

**MINUTES OF MEETING
DELLWOOD CITY COUNCIL
April 9th, 2024**

Minutes of the council meeting in April 2024.

The regular meeting of the Council of the city of Dellwood, Minnesota, was held on April 9th, 2024, at the city offices, 111 Wildwood Ave., Willernie, MN. This meeting was held in person and interactive electronic mode with notice. Non-council members were able to access this meeting in person or remotely by way of Zoom.

Mayor Mike McGill called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM. Councilmembers attending in person were Deb Christopherson and Greg Boosalis. Scott St. martin attended by way of interactive television pursuant to proper notice thereof under Minnesota Statute Chapter 13. Councilmember Brady Ramsay was absent.

Staff members attending in-person were City clerk Joel Holstad, City Planner Nate Sparks. City Treasurer Brian Beich, and City Attorney Richard Copeland.

Others attending in person were Mike and Mary Parenteau, Mark Wisniewski, and Meredith Walburg. Sara Amberg attended remotely.

There were no persons present for public comment.

AGENDA:

Mayor McGill noted an additional item to the agenda, being a discussion of a proposed increase to the salaries of the Mayor and Councilmembers. [Item 9], On motion by McGill, second by Christopherson, the agenda for this meeting was unanimously approved with the addition of item 9.

McGill: Aye

Christopherson: Aye

Boosalis: Aye

St. martin: Aye

MINUTES OF MARCH COUNCIL MEETING:

The minutes were corrected to show that Mark Wisniewski and John Carr attended the meeting in person. On motion by Boosalis, second by McGill, the minutes of the march 12, 2024, council meeting were unanimously approved with the foregoing corrections;

McGill: Aye

Christopherson: Aye

Boosalis: Aye

St. Martin: Aye

Item No. 1: Amendments to the Dangerous dog Ordinance.

Mr. Copeland has drafted changes to the city’s dangerous and potentially dog ordinance sections to clarify certain terms used in the ordinance and to improve the process for addressing dog bite and attacks. He will add to the ordinance to address bites and attacks inflicted upon persons as well as dogs and other domestic animals. Upon motion by McGill, second by Boosalis, the Council voted unanimously to approve the amendments to the Dangerous and Potentially Dangerous Dog sections of the city ordinance, with the insertion of the word “person” in the appropriate positions in the amended ordinances.

McGill: Aye

Christopherson: Aye

Boosalis: Aye

St. Martin: Aye

Item No. 2; House file 4009.

Joel Holstad explained the potential effects of this Bill upon the right of any city to control its own zoning, subdivision and land use regulations. He has had contact with State Senator Housley and Representative Anderson. The bill appears to be stalled in committee at this time. Mayor McGill moved to table this matter to the May council meeting for an update from Holstad, and to place this matter on the agenda for the June Council Meeting for purposes of considering a City Resolution on the matter. The motion was duly seconded, and the council voted unanimously to approve the motion,

McGill: Aye

Christopherson Aye
Boosalis Aye
St .Martin Aye

Item No 3: George St. Germain Bay

Meredith Walburg and Mark Wisniewski are Dellwood’s representatives on the White bear Lake Conservation District Board. Meredith presented a proposal endorsed by the Board to place a sign near the intersection of South Peninsula Road and Dellwood Ave. with language designating that area of WB Lake as being know as St. Germain Bay. This to be in recognition of George St. Germain, who served on the Board for many years after its inception on behalf of the City of Dellwood. McGill moved to approve a resolution allowing placement of a sign of the size and content designated by the Board, and the location to be decided by Ken Johnson in keeping with the rules of MnDOT regarding signs placed in road ROW. Upon vote, the council resolved unanimously to approve the motion.

McGill: Aye
Boosalis: Aye
St. Martin: Aye
Christopherson: Aye

Meredith explained that WBLCD performs many functions including the regulation of surface waters of the lake as well as activities along the lakeshore such as placement of docks, regulation of marinas, and improvement of water quality. Mark noted that currently, an algae named Starry Stonewart is spreading in the lake. Mr. Copeland stated that Dellwood has in force an ordinance prohibiting the use of harmful fertilizers within the Shoreland areas and asked that WBLCD look at it and make comments regarding an update.

Item No 4: Amendment to Contract with Sheriff.

WCSO has made a request to add a sixth additional full-time deputy to the joint agreement with several cities, including Dellwood, for law enforcement services. The cost of the additional deputy will be pro-rata with the contract cost for five full time deputies. A copy of the proposed amendment is attached to these minutes.

Boosalis moved to accept the amendment and McGill seconded. The Council voted unanimously to approve the amendment as submitted.

McGill: Aye
Boosalis: Aye
St. Martin Aye
Christopherson: Aye

Item No' 5: Loud Truck

Clerk Holstad stated that the city is still receiving complaints regarding the noise of the truck kept at the Amberg Residence. Neighbors are complaining that the noise level emitted by the exhaust system of the truck is no different than that which existed prior to the repairs being made at the direction of the WCSO. The Sheriff examined the truck on or about March 13th, 2024, and found it to be “street legal”, meaning that the noise is similar to a diesel truck or motorcycle. He also found that the current noise level is about the same as before repairs were made.

As of this date, no formal complaint has been registered with the city alleging a violation of the city’s ordinance addressing public nuisances. Mayor McGill moved to adopt a resolution stating that the city will take no action on this matter unless and until a formal complaint has been registered with the City, which the city attorney deems sufficient to meet the requirements of the ordinance pertaining to public nuisances. Boosalis seconded the motion and upon vote, the Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

McGill: Aye
Christopherson: Aye
St. Martin: Aye
Boosalis: Aye

Item No.6: Camp Odayin application.

This involves an application for a temporary gambling permit to conduct a raffle. The Camp bases its request on its status as a tax exempt 503C organization. The camp is obligated to file an annual informational report to the IRS [form 990N], in order to maintain such status. Failure to so file for three consecutive years results in an automatic revocation of the tax exempt status. The date of the last confirmation of that as shown in the application was in year 2018. The city cannot approve a gambling permit without proof of status. The Camp should submit confirmation to the city that it has made the required filings and that its tax exempt status is currently in effect.

Mayor McGill moved to approve the application upon receipt by the City Clerk of the foregoing confirmation and approval thereof by the City Attorney. Christopherson seconded the motion, and the council unanimously approved it, with no waiting period required.

Item No. 7: Burn Aid application for a temporary gambling permit.

Burn Aid is a tax exempt organization under IRS rules. The required 990N annual filings within the past three years have been made. Mr. Copeland stated that Burn Aid is entitled to receive a permit to conduct a raffle at Dellwood C.C. on September 9th, 2024.

St. Martin moved to approve the permit as submitted with no waiting period. Boosalis seconded, and the council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

McGill:	Aye
Christopherson:	Aye
Boosalis:	Aye
St. Martin:	Aye

Item No. 8: REKOR contract.

Boosalis reported that this contract originally called for 5 LPR cameras. It is proposed that an additional camera be installed in order to cover all entrances to the city. The result would be an increase in the contract price of about \$10,300 over a period of seven years and a total contract price not more than \$110,000. He noted that LPR's can be a controversial topic, but the Washington county Sheriff is in favor of them. Boosalis noted that the data from LPR operations will not be classified as public data and will be accessible only to the Sheriff's office in connection with an official investigation. Boosalis moved to approve the additional changes as shown in his report [copy attached]. St. Martin seconded the motion. The council voted unanimously to approve the amendment to the contract.

McGill:	Aye
Christopherson:	Aye
St. Martin:	Aye
Boosalis:	Aye

Item No. 9: Salary Adjustment:

Mayor McGill brought this matter to the council for consideration. He presented comparison chart of salary figures in other communities. He asked the Councilmembers to review it and be prepared to consider an increase to the City council's salaries at the next Council meeting. Boosalis and St. martin expressed their thoughts on the significant amount of work being required on the part of the Mayor and Councilmembers due to the lack of a full administrative staff in the city.

Claims and Receipts List.

Christopherson moved to approve the Claims and Receipts List for the month of March, 2024, as submitted. McGill seconded the motion. Upon vote, the council voted unanimously to approve the Claims and Receipts List with no changes.

McGill: Aye

St. Martin: Aye

Boosalis: Aye

Christopherson: Aye

Reports of Commissioners:

Boosalis reported that the city has received a SHIP grant from the county for purposes of conducting a study regarding the feasibility, design, and cost of a recreational trail in Dellwood. The data has been submitted to Cara Geheren for comment.

Mayor McGill reported one new building permit in March, being for construction of a fence.

There being no further business at hand, and upon Motion by St. Martin, second by Christopherson, this meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.

McGill: Aye

St. Martin: Aye

Christopherson; Aye

Boosalis: Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Holstad Dellwood City Clerk / Administrator

