

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

**April 12, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Bob Marvin called the Regular Meeting of the Warroad City Council to order at 4:30pm on April 12, 2021.

***Those Present:*** Mayor Marvin; Councilors Doug Thomasson, Kevin Thompson, and Tom Goldsmith.

***Absent:*** Councilor Michele Vandal

***Also Present:*** City Staff – Amy Friesner, City Attorney – Steve Anderson, Dan Trosen – City Superintendent, Wade Steinbring – WPD, and Cyndy Renfrow and Rob Orvis - WCD.

**APPROVE AGENDA:**

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

**FISCAL/ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES:**

**Approval of March 22, 2021 Council Minutes**

***Motion made by Councilor Thomasson to approve the March 22, 2021 regular Council Minutes as written.*** The motion was seconded by Councilor Thompson and carried unanimously.

**Approval of Checks/NMPA Payment**

***Motion made by Councilor Thompson to approve the April 2021 checks totaling \$827,764.14 (E2631-2647 = \$71,347.89, AP #49058-49134 = \$270,875.05, Sales Tax #03312021 = \$30,270.00, NMPA #20210331 = \$355,294.66, PR #8576-8610 = \$25,025.10, and PR E511094, 511123 = \$74,951.44).*** Motion seconded by Councilor Goldsmith and carried unanimously.

**Review of March 2021 Revenue/Expense Summary**

***No action taken.***

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

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

**UTILITY DEPARTMENT**

**Utility Commission Minutes for April**

***Information only. No Action Taken.***

**2021 Misc Construction and Materials Bid Award**

***Motion made by Councilor Goldsmith to award the bid for 2021 Misc Construction and Material Bids from Warroad Ready Mix as presented.*** Motion seconded by Councilor Thompson and carried unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS:****WCD/ Broadband Discussion – Rob Orvis/ Cyndy Renfrow**

Rob Orvis and Cyndy Renfrow spoke about the need for consistent broadband access for all area residents. Mr. Orvis spoke of looking at the service as a utility rather than an option. After this last year dealing with the requirements for remote access for education and at-home work, the lack of consistent access became very apparent. In order to qualify for possible financial assistance, we need to act quickly to redefine the existing broadband definition and advocate for our uniqueness and help change legislation so that the small communities such as Warroad will not fall through the cracks.

There is an option for the city to participate in a fellowship over two years that would bring a person to the area that is knowledgeable of the broadband needs and will research processes and financing to help put together a plan to provide affordable broadband service to area residents. There are other contributors to help with this fellowship. After their portion, there would be \$30,000 left to cover the cost. Ms. Renfrow is confident that there will be others that will help cover the cost and she asked the city to cover up to \$6,000 over two years.

*Motion made by Councilor Thomasson to support the proposed fellowship to study and promote broadband access to all area residents with some participation and a financial contribution of up to \$6,000 over two years. Motion seconded by Councilor Goldsmith and carried unanimously.*

Cyndy Renfrow updated the council on the other WCD projects in the works.

**Maintenance of CN Ditches**

Councilor Goldsmith stated that Marvins planned to clean the ditches along the CN railroad between the river and Gladys St NE. He asked if the city would help with hauling away debris and such.

*It was council consensus to work with Marvins to clean the ditches along the CN railroad between the river and Gladys St NE.*

**Lawful Gambling Applications**

*Motion made by Councilor Thompson to adopt resolution 2021-05 and 2021-06 to authorize lawful gambling to the Warroad Area Community Center to sell pull-tabs at Izzy's Lounge, Inc and WHD-LLC (Hampton Inn). Motion seconded by Councilor Thomasson and carried unanimously.*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, *Councilor Goldsmith moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Warroad City Council of April 12, 2021.* The motion was seconded by Councilor Thompson and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

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Mayor Bob Marvin

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Kathy A. Lovelace, City Administrator

*Minutes prepared by: Amy Friesner, city staff*