

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – JUNE 2017

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.
The Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776 Have a safe 4th of July celebration!

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.

Hydrants will be flushed every third Thursday as follows: July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, and possibly November 16.

The City Brush Pile (located at the sanitary sewer pond off County Road 14) is open on 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.

Elysian Farmers Market – Thursdays, June 1 through October 26 from 2 to 6 pm at the Tourism Center. Please contact City Hall if you would like to participate.

The Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers for the annual July 4th Celebration. Committees needing help are Pancake Breakfast and Beer Garden. Please stop down at City Hall to sign up. We need many people to help. It is a fun way to meet new people. The July 4th Celebration is a huge promotion for our community and is beneficial to our businesses. If you have a question, please contact Kathy Roemhildt at 507-267-4560 or e-mail kproemhildt@hotmail.com or Pat Nusbaum at 507-317-0532 or e-mail pnusbaum@frontier.com

NOTE: Anyone with a golf cart who may not be interested in watching the parade on July 4th please contact Pat Nusbaum at pnusbaum@frontier.com or call 507-317-0532 to help shuttle people from the end of the parade route back to their vehicles. We need 3-4 carts. People to be shuttled are members of the military marching units, people whose unit in the parade consists of walking the route, and others as may be needed. At the end of the parade, there is a need to help elderly people or people with small children to get to their cars as a lot of the cars are parked quite far away. PLEASE CONSIDER IF YOU CAN HELP.

The Elysian Area Library is sponsoring a book sale on Sunday, July 2nd between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm, starting with children's books in front of the side door under the tent, with the rest of the book sale being held in the Library. Please enter by the side door adjacent to the tent. There is an elevator as well. A free will offer can be made. All donations of books, magazines, and DVDs will be accepted at the Library until the time of sale.

Teams are still needed for the Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament on July 2nd at 9 am at the Lake Francis Park. Contact Nicole Lamont at 507-475-1630.

Elysian Rookie's Triathlon will be held on July 8, 2017 starting at 8:00 am with registration starting at 6:00 am. There will also be a Kid's Triathlon. Questions: Contact Jeanne Zwart at 507-267-4231 or e-mail tjkmkmz@frontiernet.net. Help is also needed, please volunteer.

The Council has approved Mosquito Control of Iowa for 2017 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 or call list to be notified in advance of date and time of spray. We will also put notice on the City Facebook page.

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.

Looking for residents who are interested in volunteering at the Tourism Center this Summer. Please contact City Hall if you have a couple extra hours a week to welcome visitors at the Center.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY: Romp and Rhyme Storytime! – Thursdays June 22nd and 29th at 10 am; International Owl Center - June 28th at 2 pm; and Paralympic Gold Medalist-Rose Hollermann - June 28th at 6 pm.

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
JUNE 12, 2017 AT 6:00 PM**

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

Approved the minutes of the May 8, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Public Comment: None.

Held a Public Hearing and Approved Amended Ordinance Number 5 and Amended Ordinance 6(C) – To Comply with Sunday Liquor Sales as passed by the Minnesota Legislature and as signed by Governor Dayton.

Le Sueur County Commissioner Rohlfing updated the Council. The Commissioners will be holding a workshop to discuss the regulations of golf carts and also conducting a blight workshop. Rohlfing reported that the Commissioners had held a public hearing on bond sales which included a \$7.3 million jail bond, and a \$2.6 million bond (\$1 million for a new public works shop and \$1.6 million for the justice center). The bonds will be opened and awarded on July 18.

Le Sueur County Chief Deputy Nick Greenig updated the Council. His office is currently working on staffing the 4th of July celebration and triathlon.

Approved a three-year contract for garbage services with West Central Sanitation which includes a 0% increase year one, a 2% increase year two and a 2% increase year three.

Approved a contract in the amount of \$1,850 with Maguire Iron, Inc. for the cleaning, inspection and disinfection of the water tower. Council requested further information regarding a quote from Maguire Iron, Inc. to power wash the exterior of the tower.

Approved the purchase of a 2017 Rahn Pull Type GL650 Infield Groomer from Kibble Equipment in the amount of \$2,900.

Accepted a letter of resignation from service on the Elysian Fire Department from Josh Thompson. The Council expressed their appreciation for Thompson's service stating he was an asset to the Department.

Approved Resolution 573/17 – A Resolution Requesting that Le Sueur County Convey Tax Forfeited Parcel ID # 16.410.0250 to the City of Elysian for a Public Purpose. The address of this property is 301 6th Street NW. This property abuts the Sixth Street Park and has a large shed on the property. The Public Works Department needs more storage space and the proximity of this property to the park

would be ideal. Also, the house on the property has become a nuisance property and it would be beneficial to the City to have the house removed and the property cleaned up.

Approved Resolution 574/17 – A Resolution Requesting that Le Sueur County Convey Tax Forfeited Parcel ID # 16.457.0250 to the City of Elysian for a Public Purpose. There currently is a holding pond located on this property which is being maintained by the City.

Approved Resolution 575/17 – A Resolution Requesting that Le Sueur County Convey Tax Forfeited Parcel ID # 16.457.0260 to the City of Elysian for a Public Purpose. This parcel directly abuts the property where the City well house is located. Acquiring this property would allow for future expansion of the well house and provide a place to store snow.

Approved Resolution 572/17 – A Resolution Acknowledging a Donation in the amount of \$8,000 from the Elysian Fire Relief Association toward the purchase of an extractor washer.

Approved the hire of Marlene Zimprich for 10 hours per week at a rate of \$9.50 per hour effective July 28, 2017.

Noted that Dallas McBroom was hired for the 2017 summer temporary position.

Noted that the property located at 206 Main Street East had sold for a higher amount than the bid the City had submitted.

Thanks to Modern Woodmen of America for the donation of \$75 toward the flowers for the Lake Francis Park and to Lake Area Women for donating the flowers for the flower pots in front of the businesses in the City.

Appreciation was expressed to Jerry and Cheryl Ellingsworth, Ron, Audene and Kim Greenwald, Michele Hollermann, Brenda Rientz, and Bobbi Radke for planting the flower pots/beds and for providing “extra eyes” to be sure they all stay watered and to Farmers Friend 4H Club for planting the flower pots at the Lake Francis Park.

Patricia Nusbaum, 104 Park Avenue NE, spoke to the Council in response to a grass/weed letter she received for the north side of her property along Frank Avenue NE. She provided a history of the property and stated the property is unmowable. Following discussion there was Council consensus that one strip should be mowed on the top portion of the boulevard next to the curb and that the noxious weeds need to be sprayed so as not to spread to other properties by June 20, 2017.

Nusbaum stated that her lots in the back area of her property could be used for Fourth of July parking and also to store snow. She suggested the City could use their bobcat and haul in some gravel or crushed rock to make an entryway. The Council stated that Nusbaum is welcome to allow parking there if she wishes but the City will not be involved.

Approved the Fire Department to place a pop machine at the Lake Francis Park, to service the machines, and retain the revenue until the City decides what they would like to do for vending at the Park.

Mark O'Malley, 504 Frank Avenue NW, explained that he currently is coaching youth girls' soccer in Waseca. He noted the interest in soccer in Elysian and requested permission to utilize and maintain the City-owned goals and nets to get something going in Elysian. He will make sure they get put back in the fall. The Council thanked O'Malley for his interest and granted permission for him to use the goals.

Appointed Roger Quiram to the Elysian Park Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2017.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$54,271.36

Public Comment: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.