

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

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

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

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2020 Regular Meeting and October 29, 2020 Budget Workshop as presented.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor, to approve the agenda of the November 9, 2020 Regular Meeting with the following addition:

1. Retirement of Fire Fighters

Le Sueur County Chief Deputy Nick Greenig reported all has been quiet in the City. He introduced Bruce Collins who has been promoted to Captain.

Le Sueur County Captain Bruce Collins stated he was pleased to accept this promotion to Captain. This position will include administrative work and supervision of the investigation unit. He encouraged Councilmembers to contact him with any questions or concerns.

Public Comment: None.

The Council then considered the revised amendment to the City of Elysian Code of Ordinance Chapter 92: Parks and Recreation Section 92.01 specifically Item (c) as follows:

“(c) Leashed animals are only allowed in Lake Tustin Park. Leashed animals are prohibited at the Lake Francis Park, Sunset Park and any other park except Lake Tustin Park. Pet owners who do have pets present in Lake Tustin Park are responsible for the behavior of their pets and for cleaning up and removing waste items associated with their pets.”

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to approve the amendment to the City of Elysian Code of Ordinance Chapter 92: Parks and Recreation Section 92.01 as follows:

CITY OF ELYSIAN
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA
An Ordinance Amending Section 92.01-City Park Regulations

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Elysian, Le Sueur County, Minnesota met this 9th day of November, 2020, and discussed current Ordinance 92.01; and the City Council is empowered to regulate activity in the City’s Parks; and the City Council desires to Amend Section 92.01.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council for the City of Elysian, hereby and herein Ordains that Section 92.01 shall be Amended to read as Follows:

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to be present at or on, utilize, or be on or about, the facilities, grounds, appurtenant structures, buildings or any other such place, item, or structure located on or about any city park, or real estate associated to or with the same, for any purpose whatsoever including, but not necessarily limited to, the following: the

parking of automobiles between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

- (b) No person or persons shall drive on any grass on any park, beach area, or ballfield.
- (c) Leashed animals are only allowed in Lake Tustin Park. Leashed animals are prohibited at the Lake Francis Park, Sunset Park and any other park except Lake Tustin Park. Pet owners who do have pets present in Lake Tustin Park are responsible for the behavior of their pets and for cleaning up and removing waste items associated with their pets.
- (d) Glass bottle containers of any type are prohibited in the park area, facilities, grounds, appurtenant structures, buildings or any other such items located on or about any city park or real estate associated to or with the same.
- (e) No keg beer is allowed on the beach area. Keg beer is allowed in the park picnic area and at the ballfield; however, a keg beer permit is required which shall be applied for and a nominal fee paid at City Hall prior to the event. For the purposes of identification, the BEACH AREA is herein identified as the sanded area and the picnic area is the shelter and grass area.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication. Upon motion made the same passed unanimously.

Tom McBroom, Sr., Mayor

Attest:

Lorri Kopischke, Administrator

Staff provided an update on operations in regard to the Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic.

At the November 5, 2020 Elysian EDA Meeting, the Commissioners voted to request Council allocation of \$2,000 CARES Act Funding to the EDA to provide a Small Business Grant to Fischers Bar, LLC. An application for the Small Business Grant was received from Fischers Bar LLC the morning after the deadline for applications.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, to allocate \$2,000 CARES Act Funding to the Elysian EDA to provide a Small Business Grant to Fischers Bar, LLC as recommended and approved by the Elysian EDA.

A resolution was presented that outlines the monies spent from the Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund (CARES) Act Funding. This is the final accounting of the CARES Act Funding. The total amount of funds received (\$53,642.00) has been allocated and disbursed.

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

CITY OF ELYSIAN
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 726/20

Resolution Allocating Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act Funds (Known as the CARES Act Funds) to Local Government Activities

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020 the President of the United States signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (Known as the CARES Act) that was passed by the U.S. Congress in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic Outbreak; and,

WHEREAS, The CARES Act included \$339.8 Billion in relief under the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States dedicated for State and Local Governments; and,

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2020 the Governor of the State of Minnesota by Executive Order under the current Emergency allowed for the distribution of \$841 million in CARES Act Funds to counties and cities within the State of Minnesota in accordance with the U.S. Treasury Guidance based on a per-capita basis; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has received \$53,642.00 in CARES Act Funding allocation; and,

WHEREAS, the CARES Act allows local governmental units to expend funds on costs that are necessary expenditures related to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the CARES Act allows local governmental units to expend funds on costs that were not included in the most recently adopted budget as of March 27, 2020, or were budgeted for but have been incurred for a substantially different use from what was intended as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the CARES Act allows local governmental units to expend funds on costs that were incurred during the covered period of March 1, 2020 – November 15, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Elysian City Council allocates \$20,079.25 of CARES Act Funds under the category of Local Government towards the reporting period from October 1, 2020 through November 9, 2020:

Improve Telework Capabilities of Public Workers	
(2) Laptops, (2) Galaxy Tablets:	\$ 4,007.29
Public Health Expenses	
Remodel, Wipes, Masks, Sanitizers:	\$14,071.96
Small Business Assistance:	\$ 2,000.00

Upon vote being taken:

Councilmembers voting in the affirmative: Houlihan, McBroom, Opsahl, Schnoor.

