

**City of Pillager
City Council Meeting Minutes
April 8, 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 Joe Klein, Council Member Wade Mortenson and Council Member Leroy Smith.

Absent: Council Member Rob Freelove

Staff present: Lori Blumke, Guy Efraimson and Tom Youngblom

Visitors present: Colonel Troy Fink, Jamie Haug, Cheryal Hills, Donna Klimek, Bethany Soderlund and Candice Zimmermann

Mayor Sparrow opened the regular council meeting and began by asking if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. He requested the following changes: Add under New Business #3 – Cemetery Lot Refund and delete under New Business #2 – Discuss Parcel #93-345-0440 (East 1st Street So). Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Mortenson to accept the agenda with these changes. The motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Minutes of March 11, 2025 Regular Meeting
2. March 2025 Cash Control Statement
3. March 2025 Expenses
4. Financial Monthly Analysis
5. 2 Day Temporary Liquor License application for the Pillager Fair from Cass County Agricultural Society.
6. Gambling License application (Bingo) for the Pillager Fair from Cass County Agricultural Society.
7. Gambling License application (Turkey Bingo) for the Cass County Agricultural Society.

The motion carried unanimously.

Visitor Forum - None

Camp Ripley Community Brief 2025

Colonel Troy Fink with Camp Ripley presented to the council the 2025 Camp Ripley Community Brief. He reviewed what is new at Camp Ripley as well as events and training that will take place throughout the year.

Old Business

Cheryal Hills and Candice Zimmermann from Region 5 Development Commission were in attendance to review with council a proposal to help the city put in place a comprehensive plan. The planning process will take approximately 12 months and include involvement from city residents so that there are common goals to tackle future challenges and growth.

Motion by Council Smith, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve Ordinance 2025-02 Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Revising the Zoning Map for the City of Pillager. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Motion by Council Klein, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve \$500.00 Annual Membership with Cass County Economic Development. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Smith to purchase back 1 cemetery lot in the amount of \$500.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Report

Public Works Supervisor, Guy Efraimson reported that the road grader has sold for asking price. He is requesting funds for cemetery maintenance and has been asked to get quotes. Justin has been getting quotes for lawn mower replacement. And he also gave an update on crack filling and the control structure projects.

Police Chief, Tom Youngblom reported that he has sold the squad car and radio, a complaint about loud music and yard clean-ups.

Bethany Soderlund, Community Development Coordinator updated council on Citizen complaint forms received.

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

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Smith to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Adam Sparrow - Mayor



Lori Blumke - City Clerk