

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE WARROAD CITY COUNCIL**

July 27, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

Acting Mayor Kevin Thompson called the Regular Meeting of the Warroad City Council to order at 4:34 p.m. on July 27, 2020.

Those Present: Councilors Michele Vandal, Dick Soderberg, Tom Goldsmith and Kevin Thompson

Absent: Mayor Bob Marvin

Also Present: City Administrator – Kathy Lovelace, Amy Friesner – City Staff, City Attorney – Steve Anderson, Dan Trosen – Utility Superintendent, Representative of engineering firm Kimley Horn and Representatives of MNDOT via remote.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Councilor Goldsmith moved to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of 7d – Liquor Store Proposal.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Vandal and carried unanimously.

FISCAL/ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES:

Approval of July 13, 2020 Council Minutes

Motion made by Councilor Vandal to approve the July 13, 2020 regular Council Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilor Soderberg and carried unanimously

Approval of Checks/NMPA Payment

Motion made by Councilor Vandal to approve the July 2020 checks totaling \$281,937.12 (PR E510557 = \$42,377.90, PR #8288-8313 = \$21,070.91, E#2459-2465 = \$31,399.90, and A/P #48065-48127 = \$187,088.41).

Motion seconded by Councilor Goldsmith and carried unanimously.

MNDOT HWY 11 PROJECT DISCUSSION

Council was given an opportunity to look over plans for the Hwy 11 corridor reconstruction scheduled for construction in 2023 or 2024. Planning engineer working with MNDOT was present to review, listen to input and list the next steps for the project. MNDOT representatives were available by conference call.

Council asked questions and reviewed the plans and were asked to think about any issues or concerns and let MNDOT know. The next step in the process will be property/business owners and other stake holders along the route, then a public hearing.

No Action Taken.

PUBLIC SAFETY

AMB - Authorization to send delinquent Accounts to Collection/Revenue Recapture

Motion made by Councilor Vandal authorizing to send delinquent Ambulance account to collection/revenue recapture as presented. Motion seconded by Councilor Goldsmith and carried unanimously.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

None at this time

COVID-19 RELATED ISSUES

Getting used to the mask mandate.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Liability Coverage - Waiver Form

Motion made by Councilor Vandal to approve the Liability Coverage without waiving the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by state statute. The motion was seconded by Councilor Goldsmith and carried unanimously.

Property Sale – Berg Addition

City administrator Kathy Lovelace was approached by a current property owner looking to buy more land adjacent to the existing property. He is concerned that part of his buildings may not be on his property and wants to purchase land to the west and east. Ms. Lovelace suggested that the city sell him Berg Addition Block 1, Lot13 and 40’ of Lot 10 for \$2,000 and a trade of property needed to create an alley on the south side of the property.

Motion made by Councilor Goldsmith to sell the property in the Berg Addition with terms as discussed. Motion seconded by Councilor Vandal and carried unanimously.

Memorial Request

The city received a request for a memorial bench in Allison Park. The bench would be donated to the city with a memorial engraved on it. Normally, the city does not encourage memorials for the reason of future maintenance and/or replacement.

It was council consensus to table any decision until the park donor is contacted for their input.

Liquor Store Proposal

The planning commission is recommending to council to hire two architectural firms to do a feasibility study for the liquor store at a cost of \$5,000 each. They would review options and give ideas on what they would suggest be done to maximize space and possible increase in revenues.

Motion made by Councilor Vandal to authorize a feasibility study for the liquor store remodel by two architectural firms for \$5,000 each. The motion was seconded by Councilor Soderberg and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, *Councilor Vandal moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Warroad City Council of July 27, 2020.* The motion was seconded by Councilor Soderberg and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Acting Mayor Kevin Thompson

Kathy A. Lovelace, City Administrator

Minutes prepared by Amy Friesner, City Staff