

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 30, 2021**

The Elysian City Council met in special session on Monday, August 30, 2021 at City Hall at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call: Mayor Tom McBroom; Councilmembers Robert Houlihan, Dennis Schnoor, Bryan Suemnick, and Derek Westby; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Public Works Director Ron Greenwald. Absent: None.

Also present: Chris Cavett, Engineer, Karen Cavett, Engineer, David Krueger, Project Funding & Government Relations Manager, and Jeff Ledin, Engineer, SEH Engineering.

Karen Cavett explained that a Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is needed because both radium and manganese levels in the raw well water exceed limits set by the federal drinking water standards. These standards are enforced by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Currently the City has only received notice regarding exceedance of radium. The limit for manganese has been set at 0.1 mg/L. It is a new limit that will soon be enforced by the MDH. The proposed treatment facility will be designed to meet limits for both radium and manganese.

Cavett discussed a potential funding package that would include \$3.5 million Bonding Bill Request, \$1.9 million Water Infrastructure Funds (WIF), and \$1.6 million City Rates for a total Project Cost of approximately \$7 million.

Next steps would include 1. Contacting Senator Julie Rose and Representative Jeremy Munson to request their support of the Bonding Bill; 2. Preliminary Design (September 2021 – February 2022); 3. Secure Funding – Bonding Bill Passage with Funding and PFA; 4. Final Design with Construction.

Councilmember Schnoor left the meeting at 6:58 pm.

Jeff Ledin then distributed a proposal of services for preliminary designs and plans for the proposed WTP and raw water lines and a Supplemental Letter Agreement. This is the next step recommended in order to advance the design to be able to move forward once funding is available, aid in planning, and refine cost estimates.

Ledin noted that PFA Funding and WIF Grants can be used to reimburse project dollars spent for the Pilot Study and Feasibility Report and pre-design work. Bonding Bill dollars can not be used to pay for anything that was prepaid.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator