

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

March 9, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Tom Goldsmith called the Regular Meeting of the Warroad City Council to order at 4:30p.m. on March 9, 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, City Attorney – Steve Anderson, Joy Bukowiec – WRU, Dan Trosen – Utilities, Sarah Carling – WCD, Mani Souphom – R&J Broadcasting, and Glenda Phillipe – County.

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 February 23, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Councilor Vandal moved to approve the February 23, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Thompson and carried unanimously.

Approval of Checks

Motion made by Councilor Vandal to approve the March 2026 checks totaling \$904,809.82 (E4006-4018= \$46,565.39, AP #56502-56559 = \$297,291.18, PR #10298-10300 = \$6,040.92, PR E#515324 = \$49,647.78, NMPA #20260228 = \$426,115.47, Sales Tax #02282026 = \$46,517.00, Health Insurance #202603 = \$32,632.08). Motion seconded by Councilor Thompson and carried unanimously.

Revenue/Expense Summary – February 2026

No Action Taken.

PUBLIC SAFETY

AMB – Delinquent Accounts for Collection and Revenue Recapture

Motion made by Councilor Vandal to authorize to send delinquent ambulance calls to collection/revenue recapture as presented. Motion seconded by Councilor Dorholt and carried unanimously.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

RCB – Delinquent Utility Accounts for Collection

Motion made by Councilor Vandal to authorize to send delinquent utility accounts to collection as presented. Motion seconded by Councilor Dorholt and carried unanimously.

Lift Station Pump Replacements

Council was asked to authorize the replacement of four lift station pumps. One pump replacement at Lift Station 2 & 4. And both pumps replaced at Lift Station 3. The cost would be \$78,468.

Motion made by Councilor Thompson to authorize the replacement of four lift station pumps at a cost of \$78,468. Motion seconded by Councilor Vandal and carried unanimously.

Street Repairs for 2026

The utility commission is recommending the mill and overlay of Lake St NW from Hwy 11 to Cedar Ave. Agassi Asphalt was recommendation for the work.

Motion made by Councilor Thompson to authorize street repairs as discussed by Agassi Asphalt. Motion seconded by Councilor Vandal and carried unanimously.

NMPA Board Representative Nominations

Council was asked to adopt a resolution naming Utility Superintendent Dan Trosen as director and Kevin Hanson as the advisor to NMPA for the twelve-month period beginning May 1, 2026.

Motion made by Councilor Vandal to adopt Resolution 2026-02 naming Utility Superintendent Dan Trosen as director and Kevin Hanson as the advisor to NMPA. Motion was seconded by Councilor Dorholt and carried unanimously.

Utility Commission Minutes – March

A reminder that the City-wide cleanup is the week of April 20, 2026

No Action Taken

WARROAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Update

Council was given an update on the recent Warroad Community Development activities.

No Action Take.

Comprehensive Plan Proposal

Council was asked to choose from two options for a comprehensive plan. Neither option is a cost to the city and both costs are equivalent. After some discussion it was decided to choose the option that would take more time but align with the housing and other development research.

Motion made by Councilor Thompson to choose the comprehensive plan proposal from Northwest Regional Development as presented. Motion seconded by Councilor Dorholt and carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Temporary On-Sale Liquor License Request – Northborn Music Festival / 06-06-2026

Motion made by Councilor Vandal to approve the Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Northborn Music Festival on June 6, 2026 as presented. Motion seconded by Councilor Dorholt and carried unanimously.

Special Event Request – Yellow Rose Run / 08-08-2026

Motion made by Councilor Vandal to approve special event application for the Yellow Rose Run on August 8, 2026 as presented. Motion seconded by Councilor Thompson and carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO MN STATUTE 13D.05 SUBD. 3 TO DISCUSS A PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND PROPERTY LEASE OPTION

Councilor Thompson moved to close the Regular Meeting of the Warroad City Council of March 9, 2026 pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05 Subd. 3 to discuss a property acquisition and lease option. The motion was seconded by Councilor Vandal and carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 4:54 p.m.

Councilor Thompson moved to reopen the Regular Meeting of the Warroad City Council of March 9, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilor Vandal and carried unanimously. The regular meeting reopened at 5:09 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, ***Councilor Vandal moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Warroad City Council of March 9, 2026.*** The motion was seconded by Councilor Thompson and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Mayor Tom Goldsmith

City Administrator, Kathy A. Lovelace

Minutes prepared by: Amy Friesner, city staff