

City of Dellwood
Council Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Dellwood was held on April 8, 2025, at the city offices located at 111 Wildwood Road, Willernie, MN. The meeting was held in person, and non-Council members were able to attend remotely via Zoom.

Mayor McGill called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Council Members Present:

- Karen Quaday
- Greg Boosalis
- Brady Ramsey (via Zoom – Did not participate in discussions or voting, however.)

Council Members Absent:

- Melissa Peltier

Staff Members Present:

- City Clerk: Joel Holstad
- City Treasurer: Brian Beich
- City Planner: Nate Sparks
- City Attorney: Richard Copeland

Others Attending:

- Bridget McGill
- John Carr of LLTA
- Sulmaan Khan
- Gene Altstatt from the White Bear Lake Fireworks Committee.

Public Comment:

Bridget McGill distributed a sample publication of "Dellwood Nature Notes" which is a monthly column written by Lisa Cortes. Bridget proposed that Lisa's comments be posted monthly on the City's website.

Mayor McGill suggested that Joel Holstad and Mr. Copeland discuss this matter and report their recommendation to the Council in May.

There were no other persons present for public comment.

Agenda

Mayor McGill noted that discussion of the Cannabis ordinance was removed from the agenda. On motion by Quaday, seconded by Boosalis, the Agenda for this meeting, as revised, was unanimously approved.

Minutes

Mayor McGill noted that some minor corrections had been made.

On motion by Quaday, seconded by Boosalis, the minutes of the March City Council Meeting were unanimously approved. A copy is attached.

Item No. 1. White Bear Lake Fireworks

Mr. Gene Altstatt, representing the Fireworks Committee, presented a request to Dellwood to assist in obtaining funding for the annual fireworks event, which is funded solely through donations. He is asking the City to help by way of an appeal to Dellwood residents for donations.

Mr. Copeland remarked that he does not believe the City may not be authorized to expend taxpayer money to a non-public organization. Mr. Altstatt states that no public funds are expended, and all expenses are covered by way of donations.

After discussion, the Council deemed it appropriate to provide a mailing list of Dellwood residents for Mr. Altstatt's Committee to use in soliciting donations.

Quaday moved to approve, Boosalis seconded, and the Council voted to provide a mailing list to Mr. Altstatt.

Item No. 2: Vadnais Heights Economic Development Council's request for a temporary gambling permit.

Mr. Copeland stated that he has reviewed the application materials for a permit to hold a raffle at Dellwood C.C. on June 9th. He has found the application to be complete and in good order. VHEDC is qualified for a temporary permit to conduct the event shown on the date and at the location set forth in the application.

On motion by McGill, second by Boosalis, the Council voted unanimously to approve issuance of a temporary permit with no waiting period.

Item No. 3: Highway 244 Turnback Update

Boosalis stated that he and Melissa Peltier had met with State/County people on April 2nd, 2025.

He reviewed the preliminary report of City Engineer Cara Geheren. He said that rough figures have been put forth and that some estimated costs may not be eligible for inclusion in the final submission. Ms. Geheren is working on a final draft.

He noted that Dellwood is not designated as a State Aid City, due to its small population. He also noted that communication with Dellwood residents is planned for the fall when sufficient information is available.

Mayor McGill's newsletter will make mention of this matter.

Mayor McGill noted that MnDOT has been on record as saying that if 244 is not turned back to Dellwood it will become a low-maintenance roadway.

Boosalis stated that recreational trail issues are intertwined with the turnback issues.

He stated that there has been some discussion with the WBYC about having a tunnel under 244 in that area, in return for additional ROW.

Quaday stated that there has been some talk about a roundabout at Hwy 96 and Hwy 244. She has heard that the cost there could be \$3.5 million for a roundabout, which is not needed.

Item No. 4: City Website

Mr. Sparks stated that Ben Roby is looking at some changes to the website and will have recommendations for the May City Council meeting.

Item No. 5: Review of City Properties

Mr. Holstad distributed a list of real property owned by the City. This is a preliminary listing. Quaday stated that she would like to have more details about those properties and if there are expenses associated with any of them.

Mr. Holstad and Mr. Copeland will work together on this to verify ownership, easements, restrictions, etc., if any, and report further.

Claims & Receipts List For March, 2025

On motion by McGill, second by Boosalis, the Council voted unanimously to approve the list as presented.

Reports of Commissioners

McGill reported 8 new building permits, being 4 remodels, 1 demo, and three miscellaneous (windows, deck, etc.)

There being no further business, and on motion by Quaday, second by Boosalis, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Attachments to be made by Joel.

Agenda March Minutes, Dellwood Nature Notes, Vadnais Heights Application for Temporary Gambling permit, Cara Geheren's Report, List of City Properties, Claims List, Building Permit Report