

CITY OF WARROAD COUNCIL MTG WORK SESSION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH – 2:00 PM
CITY OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Bob Marvin called Special Worksession of the Warroad City Council to order at 2:00 p.m. on November 24, 2020.

Those Present: Mayor Marvin, Councilors Michele Vandal, Tom Goldsmith and Kevin Thompson

Absent: Councilor Dick Soderberg

APPROVE AGENDA:

Councilor Vandal moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Thompson and carried unanimously.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO BE SENT TO THE County for Recording and Collection with Taxes.

City Administrator Kathy Lovelace asked council to certify that special assessments be sent to the county to be recorded against the property until such time as they are due. The two affected properties belong to the School and Warroad Community Church and are as follows:

56.3019000 – ISD 690, assessment #4211, 4611, 4111 and 4398

56.3015100 – Warroad Community Church, assessment 4202 and 4398

Council discussed the fact that most of these assessment were 15-20 years old and have never had any interest charged to them. While there was discussion about charging the interest from the initial assessment, final discussion was to charge the established interest fees for the remaining years until the assessments become due.

Motion by Council Vandal to certify the above assessments for collection with taxes when due and to initiate the established annual interest fees for the remaining years before the assessments are due. The motion was seconded by Councilor Thompson and carried unanimously.

2021 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

What we know for 2021....

COLA for all employees – +2.4%

Health Ins. – Remains with BCBS. This is the final year of a 3yr contract. - +9.7%

Dental Ins. – Remains same as switched to new company - +0%

EL/WA/SW – Expected to stay the same - +0%

Northwest Regional Library Request - +2%

Unknowns

Warroad Community Development - ?????

Tax Abatement Program (if established - ?????

LGA +/- - ?????

The current levy increase was projected at 5.1%

Lovelace indicated that health insurance premiums could now be adjusted from the estimated 12% increase to the now known increase of 9.7% . Lovelace was also asked to take a closer look at the Clerk/Treas. payroll to see why that was showing a larger than projected increase.

After discussions and various options, the following adjustments were offered....

Adjust Health Ins. Premiums from 12% to 9.7%

Evaluate the Clerk/Treas. Payroll

Establish a Tax Abatement Account - \$20,000

Keep WCD expense budget same - \$50,000

Reduce General Reserve Fund Budget from \$100,000 to \$80,000

Council scheduled an additional meeting for December 2, 2020 at 4:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, ***Councilor Vandal moved to adjourn the Special Work Session of the Warroad City Council of November 24, 2020.*** The motion was seconded by Councilor Goldsmith and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Mayor Bob Marvin

Kathy A. Lovelace, City Administrator

Prepared by: Kathy A. Lovelace