

## NOTES FROM CITY HALL – JULY 2018

The Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the City of Elysian, wishes to thank all the volunteers who spent numerous hours working on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Thank you to all who participated in any way including those who attended the events and purchased raffle tickets.

Included in this month's utility billing is the annual MN Board of Health Community Water Supply Service Connection Fee in the amount of \$6.36. This is a mandatory annual fee that is charged to each property owner with a water connection. This entire fee goes to the MN State Board of Health.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Elysian National Night Out will be held this year on Tuesday, August 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Lake Francis City Park. The entire community is invited and welcome to attend and to enjoy a free meal consisting of hot dogs, chips and a drink (prepared and served on site by Fischer's Corner Bar). There will be door prizes during the event and a bounce house, face painting, and a balloon artist for the children. The Elysian Fire Department, Le Sueur County Sheriff's Posse, North Ambulance, and Elysian Rescue Squad vehicles will be available to view and to talk with the attendants. Bring along your neighbors and your lawn chair if you wish. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at the Elysian American Legion Club Rooms.

Elysian Farmers Market – Due to the late produce harvest, this year's Elysian Farmer's Market has been cancelled until further notice.

Watch for the Chamber of Commerce Pop Up Market to be held on August 15 and September 12 from 5 to 8 pm in conjunction with the Wednesday Night Roll-Ins on Main Street.

Hydrants will be flushed every third Thursday as follows: July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, and possibly November 15 (weather permitting).

The City Brush Pile (located at the sanitary sewer pond off County Road 14) is now open. The hours are Wednesdays 4:00 to 7:00 pm and Saturdays 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Open only to citizens of the City of Elysian. Leaves, brush and tree wood allowed – no building materials.

Following a storm event, the Public Works Department will pick up branches that have been blown down for a period of one week after the event. Please place the branches near the edge of your property for pick up.

The reconstruction of the Sakatah Trail from Madison Lake (including the parking lot) to Fifth Street in Elysian is underway and will last much of the summer.

The Council has approved Mosquito Control of Iowa for 2018 mosquito treatment. They do not spray on a certain day of the week but determine spray dates based on the weather. Please contact City Hall if you would like to be on an email, text or call list to be notified in advance of date and time of spray. We will also put notice on the City Facebook page.

When walking pets in the city, please be sure to clean up their feces. It is a violation of city ordinance to deposit animal feces on public or other's private property.

Per State Statute 88.171, there is no open burning of garbage allowed in the City of Elysian. Please be respectful to your neighbors and to the environment.

Mowing season is here! Per City Ordinance #16, please keep your grass mowed to less than (6) inches in height. Please mow your lawn AWAY from the street so your grass clippings do not end up in the city's storm sewers.

The Elysian Area Library and Heritage Center is looking for a few volunteers to weed, prune, and maintain the Center's garden and side pathways. This would be on a volunteer basis. Please contact the library 507-267-4411 or email [libtle@tds.lib.mn.us](mailto:libtle@tds.lib.mn.us) with questions. Also, please keep the library in mind when you are out and about shopping and notice school supplies available. The library is looking for several items. Contact the library for a detailed list.

BINGO – Sponsored by Horizons. Every Friday night, 6:30 pm at the Elysian American Legion Post #311. Proceeds go to community endeavors.

The Elysian Tourism Center basement, 100 Third Street SW, is a designated storm shelter. The shelter will be open during the time of a severe weather warning.

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY  
JULY 9, 2018 AT 6:00 PM**

Present were: Mayor Clinton Stoen; Councilmembers Robert Houlihan, Tom McBroom, Mary Opsahl, and Dennis Schnoor; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Absent: Public Works Director Ron Greenwald; City Attorney Jason Moran; and City Utility Clerk Nicole Lamont.

Approved the minutes of the June 11, 2018 Regular Meeting.

Chamber of Commerce will be holding "Pop Up Markets" on July 11, August 15 and September 12 in conjunction with Wednesday Night Roll-Ins. Vendors will set up to sell their wares along Main Street.

Le Sueur County Chief Deputy Joe Kern stated all went well with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and triathlon.

Approved the striping of Main Street as follows: south side of Main Street from Third Street NW to Third Street NE and on the north side of Main Street from Third Street NW to the Fire Hall. Public Works will do the striping.

1. Approved sidewalk located in the 2018 SUIP as per Park Board recommendations to include: Replace all existing sidewalk in Third Street NW between Main Street and Park Avenue.
2. Replace all existing sidewalk on Park Avenue NW between Third Street and Second Street.
3. Construct new sidewalk on Third Street NW from Park Avenue to Frank Avenue and across Frank Avenue into the parking lot at the park.

Public Works will trim up the trees and brush on the East end of Main Street prior to the August Council Meeting.

Approved the placement of signage for no parking on both sides of G Ave SE for 100 feet to the east of First St S.

Approved Resolution 624/18 – Establishing Dates for Filing Affidavits of Candidacy.

Approved Resolution 625/18 – Approving 2018 Election Judges for both the State Primary and General Elections.

Approved Resolution 626/18 – Acknowledging and Accepting a Donation from Elysian American Legion Post #311 in the amount of \$2,000 to the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration Parade.

Approved Resolution 627/18 – Acknowledging and Accepting a Donation from Elysian American Legion Post #311 in the amount of \$600 to the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration Kid's Bingo.

Approved the 2018 Municipal Maintenance Agreement with Le Sueur County in the amount of \$9,177.91.

Results of the Auction at 301 Sixth Street NW. Gross sales of \$7,910 with a net to the City of \$3,709.25.

Scheduled a Budget Workshop Meeting for Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

National Night Out: Lake Francis Park, Tuesday, August 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Thanked the Chamber of Commerce, City Employees and all the volunteers for an outstanding 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and Triathlon.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$274,339.48.

Public Comment: (Full text included in official City Council minutes.)

Gordon Kritzer, 310 East Main Street, commented on the trees on East Main Street and stated that prior to his heart condition, he had kept the brush cut in that area. He suggested the City go in there in the winter and cut down the trees and push it all back. He will clear the vines from the speed sign in the morning.

Kritzer also suggested that when the parking lots are striped, the handicap accessible spot in front of the Post Office be striped with yellow paint and a box with cross lines be painted into the street.

Mark Sybilrud, 514 Lake Avenue NW, questioned why the construction on the State Trail won't be done until August. He suggested that for the 2019 construction on the rest of the trail to the west, that they not start until the Tuesday after Labor Day to avoid the busy season for the trail use.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.