

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – MARCH 2018

Dog and cat licenses are required to be renewed on January 1st. The cost of the license is \$3.00. Please provide a copy of current rabies vaccination at time of renewal.

Farmers Friends and Willing Worker 4H Clubs along with the Lake Area Women will be sponsoring the Kid's Easter Party at the Elysian Area Learning Center on Saturday, March 24th from 9:00 to 11:00 am for children through grade 3. There will be games, door prizes and live bunnies.

Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 9-13. The two annual statewide tornado drills are scheduled for Thursday, April 12th at 1:45 pm and 6:45 pm.

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

WEM's Moving Forward Foundation 6th Annual Bucs Night Out, Saturday, April 14th at 5:00 pm. \$10 Admission. Silent Auction, Raffles, Spirit Wall, Food Provided. 8:00-10:00 pm Dueling Pianos! by: "Rock It Man Entertainment" Proceeds benefit the local community.

Hydrants will be flushed starting April 19 and every third Thursday thereafter: May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, and possibly November 15 (weather permitting).

City of Elysian Residential City-wide Clean-Up Day is Saturday, May 19th from 8:30 to 11:00 am. The Clean-Up will be held at the Lake Francis Park parking area. This will be the only City-wide clean-up event in 2018.

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.

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.

Check out the Elysian Area Library and Heritage Center Facebook page for upcoming events for children and adults. Some upcoming events include: Book Talk and Treat March 19; Inventors Lab for students ages 7-12 March 24 at 10:30 am; and Photography Basics with Jay Schneider April 28 at 10:30 am.

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 MARCH 12, 2018 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 February 13, 2018 Regular Meeting, February 20, 2018 Workshop Meeting with MnDOT, and March 7, 2018 Open House Meeting with MnDOT.

Le Sueur County Commissioner Rohlfing updated the Council. Construction on the new Justice Center is moving forward. The pre-cast panels will be set tomorrow with phase 1 of construction being completed mid-April. An open house will be held at Washington Lake County Park on March 28, 2018

from 6:30 to 8:00 pm to discuss the expansion of that park. The County is discussing an ordinance to address short term rentals – VRBOs. True Transit System is up and running. Road work will be done on State Highway 112 this Spring and county-wide striping will be completed as well. The Cannon River One Watershed One Plan is 50% completed. County labor negotiations have been completed with favorable results.

Le Sueur County Deputy Mike Thelemann reported the patrol of Highway 60 has been increased but he was not aware of any citations being issued.

Public Comment: None.

Held a Public Hearing and approved Ordinance No. 90/18 - An Ordinance Granting a Franchise to MidContinent Communications to maintain cable communications system in the City of Elysian, Minnesota; Setting forth conditions accompanying the grant of the Franchise; providing for regulation and use of the System; and prescribing penalties for the violations of its provisions.

Approved Resolution #609/18 – A request from Charles and Leah Budde, 115 Willow Point Drive, for a Variance to allow 36.2% lot coverage to allow a shed / porch addition.

Approved Resolution #610/18 – Declaring Cost to be Assessed, Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessment, and Calling for Hearing on Proposed Assessment – 2018 Street and Utility Project.

Approved the agreement with Kibble Equipment for the John Deere Z920M Commercial ZTrak mower in the amount of \$3,200.

Discussed bids for purchase of mower to replace large Toro mower. No decision was made. Additional quotes will be presented at the April 2018 meeting.

Public Works reported that the FL80 truck has been damaged while winging snow. Quotes are being obtained for repair.

Approved Resolution #608/18 – Acknowledging and Accepting a donation from the Elysian American Legion Post #311, for tax relief to the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$2,000, for the purpose of funding a portion of the Fourth of July Celebration (fireworks).

Discussed options for removal of house at 301 Sixth Street NW. Bids will be obtained for sale of the house and / or demolition of the house. Auction services will be contacted regarding the sale of the articles removed from the house.

Approved the oversight and processing of the payroll for the 2018 Watercraft Inspector Program on Lake Francis.

Approved the advertisement for summer help for up to 40 hours per week at \$10 per hour.

Notice: Board of Appeal and Equalization Open Book Meeting for 2017 – Le Sueur County: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Le Sueur County Courthouse and Waseca County: Monday, April 16, 2018 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Waseca County Assessor’s Office.

Reminder: Le Sueur County Elected Officials Meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 6:30 pm – location to be announced.

Approved the hiring of James Tatge for the position of Emergency Management Director.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$86,105.12.

Public Comment: None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.