

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

July 8, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Marvin called the Regular Meeting of the Warroad City Council to order at 4:30p.m. on July 8, 2024.

Those Present: Mayor Marvin, Councilors Doug Thomasson, Kevin Thompson, Michele Vandal, and Joe Olafson.

Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator Kathy Lovelace, City Staff – Sarah Hardwick, City Attorney – Steve Anderson, Dan Trosen – Utilities, Wade Steinbring – WPD, Glenda Phillipe – County, John Davis – River Place.

APPROVE AGENDA:

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

FISCAL/ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES:

Approval of June 24, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Councilor Thomasson to approve the June 24, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilor Vandal and carried unanimously.

Approval of Checks

Motion made by Councilor Vandal to approve the June 2024 checks totaling \$256,312.71 (E3536-3542 = \$42,369.61, AP #53991-54013 = \$123,688.89, Health Insurance #202407 = \$27,635.40, PR #9766-9775 = \$10,075.69, and PR E#513831 = \$52,543.12). Motion seconded by Councilor Thompson and carried unanimously.

Approval Veit & Co Inc, Payment for Dredging

Motion made by Councilor Thompson to approve the payment in the amount of \$85,843.07 for dredging. Motion was seconded by Councilor Vandal.

PUBLIC SAFETY

PSF – Authorization to accept bid for lighting replacement

Motion made by Councilor Vandal to accept the bid from Lake of the Woods Electric for lighting replacement at a cost of \$7,737.25 as presented. Motion seconded by Councilor Thomasson and carried unanimously.

RIVER PLACE UPDATE

River Place Executive Director John Davis addressed the Council about the concerns River Place has with MnDOT's proposal to remove the existing stop lights and replace them with either stop signs or a roundabout.

Mr. Davis expressed to the council that the River Place Board feels it is imperative to preserve and retain these stoplights at this critical intersection of Lake Street and Highway 11 to ensure safe and equitable access for the entire community, including children, the elderly, handicapped and visually impaired, so that all may enjoy the new \$20 million national model infrastructure project in the heart of Warroad in Northern Minnesota. Mr. Davis asked the council for their support of the River Place Boards position.

After a brief discussion, the following motion was made.

Motion by Councilor Olafson to support the position of RiverPlace Arts Culture and Events Center to request that MnDOT retain the stoplights at the intersection of Lake Street and Highway 11. Motion was seconded by Councilor Vandal and unanimously approved.

LIQUOR STORE

Authorization to hire new PT Clerk

Motion made by Councilor Thomasson to hire a new Part Time Clerk. Motion was seconded by Councilor Vandal and carried unanimously.

Liquor Sales Update

Liquor Store Manager Nathan Hoy provided an update on sales. Council would like confirmation on if this update is sales or profits.

AIRPORT

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Delinquent Accounts to Collection and the County for Collection with Taxes

Motion made by Councilor Vandal authorizing to send delinquent utility accounts to collection and to the county to be attached to property taxes as presented. *Motion seconded by Councilor Thomasson and carried unanimously.*

Hwy 11 Project Update

Superintendent Dan Trosen gave a brief update on the status of the Hwy 11 and Cedar Ave projects.

July Utility Commission Minutes

No Action Taken

OTHER BUSINESS:

Event Application –Scoops Ice Cream /July 21 @ River Street Docks

Motion made by Councilor Thompson to approve the event application Scoops Ice Cream Parlor on July 21, 2024 as presented. Motion seconded by Councilor Thomasson and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, *Councilor Vandal moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Warroad City Council of July 8, 2024.* The motion was seconded by Councilor Olafson and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Mayor Bob Marvin

Kathy A. Lovelace, City Administrator

Minutes prepared by: Sarah Hardwick, city staff