

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 9, 2020**

The Elysian City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2020 at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

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

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2020 Regular Meeting and February 25, 2020 Workshop with MnDOT as presented.

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to approve the agenda of the March 9, 2020 Regular Meeting with the following addition:

1. Add 9(e). Obtain bids for overlay to remaining streets identified in 2019.

Public Comment: None.

Jacob and Ellie James, property owners of 43999 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and 211 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Street, have submitted a request to vacate Maple Avenue which runs east / west between 5<sup>th</sup> Street SW and 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW in the City of Elysian. The road is currently not open and is being used as a driveway to the properties. The request has been signed by the adjoining property owners Wayne James and Steve James.

On motion by Suemnick, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to schedule a public hearing to consider the request of Jacob and Ellie James, property owners of 43999 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and 211 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Street, to vacate that portion of Maple Avenue that runs east / west between 5<sup>th</sup> Street SW and 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW in the City of Elysian, on April 13, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

The Council considered a request from Terry and Kate Gulbrandson, owners of 5 Lynae Circle to relocate a fire hydrant. The Gulbrandsons purchased lots 4 and 5 Lynae Circle and have since combined them into one lot – 5 Lynae Circle. They have obtained a current survey from Bolton & Menk and have submitted a site plan with a proposed home and detached second garage. They are requesting the hydrant be moved so it is not right in the middle of the lot.

The City Engineer has been consulted and has presented the following requirements as a condition of the building permit:

1. Coordinate work with Public works / Turn off the main in the street.
2. Salvage and remove the existing hydrant and hydrant valve.
3. Return salvaged valve to the City.
4. Relocate Hydrant to the lot 2/3 lot line as has been proposed.
5. Furnish and install new hydrant lead pipe (C-900) and Furnish & Install a new hydrant valve next to the hydrant.
6. Locate, expose and protect sewer and water services to lot 2 during hydrant lead installation. Cut off and cap sanitary sewer service on north edge of trench if sewer service

will not to be used by applicant. **Water and sewer services shall be observed by Public Works before buried.**

7. Rotate and orient the hydrant head with the main nozzle directed toward the center of the cul-de-sac.
8. Install hydrant per City Detail (see attached).
9. Disinfect and flush hydrant lead. Submit and pass bacteria test.
10. 100% of the cost for all work shall be paid for by the Owner / Applicant at no cost to the City.

The street will not be disturbed as the hydrant is located in the grassy area of the right-of-way.

The owner has agreed to all conditions. The contractor understands and has agreed to all conditions.

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to approve the request of Terry and Kate Gulbrandson, to relocate the water hydrant at 5 Lynae Circle as per submitted plans and subject to the conditions set forth by Chris Cavett, SEH Engineering in email of March 3, 2020.

Ron Greenwald, Public Works Director, presented a quote summary for a 2020 John Deere Z920M ZTrak. This is a trade in program that the City has participated in for the past several years. This year the 2018 trade in mower only has 324 miles. The cost of the trade in program increased this year to \$3,400. Council directed Public Works to do more research on this option and other available options and present at the April Council Meeting.

Greenwald reported the overhead door at the shop is not working properly. The part to repair the door will cost almost as much as a replacement door. Greenwald did not receive the quotes in time for tonight's meeting. He will provide at the April Council Meeting.

Greenwald presented a request from the Lake Francis Lake Association to remove the sandbar on the Lake Tustin side of the culvert that connects Lake Tustin with Lake Francis. There is silt material that goes under the culvert and sits on the Lake Tustin side. It is almost all gravel and sand. This was cleaned out via a FEMA project in December of 2016. Greenwald presented two bids for the clean out – James Bros. Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,850 and Timm's Trucking & Excavating in the amount of \$1,620.

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Opsahl, all voting in favor, to approve the proposal from Timm's Trucking and Excavating for cleaning and removal of buildup on the outlet/inlet of the culvert between Lake Francis and Lake Tustin in the amount of \$1,620.

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to advertise for summer mowing help at a rate of \$10.50 per hour.

Suemnick noted that at the August 2019 Special Meeting the Council voted to delay the overlay to a portion of Frank Avenue NE, Lake Avenue NE, Park Avenue NE, and First Street South until the Spring of 2020. He asked if the Council would like to obtain bids to repair those streets now.

Greenwald noted a portion of Maple Avenue and Third Street NE that are also in need of repair. Main Street East (which is a County road) where it intersects with Third Street NE is also in need of repair.

On motion by Suemnick, seconded by Opsahl, all voting in favor, to authorize Greenwald to obtain bids to repair the named streets and to request the City Engineer to begin discussions with the County Engineer for an overlay to Main Street (County Road #50) and County Road #11.

On motion by Opsahl, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to schedule a Special Meeting to receive the Audit Report for Monday, April 13, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

American Legal Publishing has provided a quote to update the codified ordinance book with the ordinances approved in 2019 in the amount of \$500 to \$900. This can be done on an annual basis or the new or updated ordinances can simply be posted on the website and the codified ordinance book can be updated on a biennial basis.

On motion by Opsahl, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to update the codified ordinance book through American Legal Publishing on a biennial basis and to post the updated or new ordinances of 2019 on the website under the pdf of the codified ordinance until that update.

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to approve the 2020 Mosquito Control of Iowa Contract in the amount of \$3,345.

Craig Beckman, Parks and Trails, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR), has advised that the rehabilitation of Sakatah Trail is scheduled for the summer of 2020. Bids should be out by the end of March and the reconstruction will take place sometime this summer. DNR will update as soon as there is a construction timeline.

The League of Minnesota Workers Compensation Insurance Premium increased from \$10,867 in 2019 to \$22,479 in 2020.

Reminder of the Le Sueur County Elected Officials Meeting Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 6:30 pm at Niesen's Sport Bar, St Peter.

Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 13-17, 2020.

The Board of Review and Equalization Open Book Meeting for Le Sueur County is April 14, 2020 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Le Sueur County Courthouse. The Board of Review and Equalization Open Book Meeting for Waseca County is April 13, 2020 at 9:00 am to noon at the Waseca County Courthouse.

Reminder of Incident Command Training Wednesday, April 22, 2020 from 9:00 am to noon at South Central College, Mankato. Pre-registration is required.

City-wide garage sales will be May 8-10, 2020. City-wide Spring Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2020.

Le Sueur County Sheriff Brett Mason reported all is calm in the City. Mason stated current administrative issues include legalized recreational use of marijuana, mental health in the jails, Second Amendment Rights, and the coronavirus. Le Sueur County is monitoring flooding and continues to study the high-water levels on the lakes and discuss the criteria for establishing no wake zones.

Houlihan suggested that instead of waiting for high water and then establishing no wake zones, it may make more sense to place buoys in the narrow areas and post year-round as no wake zones. Mason stated this is an option that should be considered.

Mason acknowledged there is a no wake rule 150 feet from shoreline. The legislature is currently looking to expand that rule. However, homeowners are not allowed to place buoys to mark that no wake zone. If there is an issue, homeowners should contact the Sheriff's office to evaluate.

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, bills, payroll, and transfers were approved in the amount of \$101,670.17.

Public Comment:

Tina King, 5 Cedar Point Drive, reported that she and Dennis Byron, on behalf of the Lake Francis Lake Association, had met with Todd Kolander of the DNR to discuss concern with lake levels on Lake Francis. Options discussed include the cleaning of the culvert between Lake Francis and Lake Tustin, an additional outlet from Lake Francis, and adding gauges to Lake Tustin and Lake Francis.

On motion by Opsahl, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 pm.

Approved:

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Mary Opsahl, Mayor Pro Tem

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator