

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – MARCH 2019

NOTICE: The City of Elysian WILL BE continuing to add chlorine to disinfect the water system.

The Minnesota Department of Health will continue to test the water. If the water tests clear, the chlorine will be discontinued.

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

WEM's Moving Forward Foundation Annual Bucs Night Out, Friday, April 5th at 5:30 pm. \$10 Admission. Silent Auction, Raffles, Spirit Wall, Appetizers. 9 pm to midnight music by Red Dirt Road. Proceeds benefit the local community.

Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 8-12. State-wide tornado drills will be April 11.

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, April 13th from 9:00 to 10:30 am for children through grade 3. There will be face painting, games, door prizes and live bunnies.

The City Brush Pile (located at the sanitary sewer pond off County Road 14) will open on April 20th. 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 City-wide Garage Sales will be May 10th and 11th. Anyone wishing to participate and have their sale advertised, please drop off at The Pit Stop or at City Hall a description of items for sale and time of sale no later than April 29th.

City of Elysian Residential City-wide Spring Clean-Up Day is Saturday, May 18th from 8:30 to 11 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 2019.

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.

The Elysian Economic Development Authority (EDA) is considering options for the building at 118 East Main Street (between the Post Office and the Thirsty Beaver). The EDA would welcome resident input as to saving the building or ideas for use of the lot if the building were to be removed. The EDA will be opening the building for tours in the Spring.

UPCOMING ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER EVENTS: *Roll the Dice – March 23 at 10:30 am, Jess Lourey – Spring Author Series – April 3 at 6 pm, Game of Thrones Trivia – April 12 at 6 pm, and Plan Your Vegetable Garden – April 15 at 6 pm. 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 MARCH 11, 2019 AT 6:00 PM

Present were: Mayor Pro Tem Mary Opsahl; Councilmembers Bobby Houlihan, Dennis Schnoor and Bryan Suemnick; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Public Works Director Ron Greenwald. Absent: Mayor Tom McBroom and City Attorney Jason Moran.

Approved the minutes of the February 11, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Le Sueur County Sheriff Brett Mason reported construction of the new Justice Center is on time, under budget and will be open in September. Special efforts are being made to make the switch to the new building without any interruption in phone calls / dispatch especially 911. Mason will check on when the signs marking the area where the truck fell through on Lake Francis will be removed, the speed limit on County Road 14 going east out of Elysian, having more patrol on State Highway 60 during peak times, and placement of the speed trailer on State Highway 60. Mason stated there are new faces at the Sheriff's Department including dispatch, jailers, and new Deputy Ryan Frederick.

Craig Beckman and Kent Skaar, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR), thanked the Council for allowing the MN DNR participation with the street project resulting in trail realignment. Skaar also confirmed that the trail reconstruction through Elysian will be finalized this year.

Beckman and Skaar discussed the future of the wayside rest building and the City acquisition of the DRN right-of-way and adjoining property to the north between the trail and Main Street businesses. Council will take under consideration and discuss further at a work shop meeting.

Approved the quote from Midway Ford Commercial for the 2019 F-550 4x4 Truck cab and chassis in the amount of \$57,473.01.

Greenwald reported the pond levels look good. Also, most of the storm sewer intakes were chopped out today. Kopischke reported that Fire Chief James had emailed today and asked that the Public Works Department be thanked for their great work of keeping the fire hydrants cleared out from the snow.

Approved Resolution 661/19 – Acknowledging and Accepting a donation in the amount of \$4,000 from the Elysian American Legion Post #311 for tax relief to the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of funding a portion of the July 4th Celebration.

Approved the hire of three fire fighters – Pam Glende, Brian Rutt, and Chad Sorenson.

Set the 2018 Burkhardt & Burkhardt Audit Report for April 8, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Reminder of Le Sueur County Elected Official Meeting March 27, 2019 at 6:30 pm in Waterville.

Board of Review and Equalization Open Book Meeting for 2018 – Le Sueur County: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Le Sueur County Courthouse and Waseca County: Monday, April 15, 2019 from 9:00 am to noon, Waseca County Assessor's Office.

Council reviewed and discussed draft Ordinance #91/19 – An Ordinance relating to tobacco, electronic delivery devices, and nicotine or lobelia delivery products and the like. This ordinance would prohibit the sale of tobacco-related products to persons under twenty-one (21) years of age, require licensing of those establishments selling tobacco-related products and provide for penalties for violation of such ordinance.

The Council voted unanimously to NOT take under consideration Ordinance #91/19 for the following reasons: This issue is currently being discussed by the State Legislature and may soon be regulated by the State of MN; and, It may be harmful to local business owners if the sale of tobacco to persons under (21) twenty-one was not allowed in the City of Elysian, but patrons were able to drive less than ten (10) miles in each direction to make such purchases and any other purchases that would be made at the same time, gas, groceries, etc.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$73,185.20.

Public Comment: None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.