

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2020**

The Elysian City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 13, 2020 at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

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

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor, to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2019 Regular Meeting and the December 30, 2019 Special Year End Meeting as presented.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to approve the agenda of the January 13, 2020 Regular Meeting with the following changes:

1. Delete the Public Hearing scheduled to receive input on Ordinance No. 96/20: Relating to Sale of Tobacco, Electronic Delivery Devices, and Nicotine or Lobelia Delivery Products and the Like. (As of December 20, 2019, Federal Law raised the minimum age for tobacco sales to 21. Because this is a federal law, it sets a minimum for cities. If states or cities wish to set the minimum age higher than 21, they may, but they cannot set it below 21 years of age. So, Ordinance No. 96/20 is redundant.)
2. Delete #7 Consideration of Ordinance No. 96/20 for the same reasons stated above.
3. Add. 10d. Discussion of City Engineer.

Public Comment: None.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, the following designations / appointments were approved:

- Regular Council meeting date and time: Second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm unless otherwise designated.
- Mayor Pro Tem – Mary Opsahl
- Official Depository – Elysian Bank and Northland Securities
- Official Publication – Elysian Enterprise
- Legal Counsel – Jason Moran, Law Firm of Christian, Keogh, Moran & King – Criminal and Civil
- Auditor – Burkhardt & Burkhardt, Ltd.

On motion by Opsahl, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, the following appointments were approved:

- Planning and Zoning
Member from Council – Mayor Tom McBroom – 1 year term
Member from Public – Krissy Droog – 3 year term
- EDA
Member from Council – Mary Opsahl – 1 year term
Member from Council – Bobby Houlihan – 1 year term
Administrator – Lorri Kopischke – 1 year term

- Park Committee
 - Member from Council – Dennis Schnoor – 1 year term
 - Member from Council – Bobby Houlihan – 1 year term
 - Member from Staff – Ron Greenwald – 1 year term
 - Member from Staff – Nicole Lamont – 1 year term

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Opsahl, all voting in favor, the following appointments were approved:

- WEM Community Education Advisory Board – Tom McBroom – 1 year term
- Representative to the MVCOG General Assembly – Tom McBroom – 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 – Dennis Schnoor – 1 year term
- Emergency Management
 - Director – Derek Westby (It was noted that Jim Tatge had accepted a new position with the City of Mankato and no longer had the time available to perform the duties of the Elysian Emergency Management Director.)

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Opsahl, all voting in favor, to approve the Fire Department Chief Appointments as follows:

- Chief – Jason James
- First Assistant Chief – Richard Droog
- Second Assistant Chief – Jacob James

Schnoor stated that the City should go out for bids for the City Engineer for 2020. Schnoor does not think the City is getting their bang for their buck. He believes there were a couple big errors made during the 2018 street project.

McBroom expressed concern for any change being made in engineering firms while the warranty work was being completed for the 2018 street project.

Opsahl also expressed concern that the current engineer had planned and set up street and utility projects #1, #2, and #3 and that it may be in the City's best interest to see that through for continuity.

When asked, Greenwald responded that there may have been a couple issues with the 2018 street project – mainly the force main on Second Street SE. But he noted that SEH has been very helpful and answered a lot of questions, and they don't bill for every little thing.

There was Council consensus for staff to reach out to surrounding communities and ask what engineer they are using and what their experience has been.

Le Sueur County Chief Deputy Nick Greenig reported things are going well and all is quiet in the City.

Ron Greenwald, Public Works Director reported that the Teri Roth, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, has determined that Well #3 is a Class 5 Injection Well and the drain field may be a prohibited discharge. The City Engineer is currently looking into the most practical way to address this and will report to the Council at an upcoming meeting.

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

CITY OF ELYSIAN
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 698/20
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING A DONATION FROM
ELYSIAN FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has received a donation in the amount of \$8,000.00 from the Elysian Fire Relief Association to be used toward SCBA Units (Air packs);

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 \$8,000.00 to be used toward SCBA Units (Air packs).

Upon vote being taken:

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

Council Members voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 13th day of January, 2020.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

The Council considered the Tower Lease Agreement between LTD Broadband LLC and the City of Elysian. The term of the agreement is five (5) years and may be terminated by either party on ninety (90) days prior written notice for any reason whatsoever, or upon thirty (30) days' notice of breach of a term of the agreement. LTD will not pay monetary rent but will provide free internet service (uncapped service in excess of 50 Mbps) to the City of Elysian sites (City Hall, Tourism Center, Fire Hall, and the City Shop). The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the Tower Lease Agreement.

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, to approve the Tower Lease Agreement between LTD Broadband LLC and the City of Elysian.

Kopischke reported the building at 118 Main Street East has been demolished. The City will be providing a three (3) inch layer of black dirt and seeding the lot in the Spring. The owner will take possession of the lot in October of 2020.

The Lake Francis Fishing Contest sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion Post #311 will be held on Sunday, February 2, 2020.

Reminder of the Le Sueur County Elected Officials Meeting January 22, 2020 at 6:30 PM Social, 7:00 PM Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Waterville Event Center.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, bills, payroll, and transfers were approved in the amount of \$52,661.57.

Public Comment: None.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 pm.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator