

**City of Pillager**  
**Public Hearing/City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**November 14, 2023**

Mayor Adam Sparrow called the Public Hearing/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 Absent: Rob Freelove

Staff present: Lori Blumke and Guy Efraimson

Visitors present: Les Fundine and Patrick Fundine

Mayor Sparrow opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. This public hearing is for delinquent water/sewer accounts. There are three properties with unpaid fees owed to the City. Letters have been sent to each homeowner. There were no residents present for comments. Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Mortenson to move forward with assessing the total amount due for each property to their property taxes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sparrow closed this public hearing at 6:32 p.m.

Mayor Sparrow then opened the regular council meeting at 6:32 p.m. and began by asking if there are any additions or deletions to the agenda. He requested to add the following:

Under Old Business:

1. Consider plan for Pickleball Court/Ice Rink snow removal
2. Discuss update on Bob Sullivan project

Under New Business:

3. Discuss quote for City Logo design from Studio 218 for \$1,500.00

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

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

1. Minutes of the October 10, 2023 Regular Meeting
2. October 2023 Cash Control Statement
3. October 2023 Expenses
4. Financial Monthly Analysis
5. Accept Sourcewell Consultant Reimbursement in the amount of \$2,000.00
6. Approve two (2) Pass Throughs from the Pillager Lions in the amount of \$900.00 and \$1,200.00 to the Cass County Ag Society
7. Adopt Resolution #111423-1 Exchange of Service Agreement – Altrichter Excavating & Septic
8. Adopt Resolution #111423-2 Exchange of Service Agreement – All-American Septic and Jetting
9. Approve Cleaning Contract with Dianna Bjornsen
10. Approve Transfer of the remaining American Rescue Plan Funds in the amount of \$15,688.47 from Fund 100 (General) to Fund 601 (Water) for 2024

The motion carried unanimously.

**Visitor Forum**

Les Fundine and Patrick Fundine were in attendance to address Council regarding Law Enforcement in the city.

### **Public Works Report**

Guy Efraimson reported on the following: water tower is back online, spare pump for lift station #1 is in use, reviewed water outage during tower maintenance, hydrants have been flushed and Christmas lights will go up next week.

### **Old Business**

Council Mortenson reviewed the agreed upon plan for snow removal for the ice rink at the Fair Grounds between the City and Pillager School maintenance department.

Council reviewed the Public Hearing on November 7<sup>th</sup> regarding the Conditional Use Permit request to construct mini-storage units.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Thayer to adopt the City of Pillager Open Forum Policy. Voting in favor of: Council Mortenson, Council Thayer, and Mayor Sparrow. The motion presented was opposed by: Council Smith. The motion carried.

Council/Staff Work Session has been confirmed for Tuesday, December 5, 2023 after the Planning and Zoning meeting.

### **New Business**

Council Thayer spoke about the agreement received from the Cass County Sheriff's Office for Law Enforcement Services. After discussion, there was a motion by Mayor Sparrow, seconded by Council Mortenson for the Personnel committee to move forward with Police Chief Tom Youngblom to discuss a full-time opportunity. The motion carried unanimously.

The council reviewed Earned Safe and Sick Time - this new Minnesota law will go into effect in January of 2024 and requires employers to provide paid leave to employees. Additional information will be gathered for the next meeting.

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

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Thayer to adjourn this regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



Adam Sparrow – Mayor



Lori Blumke – City Clerk