

## NOTES FROM CITY HALL - JUNE 2021

Thank you to Jerry and Cheryl Ellingsworth for planting and caring for the flowers in the planters on the east and west of the City on State Hwy 60. Thank you to Lake Area Women for donating the flowers for the pots on Main Street.

At a Special Meeting on June 2, 2021, the City Council received a report and recommendation from SEH Engineering to proceed with a funding request for a possible Water Treatment Plant to treat the city drinking water to remove radon, iron, and iron bacteria. A copy of the report is available at City Hall.

Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, Resurrection Lutheran Church, Mankato will be sponsoring a Taco Day at Scoops Ice Cream in Elysian as a fundraiser for the WE Share Food Shelf. The cost of a Taco will be only \$1.00. Everyone is invited to stop down at Scoops and get a Taco. Proceeds go to a good cause.

Elysian Farmer's Market is NOW OPEN – Thursdays, June 17<sup>th</sup> – October 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 to 6:00 pm at the Tourism Center. Please contact City Hall if you would like to participate as a vendor.

Kid's Friendly Food curbside give away is Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 11:30 am in front of the Elysian Library. All children in the Waterville-Elysian area between ages 1 – 18 years are eligible. Any questions contact Pat Nusbaum 507-317-0532.

Hydrants will be flushed every third Thursday: June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, October 21, and possibly November 18.

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. Open only to citizens of the City of Elysian. Leaves, brush, and tree wood allowed – no building materials.

The Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers for the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. Especially needed is a writer for the medallion clues, daytime beer garden, and turtle race registration. The July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration is a huge promotion for our community and is beneficial to our businesses. If you can help, please contact Pat Nusbaum at 507-317-0532 or [pnusbaum@frontier.com](mailto:pnusbaum@frontier.com) or Jake James at 507-380-6344.

Note: Anyone with a golf cart who may NOT be interested in watching the parade on July 4<sup>th</sup> please contact Pat Nusbaum at 507-317-0532 or [pnusbaum@frontier.com](mailto:pnusbaum@frontier.com) to help shuttle people from the end of the parade route back to their vehicles. We need 3-4 carts. People to be shuttled are members of the military marching units, people whose unit in the parade consists of walking the route, and others as needed. At the end of the parade, there is a need to help elderly people or people with small children. PLEASE CONSIDER IF YOU CAN HELP.

The Elysian Fire Relief is accepting donations for the silent auction. Donations can be dropped off at City Hall or please contact Nicole Lamont at 507-475-1630.

Mosquito Control of Iowa has been approved for the 2021 mosquito treatment. They determine spray dates based on the weather rather than a weekly schedule. Please call City Hall to be added to the notification of spray list. Notice will also be on the City Facebook page.

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 State Highway 60 project is underway. Look for updates on the City website under: <https://www.elysianmn.com/city-hall-project-updates/> Also on MnDOT website: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d7/projects/hwy60madisonlake/> The City of Elysian will be impacted for most of the summer. Please call City Hall if you have any questions that are not answered by the information on the website.

Library updates on COVID-19 protocols: No appointment necessary. All computers are available. The meeting room is available with no limitation on capacity. Please call to reserve and ensure its available. It is not too late to register for the summer reading program! Lots of prizes for both kids and teens. We are also looking at kids making Lego animals (real or imaginary) for the display case. They will be on display through the end of June. Come into the library and find all the stuffed animals that escaped into our jungle display. Find them all and get a prize. Weekly make and take crafts and activities are available. Coming in July: Storywalk on the Sakatah Trail. The story walk starts at Scoops ice cream shop. The storywalk features "It's a Tiger!" by David LaRochelle on July 10 from 10 am-12 pm. Also, in July kids get a map to find the hidden book characters that have escaped the

library. The map of Elysian will help them to locate the animals hidden in the community. Please contact the library for a full schedule of events, prizes, and more! 507-267-4411 or [libtle@tds.lib.mn.us](mailto:libtle@tds.lib.mn.us).

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

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY  
JUNE 14, 2021 AT 6:00 PM**

Present were: Mayor Tom McBroom; Councilmembers Bobby Houlihan, Dennis Schnoor, Bryan Suemnick, and Derek Westby; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Public Works Director Ron Greenwald; City Attorney Jason Moran. Absent: None.

Approved the minutes of the May 10, 2021 Regular Meeting and June 2, 2021 Special Meeting.

Public Comment: None.

Le Sueur County Captain Bruce Collins reported that with the hotter weather the Sheriff's Office is keeping a closer watch on the busy lakes. They are working closely with MnDOT and the MN State Patrol to keep the State Hwy 60 Project detours safe. There will be increased patrol on Lake Francis during Elysian Dayz. Collins noted there has been an arrest in Iowa of a suspect in the recent burglaries and thefts in our area.

City Attorney Moran reported on a complaint of a nuisance property in the City. The owner has 20 days to respond or further Council action will be taken.

Moran reported the camper at 171 Shoreview Drive has been voluntarily removed.

Jane Doran, owner of OnFireGuy, 122 East Main Street, discussed the possibility of the City paving the alleyway north of the businesses on Main Street. The Council directed staff to obtain quotes for application of dust control.

Approved Resolution No. 748/21 – to Apply for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Established under the American Rescue Plan Act. The City will be receiving approximately \$90,000 in funding.

Greenwald reported the mill and overlay of Main Street is scheduled for July 12, 2021.

The Council discussed water conservation due to current drought conditions. The City's water usage has doubled in the past month. Residents are being asked to be aware of water usage and reduce when possible. This will be reevaluated for possible water usage restrictions (if needed) at the July meeting.

John Manning reported on the goose eradication program. He confirmed the geese are not being run out of the sewer pond area. All is going well and the City beach is looking much better than past years.

Parking and logistics for the Elysian Dayz Event was discussed.

Approved Resolution No. 745/21 – Authorizing the City Clerk to file an Application with the Minnesota Management and Budget Office for the Purpose of the Infrastructure Improvement Project.

Approved Resolution No. 746/21 – Approving a Request from the Elysian Fire Relief Association for One-Day Off Site Lawful Gambling License on July 4, 2021.

Received an update on the State Hwy 60 project and detours. Any questions or concerns, please contact Todd Kjolstad, Construction Supervisor, MnDOT: 507-381-0307 or [todd.kjolstad@state.mn.us](mailto:todd.kjolstad@state.mn.us).

There have been no further discussions with the MN DNR regarding the Wayside Rest and the alley property.

Received the Spring 2021 Lake Francis Association Newsletter.

Approved a quote from VackerSign in the amount of \$3,158 for an identification sign for Tustin Park and Lake Francis Park. The signs will be similar to the Sunset Park sign.

Schnoor reported the Park Board is supportive of the proposed Water Treatment Plant being located at Sunset Park. The Board requested input into the design of the Plant.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$116,291.68.

Public Comment: None. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.