

**City of Pillager
City Council Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2015**

Mayor Van Hal called the regular meeting to order at 6:30p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said. Council Members present were Leroy Smith, Clarence Voitalla, Paul Odenthal and Bret Mattheisen. Guests at meeting were the meeting was Gary Handlos, Norman Rohl, Lorna Maska, Jay Personous, Kim Gibbs, and Pamela Withage. Staff present was Administrator Terri Wickham.

Visitor Form: Jay Personous stated it was brought to his attention that the Union committee had set a rate for each individual City employee wage by the committee. He wanted to clarify that the Union Negotiation Committee did not set up or establish individual employee wage increase or decrease. The Committee set up a base range for each position. He stated he did not want to be associated with individual employees getting a rate set by this committee when that did not happen. He stated he wanted it on public record that the committee set up ranges, not specific pays. He did not know where the specific rates came from but wanted it on record he does not want to be associated with giving each individual a set pay.

Council Smith made a motion to approve the May Council minutes and expenses as presented, seconded by Council Voitalla, Motion carried unanimously.

Council Mattheisen made a motion to approve the Snow Plow Policy presented, seconded by Council Voitalla, Motion carried unanimously.

We are having a difficult time getting things back from our City Attorney in a timely fashion. Administrator Wickham has requested we change back to our previous attorney Brad Person from Breen and Person. **Motion by Council Odenthal to approve Breen and Person as the City Attorney for all new business, seconded by Council Mattheisen, voting in favor Council Smith, Council Mattheisen, Council Voitalla, and Council Odenthal, voting against -Mayor Van Hal, motion carried.**

There is no new information on the condemnation of the old field store. **Motion to have Administrator Wickham call the owner of the feed store once to see if we can get something in writing to tear it down, if not send the letters we have sent to Brad Person to have the process finished, seconded by Council Odenthal motion carried unanimously.**

Mayors Report: Mayor Van Hal wanted to know what the Council's dreams are. Council Mattheisen stated we have to get the Crossing Development settled, hire a police officer, and get the City back to full operational status before we build parks and other beautification projects within the City.

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Lorna Manska requested the Council revisit the Strip Mall and allow Mr. McFarland to turn his strip mall into apartments. Mayor Van Hal asks Ms. Manska to bring a plan to the Council meeting in July.

The Council needs to come up with a plan as to how they intend to market the lots in the Crossing when we get those back. **Motion by Council Mattheisen to approve Resolution number 06-0915 to convey the land from the Attorney General back to Cass County and then to the City of Pillager, seconded by Council Smith, motion carried unanimously.** Administrator Wickham will send a message to David Drown. She will get back to the Council with his answer.

Motion by Council Mattheisen to appoint Council Smith as Street Commissioner, seconded by Council Odenthal, Motion carried with Council Smith abstained.

There are no written reports. **Motion by Council Mattheisen to approve the liaison reporting verbally back to the Council about monthly work load, seconded by Council Odenthal, Mayor Van Hal would like to see written reports, motion carried.**

Mayor Van Hal wanted to know when staff is going to be back full time and the office will have regular office hours of 8-4. She also wanted to know when the financial statements will be completed. City Hall is back to regular hours and financials will be ready by the July meeting.

Gail Levenson has resigned from the Cass County EDC.

Mayor Van Hal, Councilman Mattheisen and Chief Youngblom are working on hiring a police officer. This is a lengthy process so Chief Youngblom is requesting to hire someone part time temporarily. **Council Smith motioned to hire someone on a temporarily part time basis. Motion died for lack of a second.**

The Pillager Lions would like to make a donation to go towards the City Park for playground equipment and a drinking fountain. The amount is not determined at this time. They would like some input and it was suggested that the Lions send in their ideas.

There was a question that came up about the Union Contract. The Mayor suggested that the meeting be closed to discuss this. Council Odenthal requested that they finish the current City Business and then close the meeting. The reason for closing the meeting is because of a discrepancy in wages as presented on the contract for 2015/2016.

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

Motion by Council Mattheisen to close the meeting at 8:03, seconded by Council Woitalla, motion carried unanimously.

Regular City Council Meeting reconvened at 8:30.

Motion by Council Smith to replace wages on addendum A in Union proposal with the current 2015 wages per individual. Seconded by Council Odenthal motion carried.

Motion by Council Smith to adjourn at 8:35 pm, seconded by Council Odenthal, motion carried.

Mayor Sue Van Hal-Mayor

Admin/Clerk Terri Wickham