

**City of Pillager**  
**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**January 9, 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, Rob Freelove, Wade Mortenson, Leroy Smith and Shawn Thayer

Staff present: Lori Blumke and Chris Korwes

Visitors present: Tyler Miller

Mayor Sparrow opened the regular council meeting and began by asking if there are any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mayor Sparrow requested to add under New Business #4 – Carpets. Council Thayer requested to add under New Business #5 - Accept retirement date for Public Works Supervisor and New Business #6 – Discuss City Worker Job Description and Duties.

Motion by Council Thayer, seconded by Council Freelove to accept the agenda with these additions. The motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Minutes of the December 12, 2023 Regular Meeting
2. December 2023 Cash Control Statement
3. December 2023 Expenses
4. Financial Monthly Analysis

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Visitor Forum**

Resident Tyler Miller was in attendance to address the Council regarding a public safety issue he witnessed regarding a neighborhood dog. The matter will be turned over to Police Chief Tom Youngblom.

#### **Public Works Report**

Chris Korwes, Public Works Supervisor reported on the following: the permit for the pond has been approved and received, training for GIS mapping system, working on water usage report for DNR permit and presented a timeline for filling Public Works positions.

#### **Old Business**

Motion by Council Thayer, seconded by Council Smith to adopt Resolution #010924-1 Approve a Conditional Use Permit Request for Sullivan Properties Group LLC. Voting in favor: Mayor Sparrow, Council Freelove, Council Smith, Council Thayer. The motion presented was opposed by: Council Mortenson. The motion carried.

Council reviewed the required Earned Sick and Safe Time Employee Notice and additional information required on earning statements for each pay period.

Mayor Sparrow reviewed with Council the discussion held with Chief Youngblom and the Personnel Committee regarding his proposal for full-time employment. After discussion, Mayor Sparrow moved, Council Freelove seconded, for Chief Youngblom to move forward with the Union to bring a potential contract forward for review at the next council meeting. Voting in favor: Mayor Sparrow, Council Freelove, Council Mortenson and Council Smith. The motion presented was opposed by: Council Thayer. The motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

Motion by Council Freelove, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve the 2024 Mayoral Appointments with additional changes to add Mayor and Acting Mayor to fill Planning and Zoning Commission Chair and Vice Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Thayer to approve the 2024 Fee Schedule with changes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Thayer, seconded by Council Smith to accept Public Workers Supervisor, Chris Korwes retirement date of May 31, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Thayer, seconded by Council Mortenson to post the Public Works Supervisor position with desirable qualifications. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Frelove, seconded by Council Smith to pay the second bond payment for 2024 to Frandsen Bank not to exceed \$90,000.00 The motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Thayer to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.



**Adam Sparrow - Mayor**



**Lori Blumke - City Clerk**