

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – SEPTEMBER 2020

Please complete the enclosed seasonal garbage shut off form if you will be away this winter! Thank you.

Free Food Distribution for all Le Sueur County Residents – September 23rd from 10:00 to 11:30 am (or while supplies last) at the Le Sueur County Fairgrounds. Each household will receive (1) box of produce, (1) box of mixed dairy, and (1) box of meat. (Have vehicle including trunk cleaned out so the boxes will fit.)

Fall City-Wide Clean Up will be October 3, 2020 from 8:30 to 11:00 am at Lake Frances Park. Price sheet and details on City Facebook page and available at City Hall.

Thrifty White Flu Shot Clinic at the Elysian Tourism Center, 100 SW 3rd Street, Tuesday, October 6th from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. Most private and public insurance plans accepted. Shots available to ages 4 and above. Any questions contact City Hall or Thrifty White at 507-835-1610.

Le Sueur County has a phone line set up for Essential Needs Requests 507-357-8396. The phone line is open Monday – Friday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm for needs that cannot be met through friends/family/neighbors.

The City Brush Pile (located at the sanitary sewer pond off County Road 14) is open. The hours are Wednesdays 4:00 to 7:00 pm and Saturdays 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Effective October 1 through October 31 the hours will be changed to Wednesdays 3:00 to 6:00 pm and Saturdays 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Open only to citizens of the City of Elysian. Leaves, brush, and tree wood allowed – no building materials.

Hydrants will be flushed every third Thursday: October 15, and possibly November 19.

The Farmers Market located on the Tourism Center's grounds is open each Thursday through October 29th. Hours are 2:00 to 6:00 pm. Social distancing measures are in place. Come see what is new this fall!

Have you completed your 2020 Census form? You can respond online: <https://2020census.gov>, by phone: 844-330-2020, or by mail. The results are used to determine how much funding local communities receive for key public services and how many seats each state gets in Congress and representation at the Minnesota Legislature level. The current self-response rate for the City of Elysian is 65.1%. You can self-respond until September 30th. If you have a question on how to get started, you can text questions to 662020.

Attention Parents of Children 1-18 years of age: A new program for children living in the Waterville-Elysian area is being implemented by WE Share Food Shelf. On the third Saturday of each month, starting October 17th from 10:00 to 11:30 am, child-friendly food will be offered to all families who have children via curbside pickup. Please come to the Food Shelf located at 132 Main Street East, Elysian, and a volunteer will meet the car, ask how many children are in the family and provide bags of food based on that number. Items in the bags will include meat, canned items, bread, peanut butter, cereal and will vary each month. There is no income eligibility requirement. Volunteers and those accepting the food will be asked to wear masks. Questions contact Pat Nusbaum, 507-317-0532 / pnusbaum@frontier.com. (WE Share Food Shelf is available anytime to anyone in need. Please contact the above number / email. All info is confidential.)

The General Election in Minnesota is November 3rd. Early in-person voting begins September 18th. If you are not comfortable going out to vote, consider applying for an absentee ballot. Absentee ballot applications are available at City Hall or you can follow the online application process at: <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/ABRegistration/ABRegistrationStep1.aspx>.

The Elysian Tourism Center basement – 100 Third Street SW, is a designated storm shelter. The shelter will be open during the time of a severe weather warning.

The Elysian Area Library & Heritage Center is now open for browsing (15 min) and computer (30 min) appointments. Curbside pickup is available anytime during normal business hours. Call 267-4411 to make an appointment or to place an order for curbside pickup. You can also visit their Facebook page or email the librarian: libtle@tds.lib.mn.us

Per State Statute 88.171, there is no open burning of garbage allowed in the City of Elysian. Please be respectful to your neighbors and to the environment.

The MnDOT project on Highway 60 is scheduled for 2021. You can find more information regarding the project here: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d7/projects/hwy60madisonlake/> Highway 60 from Junction with Highway 14 east of Mankato to Junction with Highway 13 at Waterville is included in the project.

BINGO – Sponsored by Elysian Area Foundation has been suspended until further notice.

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 AT 6:00 PM**

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

Approved the minutes of the August 10, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Le Sueur County Deputy AJ Sowieja reported all is quiet in the City.

Public Comment: None.

COVID-19 updates were discussed. Approved Resolution #715/20 allocating CARES Act Funds to Local Government Activities, approved CARES Act Funds in the amount of \$14,000 to fund Small Business Grants to seven businesses within City limits and discussed additional use of the (CARES) Act Funding.

Approved to post the north side of Frank Avenue NW between 2nd Street NW and County Road 11 as “No 24-Hour Parking” year-round and “No Parking” for the period from November 1 through March 31.

Received report that Le Sueur County had the culvert on County Road 11 repaired by Seely Construction, Le Sueur County has tentatively agreed to mill and overlay Main Street East in 2021, the City drinking water passed all testing by the State of MN Department of Health, Fall discharge of the sewer ponds will begin tomorrow September 15th, and handicap parking signage will be installed at the Tourism Center.

Approved a quote for 14 Air-Pack SCBAs, 28 Cylinders, 24 Facepieces, and the Initial Fit Test from Municipal Emergency Services (MES) in the amount of \$93,602.60. Funding is anticipated via the FEMA AFG Grant. If the grant is not received, the Air-Packs will be financed for a three-year term at 3.37% interest. A \$40,000 down payment will be applied from the Joint Fire Board savings account. The current Air-Packs expire the end of 2020 and must be replaced.

Approved Resolution #716/20 – Adopting the 2021 Proposed Budget for the City of Elysian.

Approved Resolution #717/20 – Adopting the Preliminary 2020 Tax Levy, Payable 2021. The Preliminary Levy is set at \$730,037 and results in a 5.5% increase. Council will work to bring that increase down to 4% or less prior to certifying the Final Levy in December.

Set the Truth in Taxation Hearing for December 14, 2020 at 6:01 pm. Public comment will be taken on the 2021 Proposed Budget and the 2020 Tax Levy, Payable 2021.

Set a Public Hearing for October 12, 2020 at 6:00 pm to consider the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation for amendment to the Elysian Code of Ordinance Chapter 92: Parks and Recreation Section 92.01 (C) to allow Lake Tustin to be a “dog friendly” park.

MARCO will now be providing IT services to the City on a time and material basis.

Employee evaluations will be completed prior to the October Council meeting. City Administrator evaluation is scheduled for October 12, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Reminder: City-wide Fall Clean Up October 3, 2020 from 8:00 to 11:30 am at Lake Frances Park.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$81,698.71.

Public Comment: None.

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.