

Warba City Council Meeting April 14, 2008

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 Pat Gilsvik, Jordan Richardson and Cheri Dombrovski were present as well as Clerk, Niki Mistelske, and Treasurer, Tami Elich. Minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Pat, seconded by Cheri to accept minutes with one correction. Approved 5-0. The February Special Meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Pat, seconded by Don to accept. Approved 5-0. Treasurer's report was read. A motion by Niki, seconded by Pat to accept. Approved 5-0. Bills were read. Cheri noted she was not present at the Special Meeting. A motion was made by Pat, seconded by Don to pay the bills with noted correction. Approved 5-0. Don donated his Special Meeting fee of \$30.00 back to the City.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Don spoke on behalf of Cary and Dixie Tesmer requesting permission to install an additional culvert, at their expense, by their home on the Felix Road. Don made a motion to approve Tesmer's request to install a culvert by their home on Felix Road, seconded by Pat. Approved 5-0. Dan Carlile and Doug Hanson appeared before the Council to request a tobacco and off-sale liquor license. These items would be sold at a property off #426 owned by Doug Hanson. The Council explained that tobacco sales licensure is handled by the State and that the City would have to research off-sale liquor licensure prior to granting a license. Dan stated that they would attend the May Council meeting to find out the results or progress of the Council's research and that "if they weren't granted the license the Council had better have a good reason why." Jordan noted that making threats to the City Council was not acceptable. Niki agreed to research the off-sale licensing requirements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Utility: Don reported on David's behalf that every thing is currently working fine.

Community Center: Pat said there is nothing new going on at this time and noted that there is very little turn out for various community center activities. Niki suggested that part of the problem may be all the excess notices at the posting places. Niki offered to speak with USPS and see if City news and opportunities could be posted in a designated space on the bulletin board, free of other postings.

Recreation: Cheri had nothing new to report.

Fire: There will be a Fire Board meeting April 29 at 6:30pm, other than that Jordan said there is nothing new to report.

Cemetery: Tami had nothing new to report. Don said he received a call from Warren Spawn requesting a meeting of the Warba City Council and Feeley Township to discuss possible changes regarding the Joint Powers Boards for cemetery and recreation. The Council was in agreement such a meeting should take place. Don agreed to contact Warren to arrange a time and date.

Correspondence: The City received a notice from Enbridge Pipeline regarding a public hearing before the MN Public Utilities Commission to be held April 8 in Cohasset. This notice was posted at the post office. The Itasca County Sheriff's Department sent a notice for Skywarn Training to be held at the Itasca County Courthouse March 25. This notice was also posted at the post office. The IRS sent a notice of tax filing change. The City has been returned to quarterly filing. LMC sent a notice of annual LMC workman's compensation audit. The audit was completed April 14. The City also received Itasca County's 5 Year Plan for Highway Improvement, a sample Emergency Preparedness Guide and the March edition of MN Counties.

Old Business: The Council discussed various options for the maintenance position David Carey currently holds for the City of Warba. Niki noted the purpose of a salaried position is invalid because if a municipal employee works more than 40 hours in a week over time must be paid. After lengthy discussion and reviewing a position proposal submitted by Niki, the Council decided to table the matter until the May Council meeting when David could be present to participate in the discussion. Brian Borgman, who currently holds the wastewater license for the City, said his license expires in October and he will not be renewing it, but he will help David to prepare for wastewater certification. David will need a Class D License for both water and wastewater.

New Business: Niki presented the 2007 Financial Statement to the Council. She also requested the City purchase low cost, dial-up internet service for the community center. She explained that all state and most federal forms required for the City are now available only via internet service and hauling City files to her home, accessing the internet, copying the files to place on the City computer then returning the files to the community center office is cumbersome and uses personal resources for City business. Pat made a motion, seconded by Niki authorizing the purchase of \$9.95 per month dial-up internet service for the Warba City office located in the community center. Approved 5-0. Ken Seibert contacted Don and Pat to notify the Council of his intent to file for unemployment. Don received notification that the County had received grant money to install street lights at various locations and among the locations was the intersection of Highway 2/County Road 10 and the intersection of Highway 2/County Road 74. The lights and installation would be paid for by grant money and the City's responsibility would be a \$12.00 per month operation fee for each light. A motion was made by Pat, seconded by Niki to authorize the grant program to install street lamps at both locations. Approved 5-0. Don also received a copy of a Holds Harmless Agreement from Northern Lights School. It was agreed the City Attorney, John Licke, should look it over. A motion was made by Don, seconded by Jordan to accept the Holds Harmless Agreement immediately upon John's approval. Approved 5-0.

Announcements: Don will attend an IRRRB workshop May 21.

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