Councilmembers voting in the negative: None.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 9th day of November, 2020.

Thomas McBroom Sr.
Mayor

Lorri Kopischke
City Administrator

The heater in Lift Station A is not working. Two quotes for replacement were considered: Volkman Electric in the amount of \$565.00 and Minnesota Pump Works in the amount of \$650.00

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to approve the quote to replace the heater in Lift Station A from Volkman Electric in the amount of \$565.00.

Council reviewed MN Department of Health Notice of Violation – Combined Radium 226+228 Maximum Contaminant Level Exceedance. The sample collected on July 28, 2020 combined radium was 6.50 pCi/L which resulted in an annual average of 5.6 pCi/L which is above the allowed maximum annual average of 5.4 pCi/L.

As a result, the City is required to continue quarterly radiochemical monitoring at Well #2, and to provide a public notice every quarter to the customers served by the water supply until the violation has been resolved.

MN Department of Health (MDH) recommends that the City study alternatives available for reducing the levels of combined radium to acceptable levels. The City is required to submit a detailed plan of action and timetable to MDH within the next 45 days. The action plan must include adequate measures to bring the water system into compliance with the MCL criteria which may include infrastructure improvements.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to approve an amount up to \$500 to SEH Engineering to discuss with staff and gather information to provide a recommendation for a feasibility study to address the violation of combined radium 226+228.

The City will continue to monitor the testing results and work with MDH to develop a plan of action and timetable to address the issue.

The Council discussed blight issues occurring at 203 First Street North. The owner of the building will be invited to the December Council Meeting to address these concerns.

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

CITY OF ELYSIAN
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 727/20
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING A DONATION FROM
CHARLES VOKAL

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has received a donation in the amount of \$172.00 from Charles Vokal to the Elysian Fire Department;

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 in the amount of \$172.00 from Charles Vokal to the Elysian Fire Department.

Upon vote being taken:

Councilmembers voting in the affirmative: Houlihan, McBroom, Opsahl, Schnoor.

Councilmembers voting in the negative: None.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 9th day of November, 2020.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to approve Memorandum of Understanding and Acknowledgement of Donation of AED from Elysian Township as follows:

CITY OF ELYSIAN
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATION

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian, hereinafter "City," is a Municipal Corporation organized under the Laws of the State of Minnesota;

WHEREAS, Elysian Township, hereinafter "Township," is a Governmental Organization organized under the Laws of the State of Minnesota;

WHEREAS, Township has received from Le Sueur County a Phillips Heartstart FRx AED, which is an AED device;

WHEREAS, Township wished to donate said AED to the City;

WHEREAS, the City has agreed to accept the same.

NOW WHEREFORE, THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

The Township will convey to the City said AED. Any and all maintenance, insurance coverage, accessory items, testing costs and any other expenses associated with the AED shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the City. In addition, the City agrees to accept the donation with any and all liability in connection with the AED, including its storage, implementation, use, and the City will hold the Township completely harmless from any and all property or personal injury damages associated with the AED. The City is accepting the donation of the AED with full and complete responsibility for its maintenance, storage, and use.

ELYSIAN TOWNSHIP

Kathy Rients, Clerk

CITY OF ELYSIAN

Dated

Tom McBroom, Mayor

Dated

ATTEST:

Lorri Kopischke, Clerk

Dated

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, to approve the health insurance contributions for 2021 as follows:

<u>Single Coverage</u>	Total Annual Premium	Total Monthly Premium	City Portion		Employee Monthly Cost	Annual Employee Cost	Annual Employer Cost
Advantage HSA Option	\$4,792.32	\$399.36	\$399.36		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,792.32
<u>Family Coverage</u>	Total Annual Premium	Total Monthly Premium	City Portion		Employee Monthly Cost	Annual Employee Cost	Annual Employer Cost
Advantage HSA Option	\$12,745.20	\$1,062.10	\$495.00		\$567.10	\$6,805.20	\$5,940.00

HSA Contribution

The City of Elysian will contribute \$3,500 into the TASC HSA account for both single and family insurance.

Employee evaluations have been completed. All employees have met or exceeded the expectations of their job description. Thank you to all the employees of the City of Elysian.

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, that City Hall will be closed November 27, 2020 and December 24, 2020. Employees not working that day shall use vacation or comp time.

Reminder of Special Meeting to canvas the election results Friday November 13, 2020 at 4:30 pm.

Reminder of Truth-in-Taxation Hearing, Monday December 14, 2020 at 6:01 pm.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to accept the resignation of the following three fire fighters: Donald Kelley, Carl Morsching, Mike Scott – effective January 4, 2021.

Five applications for the position of fire fighter have been received. Interviews will be conducted in December.

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, bills, payroll, and transfers were approved in the amount of \$114,125.18.

Public Comment: None.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator