

**City of Pillager
City Council Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2025**

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: Mayor Adam Sparrow, Council Member Rob Freelove, Council Member Joe Klein, Council Member Wade Mortenson and Council Member Leroy Smith.

Staff present: Lori Blumke, Guy Efraimson and Tom Youngblom

Visitors present: Kalsey Courneya, Brandon Johnson, Jayme Klecker and Bethany Soderlund

Mayor Sparrow opened the regular council meeting and began by asking if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Mortenson to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Freelove, second by Council Klein to accept the consent agenda with the following items:

1. Minutes of December 10, 2024 Regular Meeting
2. December 2024 Cash Control Statement
3. December 2024 Expenses
4. Financial Monthly Analysis
5. Resolution #011425-1 Exchange of Services Agreement with Altrichter Excavating & Septic Services

The motion carried unanimously.

Visitor Forum - None

Oath of Office

The Oath of Office was administered to newly elected officials Mayor Adam Sparrow and Council Members Joe Klein and Wade Mortenson.

Bollig Engineering

Brandon Johnson with Bollig Engineering was in attendance to provide council information regarding Bollig Engineering and the city engineering services that they can provide. The council will review the proposal and discuss it further.

Public Works Report

Supervisor, Guy Efraimson reported on water/sewer rate increase, Sourcewell Match Fund grant is closed and Holiday lights budget for 2025. Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Freelove to pull money from interest earned and raise the Holiday lighting budget for 2025 to \$6,000.00. Voting for: Mayor Sparrow, Council Freelove, Council Mortenson and Council Smith. Voting against: Council Klein. The motion carried.

Old Business

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve an amendment to Resolution #111924-1 to add the legal description of the parcel for a Conditional Use Permit. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Freelove to approve an amendment to Resolution #121024-2 to add the legal description of the parcel for a Variance Application. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Klein to approve the 2025 Mayoral Appointment as presented with 2 changes: add Pillager Fire Department Representative – Rob Freelove and City Engineer – TBD. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Freelove to approve the 2025 Fee Schedule with changes as stated. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Freelove, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve Resolution #011425-2 Regarding the Administration of the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Tom Youngblom reviewed with council the complaints received regarding nuisance properties and is looking for clarification on the process of moving forward if compliance is not received. Community Development Administrator, Bethany Soderlund, was in attendance to share recommended procedures to help with this issue. Bethany will review and draft a procedure policy for the next meeting.

Motion by Council Klein, seconded by Council Freelove to put out for bids the Ford Explorer squad car. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Smith lead a discussion regarding future development of the city.

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

Motion by Council Klein, seconded by Council Freelove to close the regular meeting at 8:33 p.m. and move into a closed meeting for a personnel matter. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Klein, seconded by Council Mortenson to reopen the regular meeting at 8:41 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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



Adam Sparrow - Mayor

Rob Freelove - Acting Mayor



Lori Blumke - City Clerk