

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – JUNE 2018

"In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved." Franklin D Roosevelt

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.

Hydrants will be flushed every third Thursday as follows: June 21, 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.

Elysian Farmers Market – Thursdays, June 14 through October 25 from 2 to 6 pm at the Tourism Center. Please contact City Hall if you would like to participate.

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

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 1st 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 1st at 9 am at the Lake Francis Park. Contact Nicole Lamont at 507-475-1630.

Elysian Rookie's Triathlon will be held on July 7th 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.

Elysian Emergency Management is looking for residents who are interested in joining their team. For more information please call or email Jim Tatge: 507-995-6668 / Jtatge@mankatogn.gov

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.

Check out the Elysian Area Library and Heritage Center Facebook page for upcoming events. Some upcoming events include: Summer reading program - READING ROCKS runs to July 31. Students receive rewards for

reading 10, 20, & 30 days of 20 minutes. Some additional programming includes: Radzoo - a mix of reptile and amphibian animals June 25 @ 10am, Harry Potter Escape Room - July 7 @ 10:30am, Junk Funk - make music using junk June 27 @ 6:30pm, Intro to Belly Dance July 18 @ 10am. + Much more. Call the library 507-267-4411 or email libtle@tds.lib.mn.us with questions.

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 11, 2018 AT 6:00 PM**

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

Approved the minutes of the May 14, 2018 Regular Meeting and May 22, 2018 Special Meeting.

Le Sueur County Chief Deputy Nick Greenig stated all is well in the City. He has been meeting with representatives of the Chamber of Commerce on staffing for the 4th of July festivities.

Held a Public Hearing and approved Amended Ordinance #2 – Relating to the City of Elysian Water System, Section 8. Repair of Leaks and Installation and Maintenance of Service, and Section 9. Service Pipes.

Public Comment: Larry Hohnstadt, owner of property located at the northwest corner of First St N and Frank Ave NW, stated that with the street project and all the rain he is unable to mow the lawn. Cavett noted there is a storm drain on back order and once that is installed the water issue will be cleared up. Council acknowledged the wet area cannot be mowed at this time.

Approved Resolution 623/18 – Adopting Assessment for PID# 16.450.0170 as presented.

Approved Resolution 622/18 – Acknowledging and Accepting a Donation from Elysian American Legion Post #311 in the amount of \$2,892 to replace flag poles located along Hwy 60.

Approved Resolution 621/18 – Acknowledging and Accepting a Donation from Modern Woodsmen of America Chapter #2834 in the amount of \$150 for flowers and mulch around the City.

Held a Public Hearing and Approved the On Sale, Sunday Liquor, and Soft Drink License for the Knotty Bar & Grill, LLC doing business at 510 Highway 60 West.

Approved a Cooperative Agreement with the State of MN for trail improvements and to continue to negotiate assessments for the 2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project.

Approved a Fee Amendment related to the 2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project in the amount of \$12,500.

Approved a quote from MN Pump Works in the amount of \$1,960.50 for the sale and installation of a Dialer System for Lift Station #1.

Approved a quote from Elevated Welding Service, LLC in the amount of \$2,000 to repair the Painter's Door on the water tower.

Received report that the State of MN had tested the water at the well and four different location in the City on Friday, June 8, 2018 and all water passed. There is no bacteria in the water in the City.

Directed Staff to begin the process of looking at the number and type of lighting, and speed signs, to be included on Hwy 60 as part of the 2020 project.

Approved a revision to the Personnel Policy addressing benefits for permanent part-time employees.

The sale of Lake View Manor PID #16.419.0090 and 16.419.0100 is complete

The auction at 301 Sixth Street NW will be held Sunday, June 24th at 12:00 noon – viewing is at 10:30 am.

Thanked Lake Area Women and Farmers Friends 4H Club for the flowers and for planting the pots around the City.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$303,730.45.

Public Comment: None. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.