

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

August 9, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Bob Marvin called the Regular Meeting of the Warroad City Council to order at 4:30pm on August 9, 2021.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator Kathy Lovelace, City Staff – Amy Friesner, City Attorney – Steve Anderson, Dan Trosen – Warroad Utilities, Dennis Abernathy – WHS Principal, and Cyndy Renfrow and Matt Sauser – 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 July 26, 2021 Council Minutes

Motion made by Councilor Goldsmith to approve the July 26, 2021 regular Council Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilor Vandal and carried unanimously.

Approval of Checks/NMPA Payment

Motion made by Councilor Vandal to approve the August 2021 checks totaling \$798,864.16 (E2718-2728 = \$39,769.34, AP #49605-49660 = \$291,666.92, NMPA #20210731 = \$380,127.69, Sales Tax #07312021 = \$40,153.00, PR #8697-8708 = \$7,190.49, and PR E-#511373 = \$39,956.72). Motion seconded by Councilor Goldsmith and carried unanimously.

Review of July 2021 Revenue/Expense Summary

No action taken.

Discussion/Approval of Economic Development Tax Abatement Policy (tabled 7/12/21)

Discussion continued on the proposed Economic Development Tax Abatement Policy. City Administrator Kathy Lovelace stated that there are safeguards in the policy that would allow money to be used as council determined.

Motion made by Councilor Goldsmith to approve the Economic Development Tax Abatement Policy as presented.

Motion seconded by Councilor Thompson and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

None at this Time

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Utility Commission Minutes for August

Information only. No Action Taken.

Authorization to send delinquent Accounts to Collection

Motion made by Councilor Vandal authorizing to send delinquent utility account to collection as presented. Motion seconded by Councilor Thomasson and carried unanimously.

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Approval of Municipal Consent for HWY 11 Project

Municipal consent action is needed for MN Dot to proceed with easement and property acquisition for the Hwy 11 project. With consent, council is accepting the layout concept including lanes of traffic, sidewalks and roundabouts.

Motion made by Councilor Goldsmith to give Municipal Consent for the Hwy 11 Project as discussed. Motion seconded by Councilor Vandal and carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Request for Lease to access personal property

City Administrator Kathy Lovelace was approached by Andy Stoskopf about the boat house that is owned by his uncle along the river across from the brewery. He asked if he could buy or lease the property to access the boat house. The council discussed the current and future use of the property. With development of a waterfront and other plans in the works, it would be difficult for the council to make any long-term decisions at this time.

It was council consensus to approach Mr. Stoskopf with a proposal of a 2yr access only lease. If tentative agreement, a lease will be drawn up and brought to council for consideration.

Logo – what next

Council discussed the replacement of the current depot logo for the city. Some of the examples that they had seen just didn't quite incorporate Warroad and what it has to offer. City Administrator Kathy Lovelace suggested another workshop to discuss options with the designer.

No Action Taken

WCD - Broadband

Cyndi Renfrow of Warroad Community Development (WCD) introduced Matt Souser as the new fellow to research the need for broadband in Warroad. This fellowship is supported by many different entities. Mr Souser will be here for the next two years to help Warroad move forward with broadband.

Ms Renfrow updated the council on possible funding opportunities through Blandin and other resources.

No Action Taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

There, being no further business, *Councilor Vandal moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Warroad City Council of August 9, 2021.* The motion was seconded by Councilor Thompson and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Mayor Bob Marvin

Kathy A. Lovelace, City Administrator

Minutes prepared by Amy Friesner, city staff.

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