

EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014 – 12:00PM
WARROAD CITY OFFICE / COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Bob Marvin called the Emergency Council Meeting of the Warroad City Council to order at 12:05 p.m. on June 19, 2014. ***Those Present:*** Mayor Bob Marvin, Councilors Dick Soderberg, Michele Vandal, Jeff Parker and Kevin Thompson.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Administrator Kathy Lovelace; Utility Superintendent Ron Kleinschmidt; Police Chief Wade Steinbring; City Attorney Steve Andreson; Roseau County Sheriff Steve Gust; Fire Chief Todd Kleinschmidt; Bill Kirkeby, Warroad Pioneer; Kent Peterson, John Johnson & Bruce MacCallum, Lake Township; Todd Miller, Roseau County Commissioner; Glenda Phillipe, Roseau County Emergency Manager & County Commissioner; Steve Emery, City Engineer; and Brian Schaible, Building and Zoning Official.

By Phone: Representatives from Homeland Security Emergency Management and the Army Corps of Engineers.

FLOOD DISCUSSION & BRIEFING:

Council Members and those present listened to concerns from the Army Corp of Engineers and the Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management regarding the increasing level of Lake of the Woods. Lake level predictions from the Lake of the Woods Control Board were discussed.

The Corp of Engineers emphasized that the issue we are dealing with on the lake is more of a coastal flooding issue rather than what the state is more used to dealing with regarding rivers and streams. In addition, the water basin for Lake of the Woods extends far to the east making in very difficult to predict what lake levels may rise to. Corp representatives likened it to the flood of 1950 that caused so much damage in Warroad. As the lake level continues to rise, it could take weeks or months for it to go back down.

Motion by Council Parker to declare a State of Emergency and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to take all actions necessary to protect the City's infrastructure, buildings and businesses and authorizing the City Administrator to request emergency assistance from the State and the Army Corp of Engineers. Motion seconded by Councilor Vandal and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, ***Councilor Vandal moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Warroad City Council of April 14, 2014.*** The motion was seconded by Councilor Parker and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Meeting notes prepared by City Administrator Kathy A. Lovelace