

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – OCTOBER 2018

NOTICE: The City of Elysian is adding chlorine to disinfect the water system. Total Coliform bacteria were found in the water supply or sources on tests drawn on September 11, 2018. We will continue to add chlorine to the system until the October 18 flushing of the hydrants.

THANK YOU TO ALL RESIDENTS for your patience during the current street and utility project. The contractor is hoping to have substantial completion of the project by the end of October.

PLEASE NOTE: There will not be a Fall City-Wide Clean up this year.

Hydrants may be flushed one more time this year - November 15 (weather permitting).

Voting for the General Election is Tuesday, November 6, 2018 from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at City Hall.

Trick or Treat for our area WE Share Food Shelf, Sunday, October 28th from 3:30 to 6:00 pm. (Please see insert)

Elysian's Spook Night – October 31st. Spooky Trick-or-Treating Trail 5:30 to 7:30 pm Sakatah Trail & Main Street. Complimentary hot dog, chips & beverage 5:30 pm until gone at the Elysian Fire Hall. Volunteers wanted 507-317-0532. Bags of candy & monetary donations needed – drop off at Pit Stop or City Hall. Event is sponsored by the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce.

American Legion Auxiliary Christmas Garage Sale, November 17th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Silent Auction. Bake sale. Many bargains and fun chance game for kids. Coffee, rolls, and lunch available.

Small Business Saturday in Elysian, November 24th. A perfect opportunity to get a head start on your Holiday Shopping.

Shopping with Mrs. Claus, Holidazzle Parade, and Fire Department Bingo will all be held on December 2nd. Mark your calendar and watch for more details.

The City Brush Pile (located at the sanitary sewer pond off County Road 14) is open. The hours are Wednesdays 3:00 to 6:00 pm and Saturdays 8:30 am to 12:30 pm through October 31st. As of November 1st, the Wednesday hours will change to 3:00 to 5:00 pm. The final day the brush pile will be open is December 1st (weather permitting). Open only to citizens of the City of Elysian. Leaves, brush and tree wood allowed – no building materials.

Please note that per City contract the garbage and recycle fees will be increasing by 2% effective October 1, 2018.

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.

UPCOMING ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER EVENTS: *Book Talk & Treat - October 29 at 6:00 pm, LEGO Club – November 10 at 10:30 am. Library events are free and open to the public. To register for events please call 507-267-4411 or email: libtle@tds.lib.mn.us*

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

ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY SEPTEMBER 10, 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; City Attorney Jason Moran. Absent: City Utility Clerk Nicole Lamont.

Approved the minutes of the September 10, 2018 Regular Meeting and September 21, 2018 Emergency Meeting.

Nick Greenig, Le Sueur County Chief Deputy, reported the Sheriff's Office was able to locate, get a confession and charge the individual who broke into several bars in the City. Greenig noted that the Cannon River Drug Task Force was involved in one of the potentially largest methamphetamine seizures (over 170 pounds) in the State of Minnesota. Greenig also reported he had kept in contact with City staff during the September 20 storm and had provided a deputy for the overnight hours until the power in the City was restored.

Joel Whitehurst, Superintendent, Waterville-Elysian-Morristown Schools, presented the concept plan for the proposed GO School Building Bond that will be voted on the November 6, 2018 ballot. The proposed Bond is \$19,296,875 and will fund updates to the building infrastructure, improve safety and security, address ADA Code compliance issues, and provide educational improvements. An analysis of Tax Impact and more information is available on the website at <https://www.wem.k12.mn.us/>.

Approved Resolution 636/18 – Approving Variance Application of William and Sally Davis, 130 Willow Point Drive to remove their existing cabin and build a new home within the required 75 OHW setback from Lake Francis.

Approved Crane Creek Asphalt to install a 1.5" overlay on Lake Avenue NE from First Street North for 203' stopping at manhole.

Approved advertising for a part-time Public Works Worker for up to 30 hours per week at \$13.50 per hour.

Received a report of the September 20, 2018 storm event.

Approved Resolution 637/18 – Authorizing deferral of Special Assessment for 101 State Highway 60 East.

Approved Resolution 638/18 – Granting approval for one day off site lawful gambling license for December 1, 2018 to the Elysian Fire Department Relief Association.

Approved Resolution 639/18 – Acknowledging and Accepting a donation from the Elysian Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$14,400 toward the purchase of an Automated CPR Device.

Approved the job description for Firefighter / First Responder.

Annual employee evaluations have been completed.

Reminder: Le Sueur County Elected Officials Meeting, October 24, 2018 at Knotty Bar & Grill – 7:00 pm

Approved the request of the Elysian Chamber of Commerce to close Main Street from Third Street NW to the Fire Hall on October 31, 2018 from 4:30 to 7:30 pm to accommodate the Spooky Trail.

Le Sueur County Commissioners have approved an initiative to study and implement some resolution for rural broadband in the County. A link has been added to the City website that has a survey where information will be gathered to determine the next steps in the process. Residents are encouraged to visit to provide their input: http://www.co.le-sueur.mn.us/le_sueur_county_broadband_initiative.php

Derek Westby, Economic Development Authority (EDA), stated the EDA would like to recognize Ron Greenwald and the City team for cleaning the building at 118 East Main Street. The building is open and ready to be shown and the EDA is looking for a prospect to locate a business there. The building has a lot of history and it is hoped it will be used in a creative and interesting way.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$361,190.19.

Public Comment: None.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm to closed session to perform employee evaluation of City Administrator.