

**City of Pillager
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
October 10, 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 by roll call: Adam Sparrow, Rob Freelove, Wade Mortenson, Leroy Smith and Shawn Thayer

Staff present: Lori Blumke and Chris Korwes

Visitors present: Brian Buhmann and Kathy Nevins

Mayor Sparrow began by asking if there are any additions/deletions to the agenda. He requested to add under the consent agenda: Permit Application for Cass County Agricultural Society for Bingo at the Community Center on November 18, 2023. Under Old Business #3 – Approve Resolution #101023-3 To Authorize a Grant Application for State Park Road Account (SPRA Grant) and #4 – Approve Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Pillager and Sylvan Township. Motion by Council Thayer, seconded by Council Mortenson to accept the agenda 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 September 12, 2023 Regular Meeting
2. Minutes of the September 20, 2023 Work Session Meeting
3. September 2023 Cash Control Statement
4. September 2023 Expenses
5. Financial Monthly Analysis
6. Resolution #101023-1 Remove Chase Reed from Pine River State Bank Gas Account
7. Resolution #101023-2 Remove Chase Reed from Pine River State Bank Imprest Account
8. Permit application for Cass County Agricultural Society for Bingo at the Community Center on November 18, 2023

The motion carried unanimously.

Visitor Forum – None

Cass County Opioid Settlement

Brian Buhmann, Cass County Health, Human & Veterans Services Director and Kathy Nevins, Nurse Practitioner for Essentia Health were in attendance representing the Cass County Opioid Settlement Committee. They shared the current and future impact of Opioid Settlement dollars to Cass County and wanted to seek input on how to best utilize these dollars for Opioid abatement.

Public Works Report

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Freelove to move forward with Widseth proposal for engineering services for the reconstruction of Control Structure #1 at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. The motion carried unanimously.

Chris Korwes, Public Works Supervisor also reported on the following: BOSS sanding unit – revisit after one year, water tower update – refurbishing and painting are complete and refilling of the tower and testing the water will begin on October 18th, Verizon will put their equipment back on the tower beginning October 25th.

Old Business

2nd Review of Ordinance No. 90 – Prohibiting the Use of Cannabis in Public Places.

A Planning and Zoning/Public Hearing will be scheduled on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 to adopt Ordinance No. 90, CUP request, Petition to Vacate Utility Easements and City of Pillager Land Use and Subdivision Ordinance.

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Freelove to approve Resolution #101023-3 To Authorize a Grant Application for State Park Road Account (SPRA Grant). The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Freelove, seconded by Council Thayer to approve the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Pillager and Sylvan Township. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Council reviewed the first draft of a Visitor Open Forum Policy – approval for this policy will be at the next regular meeting.

Council discussed setting an agenda, date and time for council/staff work session.

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

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Thayer to adjourn this regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



Adam Sparrow – Mayor



Lori Blumke – City Clerk