

## NOTES FROM CITY HALL – SEPTEMBER 2017

Thank you to all the volunteers and organizations that made the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lake Francis Bash such a success.

**YOU'RE INVITED TO A NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING FOR THE 2018 STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** - The proposed 2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project will be presented and discussed at a neighborhood meeting to be held on Monday, September 25, 2017, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Elysian City Hall. A brief, formal presentation of the project will be made at 6:30 p.m. The streets included in the proposed project are:

- Second Street NW from Main Street to Frank Avenue NW
- Third Street SW/NW from TH 60 to Frank Avenue NW
- Fourth Street SW from TH 60 to Main Street
- Frank Avenue NW from 4th Street NW to 1st Street
- Park Avenue NW from 4th Street NW to 1st Street
- Second Street SE from Main Street to dead end

The project includes consideration of sanitary sewer main repairs, sanitary sewer services, water main, water services, storm sewer, concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk, aggregate base, bituminous surfacing, turf restoration, and miscellaneous items required to properly complete the improvements.

If you cannot attend this meeting or would like information concerning the proposed project, you can contact Chris Cavett of Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH®) at 877.316.7636 or [ccavett@sehinc.com](mailto:ccavett@sehinc.com).

Save the Date! City-Wide Fall Clean-up will be October 21 from 8:30 to 11:00 am at Lake Francis City Park. Stop by City Hall or watch the website for a list of accepted items and their fees.

Watch for updates on Elysian's Spook Night coming soon!!

Elysian Farmers Market – Thursdays, June 1 through October 26 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm at the Tourism Center. Please contact City Hall if you would like to participate.

Hydrants will be flushed every third Thursday as follows: 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 (until October 1 when the hours will shorten to 3:00 to 6:00 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.

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.

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 11, 2017 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.

Held a Public Hearing and approved Resolution 581/17 – Vacating a Portion of Street upon Petition of a Majority of Abutting Landowners, Lakeside Drive NE.

Le Sueur County Chief Deputy Greenig encouraged residents to contact the Sheriff's Department with any questions or concerns.

Congratulated Mack Evans on being named 2017 Le Sueur County Outstanding Senior Citizen and presented him with a certificate of appreciation for all he has done and continues to do for the community.

Approved the minutes of the August 14, 2017 Regular Meeting and August 29, 2017 Budget Workshop Meeting.

Approved Resolution 582/17 – Adopting the 2018 Proposed Budget for the City of Elysian.

Approved Resolution 583/17 – Adopting the Preliminary 2017 Tax Levy, Payable 2018 in the amount of \$561,002.

Public comment will be taken on the levy and budget at the December 11, 2017 meeting at 6:01 pm.

Approved Resolution 586/17 – Acknowledging and Accepting a Donation from the Elysian American Legion Post #311 to the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce toward the costs of the National Night Out Celebration in the amount of \$100.

Approved Resolution 587/17 – Approving a one day off site lawful gambling license to the Elysian American Legion Post #311 in conjunction with a fishing contest to be held on February 4, 2018.

Set a Public Hearing for October 9, 2017 to consider an amendment to Ordinance #65/09 Regulating Golf Carts to allow operation on county roads and highways.

Held a Public Hearing on Ordinance #86/17 – An Ordinance Pertaining to Driveways in the City of Elysian.

Public Comments are summarized as follows (full transcript will be included in the approved minutes):

Steve Ritchison, 101 Fourth Street NW, spoke against the requirement to surface existing driveways that are not surfaced within one year of sale of the property to a new owner. He felt this will lessen his house value.

Dennis Jewison, owner of property at 206 Main Street East, spoke against the requirement to surface existing driveways that are not surfaced within one year of sale of the property to a new owner. He felt this will be a burden to the new homeowner and would not help the environment.

