

**City of Pillager
City Council Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2016**

Mayor Van Hal called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 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 Seth Berry, and Kim Gibbs.

Seth Berry was here to discuss the four wheelers. We are working at getting signs that state that four wheelers need to be on the road and not in the ditches. Staff will contact the City attorney about the legalities of putting the signs in right of way.

The May minutes and expenses were discussed. **Motion by Council Smith to approve the May Council minutes and expenses as presented, seconded by Council Odenthal, motion carried unanimously.**

Kim Gibbs would like to do a street dance on Friday August 12 2016 from 8-12. She wants to know what she needs to do this. **Motion by Council Odenthal to permit a street dance in front of KC's Uptown Saloon on August 12, 2016 from 8-12 p.m. if all requirements are met, seconded by Council Mattheisen, motion carried unanimously.** Staff will verify if permit is needed or not.

Minnesota Rural Water Association would like a tentative approval for next year on doing a map with all of our water/sewer information being GPS and put on the map. This would include all hydrants; curb stops, curb stops, gate valves, plus all streets and buildings. The cost of this is \$6500. NJPA gives out small grants of \$2500 which could go towards this. MRWA will be here in August to discuss this to the Council. Council gave there tentative approval to move forward with this.

Ridgeline has asked for tax abatement on an expansion of their business. Staff will contact David Drown and see if this is advisable.

Mayor Van Hal updated Council on Pillager Days being held August 12-14, 2016. She requested a donation from the City. **Motion by Council Smith to approve a donation of \$500.00 from the City for the celebration, seconded by Council Odenthal, motion carried, unanimously.**

City zoning for trailer houses can be eliminated but has to be City wide not just a certain area. This will be discussed at a work session.

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Administrator Wickham gave a report on her conference from IIMC. There were people from all around the world at this conference. The problems that each governing body seems to have are universal. She explained that Succession Planning, which is replacing long-term employees, was the most beneficial. She thanked the Council for letting her attend this conference.

Council Mattheisen talked with CTC about protecting our computers and confidential information. They recommend a new firewall, at a cost of about \$800. The labor to install would be 2-4 hours at \$120.00 per hour. Yearly updates on the firewalls will be approximately \$200 per year. You do not have to do the updates. As for the backup it depends on the size of files being backed up. The cost with CTC, \$1100 per year, Mosey was 250-\$729 per year, I-drive is 500-\$150 per year. **Motion by Council Mattheisen to install a new firewall, backup and access point at a price not to exceed \$2500 if we receive the NJPA grant and \$2000 if we don't, seconded by Council Odenthal, motion carried unanimously.**

We are going to be training our judges on July 14, 2016. City Hall will be closed to attend this training. Primaries are August 9. There are three seats open in the City. Mayor, 2 year and two Councilmember seats, 4 year. The Council meeting in August, is set tentatively for August 16, due to primaries on the 9. Interested persons will need to file an affidavit of candidacy, beginning on August 12, 2016 through Tuesday, August 16, 2016.

Craig Boyer updated Council on issues in his department. He had information on Crack Sealing to protect our tarred roads. Motley might be interested in going in half on purchasing a machine to do crack sealing. Craig will contact companies to see how much it would cost to hire this done. Council requests this to be added to the 2017 budget if necessary. The rails that hold the pump at Lift Station one need to be replaced along with the two grinder pumps. **Motion by Council Smith to replace the pumps at Lift Station One as per MN Pump estimate, seconded by Council Woitalla, motion carried unanimously.**

Craig got an estimate from Tri City Paving to tar the cemetery road. The quote for laying 22 ft. of tar for \$22,200. East 2nd is bad and Council Smith would like to see it paved to the school, turn right, and continue on to River St. Council Mattheisen feels we need to pursue an agreement with the school to control parking to stop destroying the edge of the street. We need shoulders on the road. If Sylvan decides to tar, Council Smith feels we need to move forward with our part. Craig Boyer and Terri Wickham will attend a Sylvan Board meeting to make sure we are all on the same page.

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Jan Loftis will be returning to work fulltime on June 20.

Someone has put a camper 726 River St S and the thought is that they are remodeling the house.

Council work session will be July 5, 2016 at 6:30.

May 10, is the last day the Council was updated by the Union Attorney. Ginger Thrasher had filed for arbitration. There was a letter that was exchanged stating we were not at an impasse and did not want to go to arbitration. Mediation is set for some time in August.

Council Odenthal was inquiring as to why there are properties in the City Limits who do not pay taxes. He was told to bring the information to the next meeting and they will review them then. There shouldn't be any unless, it is nonprofit, charitable, government or disabled persons.

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

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



Mayor Sue Van Hal-Mayor



Admin/Clerk Terri Wickham