

Warba City Council Meeting September 13, 2010

The Warba city council meeting was called to order by Mayor Don Hawk at 6:30 pm. The pledge of allegiance was said. Council members Cheri Dombrovski, Pat Gilsvik and Kelly McCauley were present as well as Clerk, Niki Mistelske and Treasurer, Tami Elich. Minutes were reviewed. Pat made a motion, seconded by Cheri to accept minutes. Approved 5-0. Special meeting minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Don to accept. Approved 5-0. Treasurer's report was read. A motion was made by Niki, seconded by Cheri to accept the Treasurer's report. Approved 5-0. Bills were read. A motion was made by Cheri, seconded by Don to pay the bills. Approved 5-0.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Maintenance: Because David was working late on the installation of the new slide rails for the sewer, Don presented information on David's behalf noting that the City has an opportunity to get various stumps around the City ground at minimal cost: 8 community center stumps for \$75, 2 at the lift station for \$35 and a white pine stump for \$25. Niki suggested and Council agreed the stump grinding outfit submit a written bid for review. David also noted someone had dumped off windows at the old dump site. After some discussion Niki made a motion, seconded by Pat to put up signs prohibiting dumping and to gate off the old dump road at a point so that it will not hinder owner access to private property. The only dumping to be allowed will be dumping of natural products such as limbs, brush removed from City property by City maintenance and dumped by City maintenance. Approved 5-0. Discussion was also held regarding a change to how the community center sign will be installed. Niki pointed out the City had already spent almost \$200 for installation as previously discussed. Don noted the piping purchased had wound up being used for installation of the new slide rails. Council agreed David should submit a new sign installation plan to the City.

Community Center: Pat requested that in recognition of Earth Day Council take some kind of action to improve the energy efficiency of the community center. After discussion regarding hot water heater replacement, refrigerator replacement, etc. Niki made a motion, seconded by Cheri to authorize Pat to purchase a water heater blanket for the current hot water heater. Approved 5-0. Pat also discussed the possibility of using the old food shelf space for joint use office space such as recently started at the old Grand Rapids Depot and noted music night will only be one night a month now – the last Saturday of the month.

Recreation: Cheri had nothing new to report.

Fire: Kelly had nothing new to report, but noted there was a good turn out for the WFS Fire dinner.

Cemetery: Tami reported the road to the cemetery addition is done, has been inspected, approved and payment to Hietala Construction has been authorized. The next WF Cemetery Commission meeting will be scheduled for October.

Other: Pat led a discussion with the Council regarding cities with “blue zone” designation and noted residents in these cities participate in healthy cooking classes, walk clubs, etc. The City of Warba has offered various cooking classes in the past and there use to be exercise classes and walk groups, but that seems to have fallen by the wayside.

Correspondence: The City received a copy of the Herald Review notice for centennial planning outreach and Niki stated she had received no contacts. The City also received a letter from Pat Jensen restating her issues with cats at large on her property and chastising the Council for its lack of sensitivity and action on her behalf, the MPCA Final Reissued Warba Wastewater Treatment Plan Permit to be placed on file plus a Phosphorus Management Plan Development Resource DVD and the Certificate of Proposed Levy for 2011 form and Special Assessment reminder. Niki filled out the Certificate of Proposed Levy for 2011 and filed it at the Itasca County Auditor’s office.

Old Business: The Council reviewed the final draft of Ordinance #78 concerning the established speed limit of 15 mph within the platted Warba City limits and Ordinance #79 concerning the adoption of Itasca County rules and time frame of road weight restrictions for the City of Warba. A motion was made by Don, seconded by Kelly to adopt Ordinance #78 into the Warba City Code. Approved 5-0. A motion was made by Pat, seconded by Don to adopt Ordinance #79 into the Warba City Code. Approved 5-0. Niki stated that prior to review of the amendment regarding animal licensing and cats running at large she would like to restate that according to LMC guidelines an ordinance needs to benefit the greatest majority of the City’s residents and she did not feel this amendment was a benefit to the majority, but was instead a private nuisance issue. Niki then made a motion to rescind the animal licensing and cats at large amendment to the animal control ordinance, Pat seconded. The motion was defeated on a vote of 2-3 with Niki and Pat voting for - Don, Kelly and Cheri voting against. After reviewing the final draft of the animal control amendment regarding animal licensing and prohibition of cats at large a motion was made by Cheri, seconded by Kelly to adopt the amendment into the Warba City Code. Approved 4-1 with Niki casting the no vote. An open meeting to discuss centennial plans scheduled for Oct. 14 at 6:30pm at the community center will be posted at the community center and USPS and the general public is encouraged to attend.

New Business: Niki brought up concerns regarding shut off/utility billing be applied equally to all City residents. Council stated Dana Marrier was granted an exception to shut off and turn on the water utility at each of Marrier Estate residence because he has a line key similar to the one maintenance uses for water shut off at the outside line. Niki also noted one resident over due on utility payment was not shut off, but others were.

Announcements: The closed session scheduled for employee/position evaluation has been rescheduled to follow the October Council meeting.

A motion was made by Niki to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kelly. Approved 5-0.

