

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

January 26, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Tom Goldsmith called the Regular Meeting of the Warroad City Council to order at 4:30p.m. on January 26, 2026.

Those Present: Mayor Tom Goldsmith, Councilors Kevin Thompson, Dean Dorholt, Joe Olafson and Michele Vandal

Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator – Kathy Lovelace, City Staff – Amy Friesner, Joy Bukowiec – WRU, Wade Steinbring – WPD, Mani Souphom – R&J Broadcasting, Sarah Carling – WCD, Glenda Phillipe – Roseau County, and Dan Trosen – Utilities.

APPROVE AGENDA:

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

FISCAL/ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES:

Approval of January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Councilor Vandal moved to approve the January 12, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dorholt and carried unanimously.

Approval of Checks

Motion made by Councilor Vandal to approve the January 2026 checks totaling \$322,725.05 (E3972-3982 = \$57,851.50, AP #56343-56390 = \$186,181.11 (void #56319-56342), PR #10262-10285 = \$24,216.25, PR E#515233 = \$54,476.19). Motion seconded by Councilor Dorholt and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

AMB – Delinquent Accounts to be sent to Collection/Revenue Recapture

Motion made by Councilor Vandal authorizing to send unpaid ambulance accounts to collection/revenue recapture as presented. Motion seconded by Councilor Thompson and carried unanimously.

PD – Authorization to Purchase Equipment

Police Chief Wade Steinbring asked council to authorize the purchase of six body cameras. They would replace the old ones which are not very compatible with the download software. Council was given two quotes with the recommendation to take the low quote with Motorola of \$48,337.20. The cost can be paid over five years as the council chooses.

Motion made by Councilor Dorholt to authorize the purchase of six body cameras from Motorola to be paid off over four years beginning in 2027. Motion seconded by Councilor Olafson and carried unanimously.

WARROAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Council was reminded of an upcoming workshop on February 17, 2026 to discuss future city and area project priorities with Warroad Community Development.

No Action Take.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

None at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Authorization to hire PT Liquor Store Clerks – CR and SF

Council was asked to approve the hire of two PT clerks at the liquor store to replace two that are leaving.

Motion made by Councilor Thompson to approve the hire of two PT clerks at the liquor store as presented.

Motion seconded by Councilor Vandal and carried unanimously.

Authorization to purchase computers

City Administrator Kathy Lovelace asked council to approve the purchase of 6 computers to replace four at the city office, one at the utility shop and one at the fire hall. The computers were last replaced in 2019 and have become slower since the upgrade to Windows 11. The monitors will not be replaced.

Motion made by Councilor Thompson to approve the purchase of 6 computers. Motion seconded by Councilor Vandal and carried unanimously.

GMPT Grant Mtg – St Cloud

FYI- City Administrator Kathy Lovelace will be attending a mandatory Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails (GMPT) meeting in St Cloud on January 29, 2026

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, *Councilor Vandal moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Warroad City Council of January 26, 2026.* The motion was seconded by Councilor Dorholt. The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Mayor Tom Goldsmith

City Administrator, Kathy A. Lovelace

Minutes prepared by: Amy Friesner, city staff