

# CITY OF PILLAGER OPEN FORUM POLICY

## *WELCOME TO THE MEETING*

These meetings are the forum for the City of Pillager Council to conduct the City's business. City Council meetings are open to the public pursuant to Minnesota Open Meeting Law.

1. Citizens wishing to address Council must sign in and provide name, address, phone number and a brief description of the subject matter they wish to speak on. A visitor forum sheet is located at the entrance to the meeting room.
2. Comments from the public are allowed *only* during the public forum period. The public is not allowed to participate in Council discussion or debate unless specifically invited to do so by the Mayor.
3. The Council will generally, as a rule, not engage in debate or dialogue with speakers during the open forum session and may refer the issue to staff or ask that it be scheduled on a future agenda, if necessary.
4. Limit comments to a maximum of three (3) minutes unless additional time is granted by the Mayor.
5. The Mayor may request that the public appoint a spokesperson if multiple speakers want to speak on the same topic to accommodate time set aside for the open forum session.
6. Citizens shall conduct themselves in a professional, courteous manner and refrain from disruptive behavior or the use of profanity.
7. It is inappropriate to use the open forum to make political endorsements, political speeches or to make personal attacks on the Mayor, Council, city staff, residents of the city, members of the public or any business.

*Adopted by the City of Pillager City Council  
November 14, 2023*