

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

**April 13, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Tom Goldsmith called the Regular Meeting of the Warroad City Council to order at 4:30p.m. on April 13, 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, Dan Trosen – Utilities, Damian McMillin – WFD, Sarah Carling – WCD, Patrick Rust – Idemitsu Renewables, 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 March 23, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**

***Councilor Vandal moved to approve the March 23, 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 April 2026 checks totaling \$1,998,836.55 (E4027-4046= \$93,021.98, AP #56614-56696= \$1,267,796.09, PR #10310-10321 = \$13,012.03, PR E#515383, 515413 = \$101,476.97, NMPA #20260331 = \$443,484.40, Sales Tax #03312026 = \$47,413.00, Health Insurance #202604 = \$32,632.08).*** Motion seconded by Councilor Thompson and carried unanimously.

**Revenue/Expense Summary – March 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.

**FD – Delinquent Fire Call to be sent to the County for Collection with Taxes**

***Motion made by Councilor Vandal to authorize to send delinquent fire call to the County for collection with taxes as presented.*** Motion seconded by Councilor Dorholt and carried unanimously.

**IDEMITSU RENEWABLES – SOLAR PROJECT/ PATRICK RUST**

Patrick Rust, Senior Project Manager for Idemitsu Renewables, discussed a solar farm project they are working on north and west of the airport. They would like to lease approximately 200 acres of city property near the city ponds.

The lease would be for 35 years. Construction could start as early as 2028. There is a permitting process and public hearings as part of the project.

Council was asked to consider the lease option and ask any more questions they may have.

*No Action Taken*

### **UTILITY DEPARTMENT**

#### **No Parking Extended**

Utility Superintendent Trosen recommended to council to extend the No Parking zone along Lake St NE near Scoops and Threads. This would help with site lines for traffic and pedestrians at that intersection. Only one parallel parking spot will be affected on each side of the road.

*Motion made by Councilor Vandal to extend the No Parking area along Lake St. NE as discussed. Motion seconded by Councilor Thompson and carried unanimously.*

#### **Approval of Resolution 2026-03 Electric Rates**

Utility Superintendent Dan Trosen presented a proposed 2026-27 electric rates. NMPA is passing through a 6.5% increase from Minnkota. Council reviewed the proposed changes to kwh rates. It would be a 7% increase on kwh.

*Motion made by Councilor Thompson to adopt Resolution 2026-03 Adopting Retail Power Rates as presented. Motion seconded by Councilor Vandal and carried unanimously.*

#### **Pickup Truck Bids**

Council was presented two bids for a new pickup for the electric department. It was Utility Commission recommendation to stay local and accept the bid from Neighbors Chevrolet even though it was slightly higher. Utility Superintendent Trosen was asked to clarify with Neighbors if there was anything else they could do for us.

*Motion made by Councilor Olafson to direct Utility Superintendent Trosen to discuss the final price with Neighbors Chevrolet and purchase the vehicle local. Motion seconded by Councilor Dorholt and carried unanimously.*

#### **Equipment Bids for 2026**

2026 Equipment bid requests were sent out. One bid was received. It was recommended by the utility commission to award the bid to Andrew J Stoskopf Trucking.

*Motion made by Councilor Dorholt to award the 2026 equipment Bids to Andrew J Stoskopf Trucking. Motion was seconded by Councilor Thompson and carried unanimously.*

### **Utility Commission Minutes – April**

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

*No Action Taken*

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

#### **Request to submit application for a Blandin Foundation Grant – WCD**

Sarah Carling with Warroad Community Development asked council for authorization to submit an application for a Blandin Foundation Grant up to \$150,000 that would help with Phase II of the housing survey and possibly engineering fees to help with the un-platted area on the west side of town.

*Motion made by Councilor Vandal to authorize an application for a Blandin Foundation Grant up to \$150,000. Motion seconded by Councilor Dorholt 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 April 13, 2026 pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05 Subd. 3 to discuss a property acquisition. The motion was seconded by Councilor Vandal and carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 5:24 p.m.*

*Councilor Vandal moved to reopen the Regular Meeting of the Warroad City Council of April 13, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilor Thompson and carried unanimously. The regular meeting reopened at 5:30 p.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, *Councilor Vandal moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Warroad City Council of April 13, 2026.* The motion was seconded by Councilor Thompson and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

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Mayor Tom Goldsmith

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City Administrator, Kathy A. Lovelace

*Minutes prepared by: Amy Friesner, city staff*