

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF  
DELLWOOD CITY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2019**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City of Dellwood, held on September 26, 2019 at the City Offices 111 Wildwood Road, Willernie, Minnesota, pursuant to mailed and posted notice as required by law.

Mayor McGill called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Councilpersons St. Martin, Howe, Ramsay and Boosalis were present. Also present were City Engineer Cara Geheren, City Clerk Joanne Frane, City Attorney Richard W. Copeland, and the persons shown on the Sign-In Sheet attached hereto.

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

Mayor McGill presented his opening remarks. A copy of those remarks are attached hereto.

Cara Geheren distributed a handout showing photographs the trees considered for removal and their location. She noted that there are four trees which the design team, in conjunction with the City's Road Maintenance Contractor, have recommended for removal. These trees, because of their proximity to the paved roadway, may create a public safety risk for the traveling public, hinder emergency response and snow plowing. Cara also noted that the City had received a letter from the White Bear Lake Fire Department and had received input from the City Road Maintenance Contractor, Ken Johnson.

Following Cara Geheren's presentation, Mayor McGill asked for comment from those persons present. Several persons who live on the Peninsula commented about the fact that there has been little or no safety issues in the past and that many residents on the Peninsula are opposed to the removal of trees.

Mayor McGill asked if removal of the trees may cause erosion problems. Cara Geheren said she would check into that.

Ramsay noted that tree No. 2 in Cara's report appeared to be rotting.

St. Martin noted that multiple safety experts have commented about the safety issues.

Catherine Nicolson stated that trees No. 1 and No. 4 should remain, and that trees No. 2 and 3 appear to present safety issues.

Mayor McGill stated that he agrees that trees No. 1 and No. 4 do not appear to create significant safety issues, but No. 2 and 3 may do so.

Ramsay and Boosalis stated that they do not believe trees No. 1 and 4 are an issue.

St. Martin moved that the City remove tree No. 2, and cut back the nearby brush to improve the sight line. Further to consider other methods to address any safety issues regarding trees No. 1, 3 & 4, including guard rails, signage and widening of the roadway.

After further discussion, the Council voted unanimously in favor of St. Martin's motion.

Tree Number 2 is to be removed next week. Action with regard to trees Number 1, 3 & 4 is to be deferred pending further investigation and recommendation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Frane  
Dellwood City Clerk / Administrator