works Report**

Guy Efraimson asked for any questions from the written maintenance report provided in packets – no action was required from this report. Other items reviewed: credit application with Force America Distributing, Pillager Point update from Wiley Buck, Great River Greening, and USDA Rural Development funding and grant programs.

#### **Old Business**

Mayor Sparrow stated there were no updates regarding the Police Department as information from the Union and Cass County has not been received. This matter will be on the agenda for the next regular meeting on March 12, 2024.

Mayor Sparrow informed Council that there was one application and one email inquiry for the Public Works Supervisor position. The person that inquired via email did not apply. The Personnel committee will set up an interview with the applicant before the next regular meeting on March 12, 2024.

Motion by Council Thayer, seconded by Council Smith to approve City of Pillager Workplace Weapons Policy. The motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

Motion by Council Thayer, seconded by Council Smith to approve the Wildwood Cemetery Burial Policy as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mayor Sparrow, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve the Letter of Support to the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the proposed construction of a roundabout at the intersection of MN State Highway 210 and County Road 1. Voting in favor of: Mayor Sparrow, Council Mortenson and Council Smith. Voting against this motion: Council Thayer. The motion carried.

Motion by Council Thayer, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve moving the funds received from Cass County for Decertification of TIF 1-3 of \$32,018.95 to Fund 201 Road and Bridge of \$30,000.00 and Fund 100 Clean-Up Days of \$2,018.95. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding Pillager Clean-Up Day this spring/summer.

More information is needed by Council regarding the winter hibernation structure at Pillager Point from Wiley Buck of Great River Greening for the next regular meeting.

City Hall copy machine replacement will be included in the Community Impact Funding Grant through Sourcewell.

Council reviewed and discussed the letter received from Tami Altricher, owner of From Hair to There regarding parking on Cedar Avenue. Public Works Department to stripe vehicle parking spaces.

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

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Mortenson to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.



Adam Sparrow - Mayor



Lori Blumke - City Clerk