

**City of Pillager  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
July 9, 2024**

Acting Mayor Rob Freelove called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance being said.

Council Members present by roll call: Rob Freelove, Joe Klein, Wade Mortenson and Leroy Smith

Absent: Mayor Adam Sparrow

Staff present: Lori Blumke and Guy Efraimson

Visitors present: Alex Bitter, Jayme Klecker, Jason Savage and Aric Welch

Acting Mayor Rob Freelove began by asking if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. He requested to add under New Business #2 – Change the August regular council meeting date from August 13<sup>th</sup> as that is the Primary Election Day. Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Mortenson to accept the agenda with this addition. The motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Minutes of the June 11, 2024 Regular Meeting
2. June 2024 Cash Control Statement
3. June 2024 Expenses
4. Financial Monthly Analysis

The motion carried unanimously.

**Visitor Forum**

Jason Savage addressed the council regarding their decision not to pave Servo Trail.

**Public Works Report**

Alex Bitter with Widseth and Jayme Klecker with AE2S were in attendance to review with the council their proposals to reconstruct or replace WWTF Control Structure #1. The council will continue to review options at the next meeting.

Public Works Supervisor, Guy Efraimson reported that Ideal Construction has started the paving projects.

**Old Business**

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Klein to approve Resolution #070924-1 Authorizing the Vacation of Utility Easements between lots 8 and 9 Block 3 in the Crossing Subdivision. The parcels are 93-352-0340 and 93-352-0345. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve Resolution #070924-2 Approving a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) request to construct a four-unit dwelling complex. The applicant is Double V Properties, Travis VanVickle and the parcel is 93-352-0340. The motion carried unanimously.

The council reviewed Columbarium medallion choices and additional cemetery policies. Further information from staff will be brought to the next meeting.

**New Business**

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve the amended agreement with Great River Greening to extend the effect date one more year to June 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Klein, seconded by Council Mortenson to change the August regular council meeting to Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Smith to continue this meeting until Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. for the Audit review. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting continued – 7:40 p.m.

**City of Pillager  
Continuing City Council Meeting Minutes  
July 23, 2024**

Mayor Adam Sparrow opened this continuing meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Council members present by roll call: Mayor Adam Sparrow, Council Member Rob Freelove, Council Member Wade Mortenson and Council Member Leroy Smith. Council Member Joe Klein arrived at 5:05 p.m.

Staff present: Lori Blumke and Guy Efraimson

Visitors present: Dean Birkeland and Arlene Schmidt

**Old Business**

Dean Birkeland with Carlson SV was in attendance to review the 2023 Audit Report with Council. The city received an unmodified opinion. After questions, motion by Council Freelove, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve the 2023 Audit Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Freelove, seconded by Council Klein to increase the Capital Asset/Fixed Asset threshold from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Smith to move forward with AE2S for the construction of WWFT Control Structure No. 1. The motion carried unanimously.

Arlene Schmit with Sylvan Township was in attendance to speak about the paving project on Pillager Dam Road. Arlene recommends that the city and township share the cost for an apron and seeding around the culvert to help with erosion. After discussion, motion by Council Freelove, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve up to \$5,000.00 for an apron and seeding on Pillager Dam Road. The motion carried unanimously.

Guy Efraimson, Public Works Supervisor presented a plan for jetting and televising the On-Par and Crossing areas for yet this year. He also reviewed information regarding a FOG program/ordinance and the need for the city to adopt one. Staff will reach out to Sourcewell.

The council discussed an update from MNDot and Sylvan Township regarding the 210 Round-About project.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Klein to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.



**Adam Sparrow - Mayor**



**Lori Blumke - City Clerk**