

**City of Pillager
City Council Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2015**

Mayor Van Hal called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said. Council Members present were Leroy Smith, Paul Odenthal, and Bret Mattheisen and Clarence Woitalla. Guests at meeting were Cindy Barnett, Tanya Hyatt, Linda Holiday, Harry Brodmarkle, Georgia Cordingly, and Ginger Thrasher. Staff present was Craig Boyer and Terri Wickham.

Visitor Forum

Tanya Hyatt spoke about the MN Building Code permit process. She was upset with City Hall and Tim Caughey and the price of the building permit. City Administrator will draft a letter to Ms. Hyatt, explaining the process and value of the addition. After discussion, it was decided that the Mayor would send a letter to Ms. Hyatt.

Linda Holliday would like to open a very part time gift/pottery shop out of her home. Ms. Holliday will need to fill out the Conditional Use Permit application and staff will prepare for the public hearing once we receive it back from her.

Georgia Cordingly was here for Florence Conrad regarding the Railroad House. They are in the process of cleaning up the property.

Motion by Council Smith to remove comment "Jan Loftis excused herself from the meeting as she felt the Council did not want or need input from the staff and left the meeting" from the September 8th minutes, second by Council Mattheisen, motion carried with Council Odenthal opposing.

Motion by Mayor Van Hal to strike "During the discussion of the minutes, Jan Loftis was trying to answer a question asked by Council Odenthal and was shushed by a non-city resident in the audience who had previously called Jan Loftis a big mouth", from the September minutes, seconded by Council Smith, motion carried with Council Odenthal opposing.

Motion by Council Smith to approve the September minutes, as amended seconded by Council Mattheisen, motion carried with Council Odenthal opposed.

Motion by Council Smith to remove the sentence "the Clerk did not remove those as it gives validity of harassment in the work place ", from the October 13 minutes, seconded by Council Mattheisen motion carried with Council Odenthal opposing.

Motion by Council Mattheisen to approve the October minutes as amended, seconded by Council Smith, motion carried with Council Odenthal opposing. Council would like the minutes to be cleaned up.

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Motion by Council Mattheisen to approve the October expenses, second by Council Odenthal, motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed the trees on the Crossing. Council decided to leave the trees alone for now. The Covenant for the Crossing lots is being written. The TIF district public hearing will be the at the December 8, 2015 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding living in a camper on property. Our Ordinance states there needs to be a primary structure on the property before living in a camper is permitted.

Motion by Council Mattheisen to send letter to Jason Alexander stating the property at 107 Ironwood Ave E., needs to be vacated and cleaned up with everything gone by the first of the year, second by Council Odenthal, motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Wickham will ask Officer Wiebolt, to attend the next meeting.

The Live Nativity at the Pillager Fairgrounds will be coming in the South West gate and go out the main entrance.

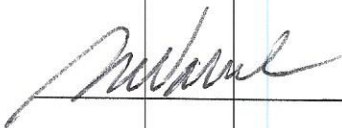
Mayor read Chief Youngblom's report.

Public Works Supervisor Boyer updated Council on the floodlights at the sign in the park. They are not working but we are looking in it. There was a new furnace installed in the shop. They have also purchased new chainsaw. They are currently discharging from the secondary sewer pond and will be doing another in the spring. Skating rink is ready to have the water added.

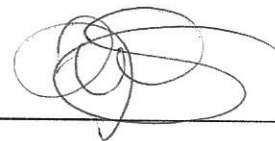
Motion by Council Smith to pass resolution 1110-15, which approves to assess water/sewer delinquent bills to the tax rolls, seconded by Council Odenthal, motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Council Mattheisen to close the meeting to discuss union negotiations strategies, seconded by Council Odenthal, motion carried unanimously. Council went into closed session at 8:07pm. The Mayor kept minutes after the closed session closed and the regular meeting reconvened.



Mayor Sue Van Hal-Mayor



Admin/Clerk Terri Wickham

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City Council meeting was closed for Contract Negotiation Strategy conversation.

Closed meeting opened at 8:07

Present: Councilors Odenthal, Voitalla, Smith, Mattheisen and Mayor Van Hal.

Discussion included strategies for negotiations.

Closed meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Meeting re-opened at 8:58 p.m.

For the first negotiation session, the city staff was not informed by their Union rep that they would not be paid for the time at the negotiation table. They turned in time which alerted the Council. After a short discussion the motion was made by Councilor Smith to pay the staff for that first negotiation session with a note that further sessions would be unpaid. Second by Councilor Odenthal. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Mattheisen has informally discussed the Crossings property with rep from a management company. Councilor Odenthal has made similar contact. Mattheisen suggests that we need a housing marketing study. Mayor Van Hal has also had a conversation with Scott Wilson from HRA who would like to be invited to the next council meeting. We need to decide what we want there.

Councilor Smith suggests that we need to be more informed with building fees and standing ordinances as it relates to construction and remodeling in the city. Discussion followed about our current arrangement with Tim Caughey as our building inspector. Information needs to be more readily available to residents and the council to address issues such as was presented by our guest (Tonya Eng) earlier in the meeting. Smith will do some follow-up work on this issue. We need to be consistent with one set of standards for everyone. Councilor Smith suggests we invite Tim to our December meeting to discuss these issues.

Administrator Wickham has been asked to send a letter earlier in the meeting to Ms. Eng with building fees and ordinances. Councilor Smith now suggests that an additional follow-up letter will be sent to Ms. Eng, signed by the mayor, from the council stating that we will be following-up on her issue, and apologize for her inconvenience.

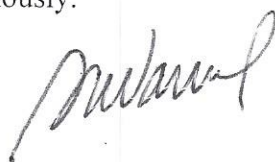
Motion to adjourn by Odenthal, Second by Councilor Voitalla.

Information from Councilor Mattheisen stating that the fire department is still discussing their fees to Pillager and townships.

Mayor Van Hal reported conversation with Scott Wilson, HRA, about requesting a stop light at the Hwy 1 and Hwy 210. A petition is being considered. Discussion followed about the danger there.

All in favor to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

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