

ELYSIAN BUDGET & FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 6, 2011

City Hall

The meeting convened at 3:05 pm. Members present: Wayne Unke, Katy Anttila, John Stephanie, Pat Nusbaum. Absent: Jason Moran. Visitors: Dave Rager, John Hoeft

Motion was made by John Stephanie, seconded by Katy Anttila, to approve the April 6, 2011, minutes. Carried.

Jason Moran's resignation was emailed to the Committee members and will be announced to the City Council.

Discussion of membership in Council of Governments was added to the agenda.

Pat reported the city-wide cleanup April 30 was well used considering the early date and poor weather. The city's cost is based on tonnage and won't be known until billed. WM rep Matt Maes was unable to be present for this meeting. Katy reported that in a discussion with him earlier in the day, he did not specifically reject any item in the proposed contract. He suggested a meeting with Pat and Katy if difficulties arose in scheduling the entire committee for discussion. Pat will schedule the meeting, and it will be posted as a committee meeting unless three days' posting or a quorum is not possible, in which case Pat & Katy will serve as a subcommittee. The committee did not change any terms in the proposed contract.

Pat will report at the June meeting the status of outstanding property taxes and special assessments on Lakeview Manor parcels.

The June 3 meeting time was changed to 2 pm. A suggestion that regular meetings begin at 2 pm will be considered at the June meeting. Pat will confirm that our auditor Mike Burkhardt will personally attend the June meeting. Subjects for discussion with him include:

1. Any areas of concern he may have detected in the audit
2. Any suggestions he may have based on his observations and data
3. How we can use the audit to better manage our city
4. The makeup of the unreserved general fund and GASB 54
5. An overview of debt and bonding in general and Elysian's level of debt in particular
6. Any other audit-related questions the Committee may have; however, the auditor does not advise or comment on the City budget.

Pat will provide the Building Inspection contract to the Committee members at the next meeting.

Pat suggested it would be useful to have an inventory of all antennae mounted on the water tower. Verizon appears to be the only one generating income for the City.

It was clarified for the Committee that dues recently paid for Council of Governments were for the first six months of 2011. Both pros and cons of continuing membership were discussed. Pros included the availability of personal consultations, COG's assistance in organizing Safety Committees, and potential savings by using COG rather than other consultants. Cons included cost, staff changes, possible duplication of services provided by League of MN Cities, and an observation that COG's change of position on a prior personnel issue led to additional legal expense.

Upon motion by John Stephanie, seconded by Pat Nusbaum, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Anttila