

City of Pillager
City Council Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2026

Mayor Adam Sparrow called this regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance being said.

Members present: Mayor Adam Sparrow, Council Members Joe Klein and Wade Mortenson

Members absent: Council Members Rob Freelove and Leroy Smith

Staff present: Lori Blumke, Guy Efraimson, Tom Youngblom and Bethany Soderlund

Visitors present: LeAnne Brault, Jerry Kleinschmidt and Ryan Krominga

Mayor Adam Sparrow opened the regular meeting and began by asking if there are any additions or deletions to the agenda. He requested to add under New Business #4 – Review Cooperative Construction Agreement received from Kelly Scegura with MNDOT for the Round-about Utility relocation. Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Klein to accept the agenda with this addition. The motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Minutes of July 14, 2026 Regular Meeting
2. July 2026 Cash Control Statement
3. July 2026 Expenses
4. Financial Monthly Analysis

The motion carried unanimously.

Visitor Forum - None

Pillager School Superintendent

Ryan Krominga addressed council regarding the city property on Servo Trail. The school is in the process of acquiring the two adjacent properties to the north and west of the city property. They are looking for some additional space to expand youth baseball and football field options. Superintendent Krominga will put together a formal proposal to bring back to council.

Building Permit #26-10

Community Development Administrator Bethany Soderlund reviewed Building Permit Application #26-10 – PID 93-345-0410; 210 Ironwood Ave E, for replacement of decks. The proposed project does not meet setback requirements as stated in the City Ordinance therefore she cannot approve. Additional information will be researched by city staff and an update given at the next Planning and Zoning meeting.

Old Business

Jerry Kleinschmidt was in attendance to review with council the reconstruction of his basement and the insurance claim received. This was tabled for further information.

New Business

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Klein to close off Goldenrod Avenue E. to thru traffic for school parking purposes. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Klein, seconded by Council Mortenson to approve the Full Voting Membership Agreement with Sourcewell. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Klein seconded by Council Mortenson to adopt Resolution #0812-01 – Formally approving the Full-Voting Membership Agreement and Declaring the Governing Body's Intent to Carry Out its Terms. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Mortenson, seconded by Council Klein to reimburse Jerry Kleinschmidt \$2,128.84 for the utility room and bathroom reconstruction (as stated on the insurance claim) that was not included in the original quote from Jason Rodman Construction. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Klein, seconded by Council Mortenson to pay Jerry Kleinschmidt an additional \$1,000.00 for lost personal property. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Supervisor Guy Efraimson attended a meeting to view field conditions for utility relocation work to be completed this fall for the round-about project. The city's water and sewer infrastructure is scheduled to be relocated next spring. Mark Klema with Bollig Engineering will review the Cooperative Construction Agreement and address any questions to Kelly Scegura with MnDot.

Public Works Report

Guy reported that he had a conversation with Mark Klema about the possibility of looping the sanitary system from the Crossing area straight down to the sewer ponds. This would bypass the lift station located at Manion's Lumber and be a long-term solution for additional growth in the Crossing. Guy also provided a water rate study from MN Rural Water for council to review the city's current rates and lead/copper sampling will be out next week.

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

Motion by Council Klein, seconded by Council Mortenson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.



Adam Sparrow - Mayor

Lori Blumke - City Clerk