

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

**February 23, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Tom Goldsmith called the Regular Meeting of the Warroad City Council to order at 4:30p.m. on February 23, 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 – Sarah Hardwick, Wade Steinbring - WPD, Dan Trosen – Utilities, and Glenda Phillipe – County, Sarah Carling - WCD

**APPROVE AGENDA:**

***Councilor Vandal moved to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of 4c PD Logo.*** The motion was seconded by Councilor Dorholt and carried unanimously.

**FISCAL/ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES:**

**Approval of February 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**

***Councilor Vandal moved to approve the February 9, 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 February 2026 checks totaling \$229,742.50 (E3998-4005= \$42,858.88, AP #56455-56501 = \$131,660.55, PR #10289-10297 = \$6,994.26, PR E#515294 = \$48,228.81).*** Motion seconded by Councilor Olafson and carried unanimously.

**Approval of 2026 Committee, Commission and Boards List**

***Motion made by Councilor Vandal to approve the proposed list.*** Motion seconded by Councilor Olafson and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**PD – Authorization to purchase vehicle**

***Motion made by Councilor Dorholt to authorize the purchase of a new vehicle at the price presented \$42,213 and approximately \$21,000 for additional interior equipment.*** Motion seconded by Councilor Vandal and carried unanimously.

**PD – Consideration of new Position**

Chief Steinbring presented a draft job description for the sergeant position, which has been approved by the Public Safety Commission. He is requesting authorization to move forward with finalizing the job description and wage research.

***Motion made by Councilor Dorholt to approve moving forward with exploring a Sergeant Position and drafting a job description for future consideration.*** Motion seconded by Councilor Vandal and carried unanimously.

**PD – Logo**

Lovelace presented the new logo design for the squads.

***Motion made by Councilor Vandal to approve the logo design.*** Motion seconded by Dorholt and carried unanimously.

**WARROAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Housing Engagement Proposal**

Sarah Carling presented a proposal outlining a housing study conducted for the city to assess community needs and develop an action plan process. The first phase of the project will cost \$57,000.

***Motion made by Councilor Vandal to approve the study at a cost of \$57,000.*** Motion seconded by Councilor Thompson and carried unanimously.

**Government Island Work Request**

Sarah Carling is requesting authorization to mulch and burn the brush on the island.

***Motion made by Councilor Vandal to authorize the work request on Government Island.*** Motion seconded by Councilor Olafson and carried unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Application for Exempt Permit / Knights of Columbus / Bingo 3-28-26**

***Motion made by Councilor Olafson to approve the application by Knights of Columbus for Bingo on March 28, 2026 as presented.*** Motion seconded by Councilor Vandal and carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, ***Councilor Vandal moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Warroad City Council of February 23, 2026.*** The motion was seconded by Councilor Thompson and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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Mayor Tom Goldsmith

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City Administrator, Kathy A. Lovelace

*Minutes prepared by: Sarah Hardwick, city staff*