

## NOTES FROM CITY HALL – NOVEMBER 2021

Thank you to all who contributed to the 2021 Spook Trail. It was a beautiful night and there was a huge turnout.

Hydrants will be flushed November 18 (weather permitting).

The city brush pile (located at the sanitary sewer pond off County Road 14) is open. The hours are Wednesdays 3:00 to 5:00 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 brush pile will be closed AFTER November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Small Business Saturday in Elysian will be Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Come shop and support local participating businesses and vendors. Contact Tasha Hering at 507-267-4420 or [uptowncuts@hotmail.com](mailto:uptowncuts@hotmail.com) for more information.

The Elysian Legion Auxiliary will hold a holiday decoration sale, silent auction and bake sale Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. The American Legion Juniors will serve walking tacos from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. There will be small business vendors set up on the bar side of the Legion building for your shopping pleasure.

WIN Elysian Dollars in Elysian Area Chamber Christmas Drawing 2021. Each time you make a purchase at an Elysian business, your Christmas card will be stamped for the purchase amount in \$1, \$5, or \$10 amounts. When your card is filled, deposit each card with name, address and phone number filled in, at any Elysian business (no limit on cards used). Drawings held Saturdays: November 27<sup>th</sup>, December 4<sup>th</sup>, December 11<sup>th</sup> - First prize \$40, Second prize \$20. And a final drawing December 18<sup>th</sup> - First prize \$75, Second prize \$50, Third prize \$50.

Holiday Lights Parade and Winter Fun Day is Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Start the morning at Activities with Mrs. Claus and Pancake Breakfast 8:30 am to 10:30 am. Activities with Mrs. Claus will include fewer shopping opportunities than previous years and more fun activities for children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and under such as face painting, gift walk, ornament decoration, and pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Breakfast is for those participating in the activities and their families. There will still be a small bake sale and other items for purchase (donations to the sale are appreciated). Free will donations at the event are accepted and proceeds go to community activities and beautification. There will also be a Christmas Sale-A-Thon at St. Andrews Church Hall 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Elysian Holidazzle Parade 6:30 pm on Main Street with Elysian Fire Relief Bingo immediately following at the Fire Hall.

Holiday Lighting Contest. The Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce will again be sponsoring the Residential and Business Holiday Lighting Contest. Judging will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Contest winners in each category will receive: First Place - \$50; Second Place - \$25; and Third Place - \$10.

The Giving Tree will not be set up this year. However, if you are in need or know of anyone in need this holiday season or would like to make a donation / purchase a gift, please contact Pat Nusbaum – 507-317-0532. All is kept confidential.

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.

Reminder: Per City Ordinance § 70.01 – (B1) At 3 inches of snow accumulation or more, no parking or leaving cars on any street or avenue will be allowed between the hours of 5:00 am and 10:00 am. (2) Notwithstanding the above, parking in the Central Business District shall be prohibited between the hours of 2:00 am and 7:00 am between the dates of November 15<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>.

UPCOMING ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER EVENTS: *Virtual Romp & Rhyme Storytime*, Wednesdays now through December 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. Please contact the library for a full schedule of events! 507-267-4411 or [libtle@tds.lib.mn.us](mailto: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. Please contact Pat Nusbaum at 507-317-0532 if you can help.

### ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY NOVEMBER 8, 2021 AT 6:00 PM

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

Approved the minutes of the October 11, 2021 Special Meeting and October 11, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Nick Greenig, Le Sueur County Chief Deputy, reported that Ann Traxler is retiring, and the Sheriff's Office has been asked to submit a proposal to take the Emergency Management Department under their authority. The Commissioners will consider the proposal at their November 16 meeting. There are no updates on the recent vandalism in the City. Waseca County has a suspect in custody for the recent burglaries that affected the Elysian area. Property has been recovered and returned.

Public Comment: None.

Tabled Resolution #761/21 – Regulating Street Parking in a Residential Area (will reconsider summer of 2022).

Approved Resolution #762/21 - Approval of Variance Application of Josh and Molly Froman at 710 Lakeside Drive NW to construct an 1,800 square foot shed with 10-foot side yard setbacks.

As the City of Elysian has less than 100 employees, the recently implemented OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard for COVID19 Testing and Vaccination will not apply to City of Elysian employees.

Water Treatment Plant Kick-Off Meeting will be held November 9, 2021 at 10:00 am at City Hall.

Received report that geese are currently not using the sewer ponds so there currently is no harvesting of birds there. Manning will continue to evaluate with the goal to keep the cost to the City as low as possible.

Reviewed quotes for a tractor/loader with PTO from Smiths Mill and John Deere. Council requested finance / lease program information for both units.

Approved quote for crack repair from Borgen, Inc. in the amount of \$3,200 for Tustin Circle South and \$4,500 for Jill Lynn Circle.

Reviewed a quote for seal coat of Lake View Court from Borgen, Inc. in the amount of \$3,000. No action taken.

Approved Resolution #763/21 – Request for Off Site Lawful Gambling – Elysian Fire Department Relief Association Bingo December 4, 2021.

Employee evaluations complete. All employees met or exceeded requirements of their job description. Thank you all for the exceptional work.

Approval for advertisement of bids for sewer ponds Land Lease Agreement crop years 2022, 2023, 2024.

Reminder Budget Workshop Meeting November 15, 2021. Reminder Truth in Taxation Hearing December 13, 2021 at 6:01 pm.

Approved City Hall closure November 26, 2021. Employees will use comp time, vacation, or floating holiday.

City Attorney reported negotiations continue with MetroNet. City Attorney reported that the nuisance issues at 402 Frank Ave NW are still being addressed. The contractor is expected to clean up the property January 2022.

The Mayor and Kyle Short will meet with the WEM School Board and School District to discuss City acquisition of the little league field and the tennis courts at the Elysian Elementary School.

The Mayor thanked Staff for all they have done over the past year. He is extremely proud of City staff and the City could not function or operate without them.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$236,569.58.

Public Comment: (For complete comments please see approved City Council minutes.)

Sue Quiram, 305 Fourth Street NW, questioned the procedures for approving resolutions and suggested posting "no parking" signs on Third Street SW for a certain time period due to the concern for snow plowing with cars on the street.

Lori Trostem, 108 First Street S, reported parking issues at the Hidden Meadows Apartment to include parking in front of the garbage dumpster, across lines where they shouldn't be parking, parking in handicapped when not handicapped, boats parked on the grass. She has experienced trouble in her own parking lot, dogs, and theft this year.

Julie Blackburn, 43958 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Janesville Township, and Quiram questioned the procedure used to approve the construction of Hidden Meadows Apartment stating it did not go through the appropriate procedure for shoreland ordinance.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.