

**City of Pillager
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
September 12, 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: Devin and Melissa Blowers, Tim Caughey, Jake Huebsch, Harley Schwegel and parents, Bob and Larissa Sullivan and Travis Vanvickle

Mayor Sparrow began by asking if there are any additions/deletions to the agenda. He requested to add under the consent agenda: Gambling Permit for Pillager Husky Booster Club and under Old Business #1: Travis VanVickle project. Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Mortenson to accept the agenda with these additions. The motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Minutes of the August 8th, 2023 Regular Meeting
2. August 2023 Cash Control Statement
3. August 2023 Expenses
4. Financial Monthly Analysis
5. Gambling Permit for the Pillager Husky Booster Club

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Adam Sparrow recognized Harley Schwegel and Devin Blowers with a plaque for “Outstanding Pillager Youth” for their time and effort spent cleaning the park at city hall.

Visitor Forum - None

Public Works Report

Chris Korwes, Public Works Supervisor reported on the following: Mack plow truck, plan for streets, 3 new street lights and 1 pole have been installed by Minnesota Power, water tower work is in progress, well-head protection grant, and response to NOV received for waste-water treatment facility.

Old Business

Motion by Council Thayer, seconded by Council Mortenson to grandfather in Bob Sullivan’s storage unit project pending the outcome and layout of a Conditional Use Permit. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Thayer, seconded by Council Freelove to schedule a Planning and Zoning meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month, one week before a regular council meeting as 6:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed new language for Ordinance No. 90 – Prohibiting the Use of Cannabis in Public Places and Section 25 – Commercial Storage, (Mini Storage) in the new Zoning Ordinance draft. Jake Huebsch with Sourcewell will make changes discussed to both and submit a new version.

New Business

Motion by Council Freelove, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve the agreement with Cass County for Voting Operations, Technology and Election Resources (VOTER) Funding Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed changes to the budget as discussed at the August 24th continuing meeting and after discussion, motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Mortenson to certify the 2024 Proposed Levy in the amount of \$375,756.00. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Freelove to adjourn this regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



Adam Sparrow – Mayor



Lori Blumke – City Clerk