Following considerable discussion, the Council did Approve Ordinance #86/17 with the following changes: Addition of: All current driveways as of the date of this ordinance are grandfathered in with regard to width, setbacks and curb cuts. And change: #8 All driveways and required off-street parking spaces shall be surfaced with concrete, bituminous or pavers. All existing driveways that are not surfaced with concrete, bituminous or pavers shall be upgraded to be surfaced “a minimum of 24 feet from the street” within one-year of sale of the property to a new owner.

General Public Comment Time: (Summarized as follows - full transcript will be included in the approved minutes):

Pat Nusbaum, 104 Park Avenue NE, spoke in regard to the possible rezoning of the properties on the north side of Main Street East from the Fire Hall to the corner. She was opposed to the rezoning. She believes there is potential for commercial businesses to be located on these properties. Fifteen years ago, when Morsching Auto located in their location they were assured that area would remain commercial. She asked the Council to look at some other solution rather than rezoning.

Dennis Jewison, owner of the property at 206 Main Street East, spoke in support of the rezoning of the properties on the north side of Main Street East from the Fire Hall to the corner. The property is being used as residential and should be zoned as such. There has not been any commercial development in the last 37 years and if there is any commercial interest it should be directed to a commercial area and not in a neighborhood.

Approved Resolution #584/17 – Approving a Variance Application for Larry and Roberta Radke for property located at 405 Lake Avenue NW to build a four-foot addition on to the entryway that will extend into the west side yard setback to within five feet of the property line.

Approved Resolution #585/17 – Approving a Variance Application for Bryan and Tami Paulsen for property located at 121 Willow Point Drive to build a home on a substandard lot in the Shoreland District.

Following considerable discussion, on a 3-2 vote (Stoen, Opsahl, McBroom in favor / Houlihan and Schnoor opposed) the Council did approve Ordinance #87/17 – Amending the Zoning Ordinance to change the zoning designation of 206, 208, 210, and 212 East Main Street from C-1 Central Business Commercial District to R1 General Residential Zone and to keep 213 East Main Street zoned as C-1 Central Business Commercial.

*Upon the vote of 3 in favor and 2 against the measure passes. City attorney Jason Moran initially advised the council that a supermajority was needed to rezone the property from commercial to residential however that was in error. Upon further review by him a rezone from commercial to residential only needs a majority vote pursuant to Minnesota Statute Sec. 462.357. In light of Minnesota Statute Sec. 462.357, and upon majority vote received, the measure passes and the subject properties are now rezoned residential with the following properties remaining commercial: 213 Main Street East. In addition, the zoning map shall be amended to reflect this.*

Approved AET proposal for soil borings in the amount of \$5,900 and Hydro-Klean proposal for sewer televising in the amount of \$4,874 – both for the 2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project.

Noted that the Neighborhood Meeting for the 2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project is scheduled for Monday, September 25, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Approved the bid in the amount of \$650 to Suemnick's Final Cut Tree Service for removal of a hackberry tree on G Street.

Approved the bid in the amount of \$9,000 to WW Blacktopping, Inc, for street repair on First Street South.

Discussed repair of the shut-off at 107 Willow Point Drive. Public Works will do much of the work.

Set a Workshop Meeting with MNDOT Representatives regarding State Hwy 60 for September 26, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Fall City-wide Clean-up will be October 21, 2017 from 8:30 to 11:00 at the Lake Francis Park parking lot.

Reminder of the Le Sueur County Elected Officials Meeting on September 27, 2017 at 6:30 at the New Prague Golf Club.

Employee Evaluations will be completed this month. Set time for City Administrator evaluation for October 9, 2017 following City Council Meeting.

The City Council expressed their appreciation to the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce, City Employees, and all the volunteers for making the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lake Francis Bash such a success.

Approved the Ordering of an Appraisal for the property of PID # 16.450.0170 for the purpose of considering purchase of the property for installation of a storm water basin in conjunction with the proposed 2018 Street and Utility Project.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$61,750.15.

Public Comment: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.