

City of Pillager
Continued Council Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2015

Mayor Van Hal reconvened the regular City Council meeting at 6:30p.m. Council Members present were Leroy Smith, Clarence Woitalla, Paul Odenthal and Bret Mattheisen. There were no guests at the meeting.

Motion by Council Mattheisen to close the meeting at 6:34, to discuss the Union Contract, seconded by Council Odenthal, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to by Council Smith to reconvene the regular City Council meeting at 7:20, seconded by Council Odenthal, motion carried.

Motion by Council Smith to contact Rinke and Noonan and authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for them to serve as Council for Union Labor Negotiations, seconded by Council Odenthal, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Smith to submit any appropriate and pertinent information to Rinke & Noonan regarding Labor negotiations. Mayor Van Hal states that will include the contracts that have been exchanged, Council Smith includes every bit of paper work that they have for the union, seconded by Council Odenthal, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Smith to adjourn regular meeting at 7:24, seconded by Council Odenthal, motion carried unanimously.

Council went into work session. No recordings were done as is required



Mayor Sue Van Hal, Mayor



Admin/Clerk, Terri Wickham

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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 Gary Handlos, Norman Rohl, Ann Meyer, Ginger Thrasher, Steve Johnson, and Pamela Withage. Staff present was Terri Wickham, Tom Youngblom, Craig Boyer, and Jan Loftis.

Visitor Form: Ann Meyer wanted an update on the Carlson property. Mr. Carlson is working on rebuilding and has a sixteen month time frame to rebuild. It was questioned as to whether he could live in the motor home or not. Precedence has been set so it is possible for him to live in it.

Council Mattheisen made a motion to add Don McFarland Strip Mall and Ed Carlson Property to the agenda and to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Council Voitalla, motion carried unanimously.

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

Police Chief Tom Youngblom updated Council on how Officer Ben Wiebolt is adjusting. He is working 28 hours per week. Officer Wiebolt is doing a great job. Chief Youngblom would still like to hire another part time officer which would give the City more coverage. The squad car is a 2007 and is scheduled to be replaced. Chief Youngblom will get more information on this for the Council. Fergus Falls, MN, has the State Bid. Purchasing through them, would eliminate the need for the bid process and may be cheaper.

Scott Wilson is proceeding with the Small Cities Grant.

Motion by Council Odenthal to approve the Assessment Agreement with Leon Meuwisew owner of the feed store property that has been condemned, the agreement states it will be assessed to the property and be paid yearly with his taxes, seconded by Council Mattheisen. Motion carried unanimously.

MN Rural Water did a rate study for the City of Pillager regarding the water rates. We are in the red and need to raise rates either by base rates or by usage. Council decided to discuss this at a work session in July.

We are in the process of getting back the tax-forfeited parcels in The Crossing Subdivision from the State of Minnesota. David Drown has suggested we sell the lots for the assessments due on them. We should have back within six weeks. Council will need to decide how they would like to market them. Work session was scheduled for July 21, 2015.

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The Council received the financials through June. There were no questions. If someone has one at another time, please call City Hall.

Council requested Staff send a letter to Ed Carlson regarding his plans for rebuilding his home.

Lorna Manska requested that the City do a multi zone on the Strip Mall so they could do apartments there. She was told to bring her plans back to this meeting. She submitted a drawing without details. Councilman Smith stated he thinks we should leave it as commercial. The City should not be spot zoned.

The Fire Association is checking into doing a special district for the Fire Department on the tax levy. They are discussing a change in how they charge for the fire protection. This is in response to East Gull Lake joining the Association.

Mayors Report: Mayor Van Hal wanted to know if the Council had thought about what their dream for Pillager is. Council Odenthal stated he thought music in the park type event would be a nice touch. He stated Crosby, MN has one and it is very well attended. Mayor Van Hal stated the Family Center is looking to start the Pillager Briefs again. There is talk of doing a Historical Club and a Pillager Business Assoc. again.

Council Smith motioned to go with Craig's recommendation for putting a security light on an existing pole at the City Park, the City will pay the monthly fee, seconded by Council Woitalla, motion carried unanimously.

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

At 7:45pm, Motion by Council Smith to continue the regular meeting on July 21, 2015 at 6:30pm, to hold a closed session regarding the Union Contract, second by Council Odenthal, motion carried.