

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 11, 2016**

The Elysian City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 11, 2016 at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Mayor Clinton Stoen; Councilmembers Robert Houlihan, Tom McBroom, Mary Opsahl, Dennis Schnoor, City Administrator Lorri Kopischke, Public Works Director Ron Greenwald, and City Attorney Jason Moran. Absent: None.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, the minutes of the December 14, 2015 Regular Meeting, December 29, 2015 Special Meeting, and January 4, 2016 Special Meeting were approved as presented.

On motion by Opsahl, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor, the agenda of the January 11, 2016 meeting was approved as presented.

Public Comment: None.

On motion by Stoen, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, to award the bid for land lease of approximately 12 acres of tillable land (Parcel ID #16.999.0310, ID# 16.999.0300, ID#16.999.0490) for the term of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018 to the high bidder of Roger Lamont, 49792 193<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Waterville, MN 56096 in the amount of \$138 per acre.

On motion by Stoen, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to set the 2016 regular Council meeting date and time for the second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm unless otherwise designated.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, the appointments/ assignments for 2016 were approved as follows:

1. Mayor Pro Tem – Mary Opsahl
2. Official Depository – Elysian Bank and Northland Securities
3. Official Publication – Elysian Enterprise
4. Legal Counsel – Jason Moran, Law Firm of Christian, Keogh, Moran & King – Criminal and Civil
5. Auditor – Burkhardt & Burkhardt, Ltd

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, the appointments / assignments for 2016 were approved as follows:

**Planning and Zoning**

Member from Council – Clinton Stoen – 1 year term

Member from Public – Rick Galewski - 3 year term

Member from Public – Dan Engebretson - 3 year term

**EDA**

Member from Council – Mary Opsahl – 1 year term

Member from Council – Tom McBroom – 1 year term

Administrator – City Administrator Lorri Kopischke

**Park Committee**

Member from Council – Tom McBroom - 1 year term

Member from Council – Dennis Schnoor - 1 year term

Member from Staff – Ron Greenwald - 1 year term

Member from Staff – Nicole Lamont – 1 year term

WEM Community Education Advisory Board – Tom McBroom - 1 year term

Elysian Representative to the MVCOG General Assembly – Clinton Stoen - 1 year term

Fire Relief Association

Member from Council – Dennis Schnoor – 1 year term

Member Appointed – City Administrator Lorri Kopischke – 1 year term

Joint Fire Board Representative - Clinton Stoen

Emergency Management

Director – John Roessler

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, the Fire Department Chief appointments were approved as follows:

Chief – Jason James

First Assistant Chief – Mark Muellerleile

Second Assistant Chief – Eric Muellerleile

Report Public Works: Ron Greenwald, Director

Greenwald reported the results of the Minnesota Department of Health Sanitary Survey Report for Elysian Public Water System, LeSueur County. This survey was performed on December 9, 2015 by Amy Lynch, Section of Drinking Water Protection.

The conduit for well #2 is broken/unsealed where the conduit connects to the well cap. The conduit must be repaired or replaced to prevent contamination from entering the well. It was recommended that either a stationary/fix or mobile power source (generator) be purchased as a backup for the well in case of a power failure. This can be looked at in the next budgeting year. It was recommended that a secondary storage containment for capturing fluoride in case of an equipment failure or a fluoride spill be provided. It was suggested that the City look at the addition of chlorine into the water system. The City's drinking water has not had a bad water test so this is only a recommendation and not a requirement.

Greenwald stated that during the compliance check for waste water last summer, it was suggested that the pumps on the lift stations be looked at. Upon examination it was found that one of the check valves at Lift Station A on County Road 11 was leaking back. It is recommended that the check valves be replaced. This can be done in 2017 and the cost is estimated to be under \$5,000.

Greenwald noted the concern expressed at the December meeting regarding the storm sewer on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. It has been checked. There were some branches and debris and it has been cleaned. That culvert will be replaced as part of the 2016 Street Project.

Greenwald noted that half of the jetting has been completed and televising of the sewer system will begin this week weather permitting.

**CITY OF ELYSIAN  
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION 498/16  
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING A DONATION FROM  
ELYSIAN FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Elysian has received a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Elysian Fire Relief Association toward a truck purchase;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA THAT:** the City Council of the City of Elysian acknowledges and accepts a donation from the Elysian Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be placed in savings to be put toward the purchase of a truck.

Upon vote being taken:

Councilmember Opsahl introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Houlihan.

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Houlihan, McBroom, Opsahl, Schnoor, Stoen.  
Council Members voting in the negative: None.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

Approved:

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Clinton Stoen, Mayor

Attested:

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

**CITY OF ELYSIAN  
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION 499/16  
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING A DONATION FROM  
CANNON VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS FOUNDATION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Elysian has received a donation in the amount of \$2,500.00 from the Cannon Valley Communications Foundation toward a truck purchase;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA THAT:** the City Council of the City of Elysian acknowledges and accepts a donation from the Cannon Valley Communications Foundation in the amount of \$2,500.00 to be placed in savings to be put toward the purchase of a truck.

Upon vote being taken:

Councilmember Opsahl introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Houlihan.

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Houlihan, McBroom, Opsahl, Schnoor, Stoen.

Council Members voting in the negative: None.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

Approved:

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Clinton Stoen, Mayor

Attested:

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

**CITY OF ELYSIAN  
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION 500/16  
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING A DONATION FROM  
SOUTHERN MN INITIATIVE FOUNDATION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Elysian has received a donation in the amount of \$250.00 from the Southern MN Initiative Foundation toward a truck purchase;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA THAT:** the City Council of the City of Elysian acknowledges and accepts a donation from the Southern MN Initiative Foundation in the amount of \$250.00 to be placed in savings to be put toward the purchase of a truck.

Upon vote being taken:

Councilmember Opsahl introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Houlihan.

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Houlihan, McBroom, Opsahl, Schnoor, Stoen.

Council Members voting in the negative: None.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

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Clinton Stoen, Mayor

Attested:

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

The new and improved Elysian website will be launched this week - [www.elysianmn.com](http://www.elysianmn.com) The EDA will be hosting an Open House to present the new website to area business owners on January 25, 2016 at 7:00 pm at City Hall.

Council discussed the American Flag flying on the corner near Tucker's Tavern. Prices will be obtained in regards to getting electrical power to the pole to light the flag at night.

Attorney Moran reported he is still working with the DNR on the property between Main Street and Highway 60.

On motion by Stoen, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, bills, payroll and transfers were approved in the amount of \$34,864.31.

Public Comment: None.

On motion by Stoen, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Approved:

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Clinton Stoen, Mayor

Attested:

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator