

**City of Pillager  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
July 12, 2016,**

**Mayor Van Hal called the regular meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.** with the pledge of allegiance being said. Council Members present were Leroy Smith, Paul Odenthal, Bret Mattheisen and Clarence Woitalla. Guests at the meeting were Mitch Feierabend, and Harry Brodmarkle.

Mayor Van Hal had requested Officer Wiebolt to stay for the meeting. In light of the tragedy in Dallas she wanted to go on record that, the City Council supports the police department in their efforts to protect the City and the residents and to thank them for their service. Council Odenthal stated the Police Department is short of some equipment such as radios. He feels there should be some discussion about officers having their own equipment. Officer Wiebolt stated they don't work at the same time that often but it would be nice if they each had their own Taser. There was a time they had to send the Taser out to be repaired so the department was without one for about three weeks. He stated the biggest issue is he is not always reachable and would be if he had his own radio.

Harry Brodmarkle was here to discuss building a garage on the property at 822 River Street. It will be a 40 X 60-pole barn. The problem is that the Sewer Main runs where the back end of the property is. There is also a force main going through the property. The sewer main is just about center of the 40-foot easement. If there was any problems with the sewer main it would have to be dug up. They would like to know if they could build or get a variance to build on the easement. Council would probably not waive on this easement. The possibility of having to dig up the line in the future with having given permission to build would be a huge liability to the City. The homeowner would have to survey to get the exact property lines and easements.

The June minutes and expenses were discussed. **Motion by Council Woitalla to approve the June Council minutes, seconded by Council Smith, motion carried unanimously.**

Council looked at the expenses as presented, **Motion by Council Mattheisen to approve the June Expenses, seconded by Council Woitalla, Mayor Van Hal asked about doing payroll bi-weekly, Terri Wickham stated it had been tried and no one liked it so we went back to weekly. It is not an issue to do them weekly, Motion carried unanimously.**

The car dealership that is coming to town has not met the conditions of the Conditional Use Permit so should not have any cars there. Mr. Gardner has not complied with any of the conditions. Staff will put together a letter to Mr. Gardner and inform him that he needs to remove the cars by August 1 and unless we see progress, the Conditional Use will be revoked.

Craig Boyer informed the Council that Sylvan Township is not ready to tar the Cemetery Road this year. It was not in the five-year plan, so if they were to tar it they need to adjust their five-year plan. Sylvan would like a letter stating we are interested in working with Sylvan on this project. Council Smith would like to contact the school to see if they are interested in tarring the area on Daisy Ave E. He would like to tar west 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Daisy. Admin Wickham stated we would like to incorporate a trail and trail head on this project as well.

We have been in contact with Cass County and there is money there for funding projects like ours. **Motion by Council Smith to send Sylvan Township a letter of intent to work on this project in conjunction with them, seconded by Council Mattheisen, motion carried unanimously.** Craig will talk with Mr. Malmberg to inform him that this will not be done for at least a year.

Craig had a very rough price for a new truck from Mills GM. The cost is between \$46,000-\$56,000. That is not a state bid so you could take another 6-7% off the price. This is just for a cab and chassis. The plow would be \$3,500-\$6,500 and he didn't have a price for replacing the box.

Zoning ordinance regarding roof pitch and minimum width size will be run through Brad Person and will be an amendment. Staff will work on wording for the four-wheeler ordinance and Council has the housing opting out for health care ordinance to read over and act on at the next meeting.

Kim Gibbs from KC's has her catering licenses and can do her dance in the street as long as she has the City's permission. She does not need a liquor license for the dance.

A work session will be on August 9 at 6:30 and will meet in the Family Center room. Mayor Van Hal asked the Council for a donation for the Cass County Historical Society. **Motion by Council Smith to give \$200 to the Cass County Historical Society, seconded by Council Mattheisen, motion carried unanimously.**

There is a mediation set for August 3 with the union.

Bret Mattheisen gave an update to Council on the fire department. The Fire Association has sent a bill to East Gull Lake for \$45,000 for the next contract service period; this will be for just fire protection. They have not replied as of yet.

Council Mattheisen stated he is getting calls regarding the lawns not being mowed. Staff will send letters to owners stating that they need to mow the lawns or we will and bill the homeowners. We will also send out junk letters.

**Motion by Council Mattheisen to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Council Odenthal motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by Council Smith to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Woitalla, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**



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Admin/Clerk Terri Wickham