

ELYSIAN BUDGET & FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 28, 2011
City Hall

The meeting convened at 2:03 pm. Members present: Wayne Unke, Katy Anttila, John Stephanie. Absent: Pat Nusbaum, John Hoeft. Visitor present: Dee Sasse.

Motion by Katy Anttila, second by John Stephanie to approve the minutes of the October 7 meeting with the addition of Dee Sasse's reference to Region 9 Area Agency on Aging. Motion carried.

Old business: Discussion on budgeted versus actual special assessment revenue and restrictions on use of PFA infrastructure reserves was tabled until Pat Nusbaum can be present. The League of MN Cities review of the building inspector contract was distributed; discussion was tabled until John Hoeft can be present.

Questions raised during the Aug. 30 and Oct. 7 meetings will be addressed at the regular meeting November 4.

The Committee discussed whether a presentation by the Committee should be made at either the November 17 or November 28 Council meeting. The Committee concluded that a one-page summary of its position on a few topics would suffice.

John Stephanie endorsed the \$17,500 levy amount for the fire rescue truck; no disagreement was expressed.

A discussion of proposed equipment purchases focused on the need to evaluate how much each piece of equipment would be used and compare the cost of purchase, maintenance and housing to the cost of renting or contracting its use.

A discussion of the proposed support of tourism included a suggestion that a report be requested from the Chamber of Commerce on how prior years' amounts were spent and the effectiveness of the money used. Any new allocations should be subject to a written proposal which includes goals and criteria to determine if the goals were met. Could there be collaboration between area cities, LeSueur County and other promotion-oriented organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce? The improvement of the Sakatah Trail was mentioned as a community resource worthy of attention through contact with Senator DeKruif and the DNR.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 4 at 2 pm. Members should come prepared to discuss guidelines for membership and duties for the Budget and Finance Committee.

Motion to adjourn was made by John Stephanie; second by Katy Anttila; meeting adjourned at 3:47 pm