

City of Pillager
City Council Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2023

Mayor Adam Sparrow called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance being said. Council Members present: Rob Freelove, Wade Mortenson, Leroy Smith and Shawn Thayer.

Staff present: Chris Korwes

Visitors present: Jake Huebsch, Shaun Schaefer, Linda Steffen and Travis VanVickle

Mayor Sparrow began by asking if there are any additions or deletions to the agenda. Council Smith requested to add Budget under New Business. Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Smith to accept the agenda with this addition. The motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Minutes of the April 11, 2023 Meeting
2. April 2023 Cash Control Statement
3. April 2023 Expenses
4. Financial Monthly Analysis

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Thayer, seconded by Council Smith to approve the Minutes of the March 14, 2023 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Visitor Comments - None

Jake Huebsch – Sourcewell

1. Conditional Use Permit Application for Spencer Schaefer - will be reviewed by the Planning Commission.
2. Variance Application for Travis and Jamie VanVickle – Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Smith to schedule a special meeting to discuss the TIF process and reschedule a public hearing for June 12th. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Rezone of 4 parcels with option to split – Public Hearing to be set up before June regular meeting for rezoning of 4 commercial lots to residential.
4. Additional residential lots and possible park – Motion by Council Freelove, seconded by Council Mortenson to remove Fornshell lot from market to look at development. Voting in favor of: Council Freelove, Council Mortenson and Mayor Sparrow. The motion presented was opposed by Council Smith and Council Thayer. The motion carried.

Public Works Report

Chris Korwes, Public Works Supervisor reported on the following:

Received 2022 Certificate of Commendation from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for the Wastewater Ponds, submitted 5-year application for MPCA Wastewater Treatment Facility Permit, cost to repair Aspen Avenue E was just under \$1,000 – two quotes received to reshape with class 5, Maple Avenue needs more class 5, Lead and copper pipes inventory due October 2024 and purchased propane tank at cemetery.

Old Business

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Mortenson to add street lights at the following locations: West 2nd Street between Goldenrod and Fir Avenues, West 2nd Street between Hazel and Kingwood Avenues, Kingwood Avenue towards West Fourth Street and Dorado Drive. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Smith left at 8:21 p.m.

Public Works Supervisor will gather additional information and a revised quote from Widseth for GIS mapping services.

Motion by Council Freelove, seconded by Council Thayer to not accept the Memorandum of Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Motion by Council Freelove seconded by Council Mortenson to approve 2023-2024 Liquor License renewals for The Shante, Huntin' Shack, Woby's Off-Sale and KC Uptown Saloon. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Thayer, seconded by Council Mortenson for the city to spend \$100 for the Pillager Community group for flowerpots. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Thayer to provide Port-a-Potty services for the Community group for the pickle ball courts for this coming summer and revisit for the next year. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Council Mortenson to adjourn this regular meeting, seconded by Council Thayer. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.



Adam Sparrow – Mayor



Lori Blumke – City Clerk