

## NOTES FROM CITY HALL – AUGUST 2021

Thank you to the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce, city employees, and volunteers for a relaxing and fun National Night Out Event at Lake Francis Park.

The Elysian Farmer's Market was fortunate to have a new vendor the past couple weeks. Mason's Sweet Corn set up and will continue to be there as long as there is sweet corn available. Please contact City Hall if you have an interest in volunteering to try to get the Market started up again or if you would like to be a vendor.

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

Kid's Friendly Food curbside give away is Saturday, August 21<sup>st</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. The next event will be held Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> but the time will change to 9:30 to 11:00 am.

PLEASE NOTE: The city brush pile will be closed on Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a Fall City Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 am. Anyone wishing to have their sale advertised for free in the Life Enterprise newspaper may pick up a signup sheet at the Pit Stop or Elysian City Hall. Sheets must be returned no later than Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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 Area Foundation is looking for volunteers to join their Board of Directors. Please contact Jim Hansen at 507-327-5746 for more information.

When driving a golf cart, side by side, or UTV please follow posted traffic control – especially with all the extra vehicles in the city due to the Highway 60 detour.

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.

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 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. Weekly make and take crafts and activities are available. 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).

### ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY AUGUST 9, 2021 AT 6:00 PM

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

Approved the minutes of the July 12, 2021 Regular Meeting and the August 2, 2021 Budget Workshop Meeting. Nick Greenig, Le Sueur County Chief Deputy, reported receiving quite a few complaints of increased speed and traffic on CSAH 14 and CSAH 11. Extra patrol has been added to the area and the Le Sueur County Commissioners have approved the allocation of funds for a speed study in those areas.

A request to vacate and relocate a storm water easement and pipe on 209 Tustin Circle S was tabled to the September Council Meeting awaiting further information.

Noted that the City has received the first allotment of American Rescue Plan Act Funds in the amount of \$40,475.01.

Received a report that the geese eradication efforts have greatly reduced the population. The controlled / direct harvest of geese will occur at the wastewater treatment pond area September 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, and 19 as needed. The hours will be sunup to approximately 11:30 am. The city brush pile will be closed Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. All necessary paperwork will be filed with the MN Department of Natural Resources and the Le Sueur County Sheriff.

Approved Resolution No. 755/21 – Allowing Discharge of Firearms within City Limits during a specified period for the purpose of Geese Eradication per Employment Agreement with hired temporary seasonal employees.

Approved the use of the wastewater treatment pond area for the Waterville Police Department firearms qualification event with notice of date being provided to allow notification to adjoining property owners.

Mill and overlay of Third Street NE, Lake Avenue NE, and Lakeview Court is scheduled for the week of August 23, 2021.

Public Works has removed the shed located on City owned property PID# 16.991.0110.

The “no parking” signs on the west side of Third Street SW between State Hwy 60 and Maple Avenue SW and the north side of Maple Avenue SW between Second Street SW (vacated) and Third Street SW have not yet been installed as the posts are on backorder.

Received an update on Sunset Park. The plants for the Minnesota Garden will be ordered for Spring 2022 planting. The pathway has been designed but is on hold dependent on the location of the Water Treatment Plant.

Approved the Agreement for Law Enforcement Services with Le Sueur County effective January 1, 2022. The agreement includes a \$5 hourly increase. This is the first hourly increase since 2004.

Resolution No. 754/21 – Acknowledging a donation from Elysian Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$15,000 for gear and miscellaneous.

Set a budget workshop meeting for August 30, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Set a workshop meeting with SEH Engineering to discuss the water treatment plant for August 30, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Noted that the applicant has withdrawn the request for Ordinance 99.21 – Amending the Zoning Classification and Resolution #750/21 – Conditional Use Permit for PID#16.410.1037 stating there was not agreement on the terms of sale.

Noted the City has received the first allotment of Small Cities Assistance Account funded in the Transportation Bill in the amount of \$10,932.50.

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).

Tabled a Letter Agreement with MetroNet to allow further negotiations.

City Attorney reported the nuisance building on 402 Frank Ave NW will be removed within 30 days.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$282,010.03.

Public Comment: None. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.