

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – SEPTEMBER 2021

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

Please note: Garbage and recycle rates will increase by 2% per West Central contract on October 1, 2021.

4H Week is October 2nd – 9th. Farmers Friends 4H will be setting up a promotional display on the Tourism Center grounds for the week. Stop by and take a picture or two.

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.

Thrifty White Flu Shot Clinic will be at the Elysian Tourism Center, 100 SW 3rd Street, Tuesday, October 12th from 3:00 to 6:30 pm. Most private and public insurance plans accepted. Any questions contact City Hall or Thrifty White at 507-835-1610.

The Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the “Spook Trail” on Saturday, October 30th from 5:00 to 7:30 pm. **(Please note the date)**. Sakatah Singing Hills Trail will be decorated from the intersection of the Elysian Bank to the intersection of Main Street and Third Ave. SW. Businesses are encouraged to decorate as well. Candy will be given out along Main Street and on the trail. The Elysian Area Fire Department will be providing complimentary hot dog, chips, and beverage 5:00 pm until gone at the Elysian Fire Hall. The Chamber needs volunteers to help set up the trail on the morning of the 30th starting at 10:00 am and also to help during the event that evening. To volunteer, please call 507-317-0532 or leave your name / phone number at City Hall.

Thank you to all who volunteered, participated, and offered funding for the Kid’s Friendly Food program over the past year. The program will be suspended for the season. The program offered additional sources of food for children throughout COVID 19 and into the summer. Elysian is a very giving community and those who were involved are greatly appreciated.

Hydrants will be flushed every third Thursday: October 21 and possibly November 18.

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.

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.

Look for State Highway 60 project 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/> Please call City Hall if you have any questions that are not answered by the information on the website.

UPCOMING ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER EVENTS: *Virtual Romp & Rhyme Storytime, Wednesdays starting September 22 at 10:30 am.* Please contact the library for a full schedule of events! 507-267-4411 or libtle@tds.lib.mn.us.

The Elysian Area Foundation is sponsoring Bingo on Friday evenings at the Elysian American Legion Club. Bingo will start at 6:30 pm. Volunteer help is needed. If more help does not come forward, Bingo will not be able to continue. If you can give a couple of hours from time to time, please contact Pat Nusbaum at 507-317-0532.

ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 AT 6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Tom McBroom; Councilmembers Bobby Houlihan, Dennis Schnoor, Bryan Suemnick; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Public Works Worker Don Doehling; City Attorney Jason Moran. Absent: Councilmember Derek Westby.

Approved the minutes of the August 9, 2021 Regular Meeting and the August 30, 2021 Budget Workshop Meeting, and the August 30, 2021 Special Meeting Water Treatment Plant.

Bruce Collins, Le Sueur County Captain, reported that the traffic issues resulting from the Hwy 60 project did improve with the enhanced enforcement.

Public Comment: Pam Peterson, 50676 Breezy Point Lane, requested there be additional signage while traveling southbound on CSAH 11 to inform of the reduced speed of 30 mph. She noted the Knotty Bar was for sale and ways to increase their business - a sign on State Hwy 60 and pizza delivery around Lake Francis. She has worked in the restaurant business since she was 15 years old and would like to apply for a liquor license and buy the Knotty.

Mayor McBroom recognized Rose Hollermann, Elysian native, member of Team USA who playing in her third Paralympics, finished the game against Germany with 12 points, 12 rebounds, and 11 assists. Hollermann was a gold medal winner in the 2016 Rio Paralympics. Team USA claimed the bronze medal this year with a 64-51 win over Germany. Hollermann does a terrific job of representing Minnesota and the City of Elysian. Accolades to her wide diversity. McBroom wished her many congratulations on her accomplishments.

Approved an agreement establishing a utility easement and vacating a previously established easement for Robert and Nancy Traxler on the property known as 209 Tustin Circle S, PID# 16.457.0110.

The Council considered a Supplemental Letter Agreement from SEH Engineering for the Preliminary Design Phase of the new Water Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$126,200. There was considerable discussion on the cost, if competitive bids should be secured, and how this amount would be funded. The Council voted to approve the Supplemental Letter Agreement for the Preliminary Design Phase of the new Water Treatment Plant with a renegotiation of the price with SEH Engineering and obtaining interim funding so as not to drain the City's water reserve fund.

Received report that the recent controlled/direct harvest of geese at the sewer treatment plant was successful. To date 54 birds have been harvested and used as a food product. Harvesting efforts will rest until mid-October.

Public Works requested clarification of who is responsible for various maintenance items at the Veteran's Memorial Park. This will be discussed with American Legion Board and will be addressed at October Meeting.

Public Works will attend the Fall Equipment Expo to view equipment options and sales.

2021 Employee Evaluations are being done. Council scheduled the City Administrator evaluation for October 11, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

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.

Approved Resolution #756/21 – Adopting the 2022 Proposed Budget for the City of Elysian, Le Sueur and Waseca Counties.

Approved Resolution #757/21 – Adopting Preliminary 2021 Tax Levy, Payable 2022 City of Elysian, Le Sueur and Waseca Counties.

Set the Truth in Taxation Hearing for December 13, 2021 at 6:01 pm.

City Attorney reported negotiations continue with MetroNet. City Attorney also reported that the owner of 402 Frank Ave NW continues to work on removal of the nuisance building.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$120,649.10.

Public Comment: None. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.