

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2021**

The Elysian City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 9, 2021 at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

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

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021 Regular Meeting and August 2, 2021 Budget Workshop Meeting as presented.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor, to approve the agenda of the August 9, 2021 Regular Meeting with the following addition:

1. Update on Sunset Park

Public Comment: None.

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 did approve 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 South was presented. Staff asked that the request be tabled to the September Council meeting as the legal description of the easements has not yet been received.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, to table consideration of the request to vacate and relocate a storm water easement and pipe on 209 Tustin Circle South PID# 16.457.0110 to the September 13, 2021 Council meeting.

The City has received the first allotment of American Rescue Plan Act funds in the amount of \$40,475.01. The second half will be distributed in 2022. Use of funds can include: 1. Respond to the COVID-19 emergency and address its economic effects. 2. Provide premium pay to essential employees or grants to their employers. 3. Provide government services affected by a revenue reduction resulting from COVID-19. 4. Make investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

John Manning reported the geese eradication efforts have greatly reduced the population. The 2021 Minnesota Waterfowl hunting season has been established as follows: Early season September 4-19, and Regular season September 25-October 3 and October 9-December 29. Manning reported the controlled/direct harvest of geese will occur on September 4-6, 10-13, and 17-19. The harvest will occur from sunup until approximately 11:30 am. The location will be the sewer treatment plant on Ridge Road. Manning also discussed the harvest of geese at Lake Francis Park. (Since the Council Meeting, the city has been notified that there will be NO harvesting of geese at the Lake Francis Park.)

Manning stated the city brush pile (located at the sanitary sewer pond off County Road 14) will be closed to the public September 4 and September 11, 2021. Manning reported that all necessary paperwork for the controlled/direct harvest of geese will be filed with the MN Department of Natural Resources and the Le Sueur County Sheriff.

Mayor McBroom introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Houlihan.

CITY OF ELYSIAN
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 755/21
A RESOLUTION ALLOWING DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS WITHIN
CITY LIMITS DURING A SPECIFIED PERIOD FOR THE PURPOSE
OF GEESE ERADICATION

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Elysian Minnesota that:

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian is in need of goose eradication at several locations within its jurisdictional limits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has entered into an employment agreement with temporary seasonal employees who can provide that eradication service; and

WHEREAS, the temporary seasonal employees have submitted a proposal to provide that eradication service and the same is acceptable to the City; and

WHEREAS, the proposal does include the discharge of firearms during the established Minnesota early (September 4-19) and regular (September 25-October 3 and October 9-December 29) established Minnesota waterfowl hunting season to target and dispatch waterfowl within the city's limits on city owned property or lake waters in the City's limits by a controlled/directed harvest of geese under the employees' direction.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Elysian does hereby approve the discharge of firearms during the established Minnesota waterfowl hunting season to target and dispatch waterfowl within the City's limits on City owned property or lake waters in the City's limits by a controlled/directed harvest of geese under the employees' direction. The temporary seasonal employees will keep the City Administrator apprised of when the discharge of firearms will occur so as to keep the public and users of the City's parks apprised of such activity.

Upon vote being taken:

Councilmembers voting in the affirmative: Houlihan, McBroom, Schnoor, Suemnick, Westby.

Councilmembers voting in the negative: None.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 9th of August, 2021.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

Manning requested Council approval for the Waterville Police Department to perform their firearms qualification at the wastewater treatment pond area. This location would be a secondary / back up location in the case that the primary location was not accessible. Manning would provide 30 days' notice so the adjoining property owners could be notified. The firearms qualification would be for 1 to 2 days this fall / winter.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor, to approve 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.

Ron Greenwald, Public Works Director, reported the mill and overlay of Third Street NE, Lake Avenue NE, and Lakeview Court is scheduled for the week of August 23, 2021.

Greenwald reported the dilapidated shed located on City owned property PID# 16.991.0110 between 360 Auto and 205 Third Street SW has been demolished and the debris removed.

Greenwald reported the no parking signs on Third Street SW between State Highway 60 and Maple Avenue SW and Maple Avenue SW between 2nd Street SW (vacated) and 3rd Street SW have not yet been installed. The posts are on backorder.

Bobby Houlihan and Dennis Schnoor, Park Board Members provided an update on Sunset Park. The plants for the Minnesota Garden will be ordered for planting Spring of 2022. The pathway has been designed but is on hold due to the possibility of locating the Water Treatment Plant at the park.

The Council considered the Agreement for Law Enforcement Services with Le Sueur County. The Agreement includes a \$5 hour increase from \$35 per hour to \$40 per hour. There has not been an increase in the hourly rate since 2004.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to approve the Agreement for Law Enforcement Services with Le Sueur County effective January 1, 2022.

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

CITY OF ELYSIAN
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 754/21

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING A DONATION FROM
ELYSIAN FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has received a donation in the amount of \$15,000.00 from the Elysian Fire Relief Association to be used toward purchase of turnout gear / equipment;

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 from the Elysian Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$15,000.00 to be used toward purchase of turnout gear / equipment.

Upon vote being taken:

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

Councilmembers voting in the affirmative: Houlihan, McBroom, Schnoor, Suemnick, Westby.

Councilmembers voting in the negative: None.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 9th day of August, 2021.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to set a Workshop Meeting with SEH Engineering to discuss Water Treatment Plant for Monday, August 30, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

The Council received an update on Ordinance 99.21 – Amending the Zoning Classification for PID# 16.410.1037 and Resolution No. 750/21 – Conditional Use Permit for Rick and Cheryl Galewski PID# 16.410.1037. The applicant has withdrawn the request stating the landowner and he could not reach an agreement on terms of the sale.

The City has received the first allotment of Small Cities Assistance Account Funded in Transportation Bill in the amount of \$10,932.50. The second half will be distributed in December 2021. The funding is for the construction and maintenance of roads located within the city and can include land acquisition, environmental analysis, design, engineering, construction, reconstruction, and maintenance.

Council discussed the State Hwy 60 Project and the associated detours. Any questions or concerns regarding the project should be directed to Todd Kjolstad, Construction Supervisor, MnDOT: 507-381-0307 or todd.kjolstad@state.mn.us.

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

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to schedule a Budget Workshop Meeting for August 30, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to change the time of the Workshop Meeting with SEH Engineering to discuss Water Treatment Plant for Monday, August 30, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The Workshop Meeting with SEH Engineering will be held August 30, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

City Attorney Jason Moran presented a Letter Agreement with MetroNet. Moran asked that the Letter Agreement be tabled to allow further negotiations.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to table the Letter Agreement with MetroNet to allow further negotiations.

Moran reported the owner of the property located at 402 Frank Avenue NW with the nuisance in the form of a dilapidated mobile home is working with James Bros. Construction to have the nuisance removed. Moran did speak with Wayne James who stated it will be removed within 30 days.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor, bills, payroll, and transfers were approved in the amount of \$282,010.03.

Public Comment: None.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator