



MINUTES – Warren City Council

Regular Meeting

August 15, 2023

Call to Order

A Meeting of the Warren City Council was held commencing at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Travis Carl presiding. Council members present: Danny Omdahl, Mark Wimpfheimer, Justin Buegler, David Erickson, David Weber. Absent: Jarod Peterson (entered later). Also present: Shannon Mortenson, Brent McMillan, Matt Linder, Nancy Mattson. Following Roll Call, the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given.

3. **Approval of Agenda- Motion was made by Weber, second by Wimpfheimer to accept the agenda as presented. All in favor, Motion carried.**
4. **Approval of Minutes –Motion was made by Omdahl, second by Erickson to approve the minutes from the July 25 meeting. All in favor, Motion carried.**
5. **Engineer’s Report-** No one was present but McMillan updated on items. The railroad has the McKinley path on their list but no specific timeframe. There is erosion at the culvert on the path. Signage will be placed for no motorized vehicles on the path.
6. **Operations Manager Report-**McMillan was given the floor. The reservoir was cleaned and inspected today. No deficiencies. Team Lab have been spraying the lagoons. Question was posed if bees are harmed by the mosquito chemical. The answer is no.
7. **Clerk’s Report-** Mortenson informed council that North Star Manor repaid the \$100,000 short term loan this week. The pool will be closing on Thursday of this week.
8. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - a. **July General Ledger-**tabled.
 - b. **Pay Bills – Motion was made by Wimpfheimer, second by Buegler to pay bills with check #47781 – 47849. All in favor, Motion carried.**

Jarod Peterson entered Chambers.

9. Unfinished Business

- a. **Resolution #06132023-01 Land Sale- Motion was made by Wimpfheimer, second by Buegler to approve the resolution as presented. All in favor, Motion carried.**

10. New Business

- a. **Resolution #8152023-01 GroWarren Donation- Motion was made by Omdahl, second by Weber to accept the resolution as presented. All in favor, Motion carried.**
- b. **Resolution #8152023-02 BC/BS Activity Grant -**The city will receive a \$50,000 grant to go toward the purchase of an outdoor fitness system. The amount to raise locally is \$110,000. The city has until the end of the year to raise the required funds. Councilmembers questioned if the system could withstand our climate and what is the upkeep. Mortenson will find out the details of the equipment. Council also questioned the

Centennial Park location as people probably don't want to work out in the center of the city. The second location was Holiday Park so Mortenson will work with the funders. Council consensus was to approve the resolution and if the public wants the system, they will donate enough of the funds. **Motion was made by Buegler, second by Erickson to approve the resolution. All in favor, Motion carried.**

c. **Variance Approvals** – the Planning and Zoning Committee met to review two variances. They had met twice to be sure they understood the project. Mark Sinn was building a garage that was larger than the zoning of 30x30 ft and Morgan Skeim wanted to build a tiny home on a parcel. The zoning allows for homes no smaller than 900 square feet. Discussion ensued on why the council needs to look at these and why a committee that isn't compromised of more than one councilmember should be making these decisions. Peterson is the councilmember on the committee. He had voted against one of them as construction had started and he felt it should not have proceeded without the variance approved.

Motion was made by Carl, second by Wimpfheimer to approve the variances as presented. All in favor, Buegler opposed. Motion carried.

d. **Apprentice Lineman Position**-two letters of interest were received. Mortenson, McMillan and Wohlers interviewed each one. Staff recommendation was presented.

Motion was made by Omdahl, second by Erickson to approve the movement of Josh Maurstad to the position of Apprentice Lineman, move Adam Hermanson to Public Works and advertise for an open position in Sanitation. All in favor, Motion carried.

e. **Overtime Report**- **Motion was made by Weber, second by Buegler to approve the report as presented. All in favor, Motion carried.**

f. **Ageing**-reviewed.

11. **Committee Meetings:** None.

12. **Future Agenda Item(s)**-

13. **Adjournment** – **Motion was made by Weber, second by Erickson to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. All in favor, Motion carried.**

Shannon Mortenson
City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

Travis Carl
Mayor