

City of Pillager
Public Hearing/City Council Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2023

Mayor Adam Sparrow called the Public Hearing/Regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance being said. Council Members present by roll call: Wade Mortenson and Leroy Smith. Council Members absent by roll call: Rob Freelove and Shawn Thayer. Staff present: Chris Korwes and Lori Blumke. Visitors present: Jamie Hauge and Donna Klemik.

Mayor Sparrow opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this public hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to give comments regarding the variance request to reduce setback requirements for a proposed structure. The applicant and property owner is Travis and Jamie VanVickle. (Parcel ID #93-352-0345). There were no residents present for comments.

Mayor Sparrow closed this public hearing at 6:01 p.m.

Mayor Sparrow opened the regular council meeting at 6:30 p.m. and began by asking if there are any additions or deletions to the agenda. Donna Klimek and Jamie Hauge were in attendance for consideration of a liquor license application and a Bingo application. Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Mortenson to accept the agenda as presented with these additions. The motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Minutes of the May 9, 2023 Regular Meeting
2. Minutes of the May 16, 2023 Work Session Meeting
3. Minutes of the June 1, 2023 Public Hearing/Special Meeting
4. May 2023 Cash Control Statement
5. May 2023 Expenses
6. Financial Monthly Analysis

The motion carried unanimously.

Visitor Comments - None

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve a Gambling License application for Bingo at the Pillager Fair for Cass County Agricultural Society. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve a liquor license application for the Pillager Fair for Cass County Agricultural Society. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Report

Chris Korwes, Public Works Supervisor reported on the following: ponds have been discharged to the river, water/wastewater treatment plant inspections are complete and the reports are expected next month, troubleshooting high filter alarms at the water plant, hydrants have been flushed, street light work order has been submitted to MN Power, long grass – mowing letters and culvert use for new construction.

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve the Town Line Road Maintenance Agreement between Sylvan Township and the City of Pillager. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve reimbursement to Greg Manska for driveway repair expenses. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Smith to submit an application to Sourcewell for Community Matching Grant Funding for GSI Mapping Services from Widseth. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Smith to approve Resolution #061323-1 Adopting Findings of Fact and Reasons for Approval of Variance Application for Travis and Jamie VanVickle – (Parcel 93-352-0345). The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Smith to approve Memorandum of Agreements regarding the Juneteenth and Columbus Day Holidays with AFSCME - General Unit and Peace Officers. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Mortenson to table discussion regarding the Umbrella Policy until the July meeting for further review. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Smith to approve City Clerk to attend LOMC 2023 Clerks Academy. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Mortenson to move American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds of \$36,258.00 from Fund 100 (General) to Fund 601 (Water) for water tower repair and maintenance contract. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Mortenson to adjourn this regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Adam Sparrow – Mayor



Lori Blumke – City Clerk