

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2022**

The Elysian City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 14, 2022 at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

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

On motion by Westby, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022 Special Workshop Meeting (Alley), February 14, 2022 Regular Meeting, and February 28, 2022 Special Workshop Meeting (Water Treatment Plant) as presented.

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to approve the agenda of the March 14, 2022 Regular Meeting with the following additions:

1. Le Sueur County Chief Deputy Nick Greenig
2. Le Sueur County Commissioner Steve Rohlfig

And change:

Move 11. City Attorney a. and b. to follow 7.a. COVID 19 Update

Le Sueur County Chief Deputy Nick Greenig reported it has been quiet in the City.

Public Comment: None.

Le Sueur County Commissioner Steve Rohlfig reported the Commissioners approved an ordinance to require a septic inspection with any building permit issued and revised the shoreland rules specific to setbacks and definitions. The old jail remodel is underway, and the east steps of the Government Center are nearing completion. The County is looking into providing EDA support to cities. Region Nine has COVID Relief monies that must be used by June 9. The loans are \$10,000 to \$100,000 with 0% interest the first year and 2% for the next ten years. A speed study was conducted on County Road 14 and 11 but a report has not yet been received. The County Park Board is developing summer activities for the Ray's Lake Park and Commissioners are meeting with Human Services and the Superintendents of schools within the County to address the needs of the students. Ditch work continues and a water quality study is underway in Waterville.

The Council considered Resolution No. 779/22 – To Elect the Standard Allowance Available under the Revenue Loss Provision of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This option approved under the final rule permits local governments to choose a “standard allowance” for lost revenue of up to \$10 million for the lifetime of their grant with streamlined reporting requirements.

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

CITY OF ELYSIAN  
RESOLUTION NO. 779/22

A RESOLUTION TO ELECT THE STANDARD ALLOWANCE  
AVAILABLE UNDER THE REVENUE LOSS PROVISION OF THE

CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND  
ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

WHEREAS, Congress adopted the American Rescue Plan Act in March 2021 (“ARPA”) which included \$65 billion in recovery funds for cities across the country.

WHEREAS, ARPA funds are intended to provide support to state, local, and tribal governments in responding to the impact of COVID-19 and in their efforts to contain COVID-19 in their communities, residents, and businesses.

WHEREAS, The Fiscal Recovery Funds provides for \$19.53 billion in payments to be made to States and territories which will distribute the funds to nonentitlement units of local government (NEUs).

WHEREAS, The ARPA requires that States and territories allocate funding to NEUs in an amount that bears the same proportion as the population of the NEU bears to the total population of all NEUs in the State or territory.

WHEREAS, \$83,601 has been allocated to the City of Elysian (“City”) pursuant to the ARPA.

WHEREAS, The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ensures that governments have the resources needed to fight the pandemic and support families and businesses struggling with its public health and economic impacts, maintain vital public services, even amid declines in revenue, and build a strong, resilient, and equitable recovery by making investments that support long-term growth and opportunity.

WHEREAS, In May 2021, the US Department of Treasury (“Treasury”) published the Interim Final Rule describing eligible and ineligible uses of funds as well as other program provisions, sought feedback from the public on these program rules, and began to distribute funds.

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2022, Treasury issued the final rule. The final rule delivers broader flexibility and greater simplicity in the program, responsive to feedback in the comment process.

WHEREAS, the final rule offers a standard allowance for revenue loss of up to \$10 million, allowing recipients to select between a standard amount of revenue loss or complete a full revenue loss calculation.

WHEREAS, recipients that select the standard allowance may use that amount, in many cases their full award, for government services, with streamlined reporting requirements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA, THE CITY ELECTS THE STANDARD ALLOWANCE AVAILABLE UNDER THE REVENUE LOSS PROVISION OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,601 TO BE USED FOR THE GENERAL PROVISION OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

Upon vote being taken:

Voting in the Affirmative: Houlihan, McBroom, Suemnick, Westby

Voting in the Negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

Approved:

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Tom McBroom, Mayor

Attested:

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

City Attorney Jason Moran presented Resolution No. 784/22 – Authorizing a Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in regard to the Wayside Rest Area on Trunk Highway 60. This 3-year lease agreement will allow the City to take on the Wayside Rest with the DNR providing reimbursement of up to \$9,192 per year. The DNR will retain the parking lot at the site. This lease pertains to the Wayside Rest only. The other two parcels previously discussed will be handled independently.

Moran suggested the agreement be revised to allow for biannual reimbursement of expenses rather than monthly invoicing. Costs eligible for reimbursement would include administration, operations, and maintenance. ADA improvements would only be required if major renovations were done to the building.

On motion by Suemnick, seconded by Westby, all voting in favor, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 784/22 – Authorizing a Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources in Regard to the Wayside Rest Area on Truck Highway 60 contingent on the revision to allow biannual reimbursements of the costs for administration, operations and maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$9,192 annually or \$776 monthly.

CITY OF ELYSIAN  
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
RESOLUTION NO. 784/22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN REGARD TO THE WAYSIDE REST AREA ON  
TRUNK HIGHWAY 60

THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ELYSIAN, LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA, DOES  
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Wayside Rest Area is located within the corporate limits of the City of Elysian. The Wayside Rest is an important historical structure, it is a facility that is used by persons utilizing the Sakatah Signing Hills State Trail, and it provides needed benefits to the City during Community Celebrations including the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has approached the City Council about the City taking on responsibility for the Wayside Rest in exchange for compensation. The Department of Natural Resources has presented the City a proposed Joint Powers Agreement setting forth the respective duties and obligations of the State and the City as it concerns the administration, operation, and repair of the Wayside Rest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ELYSIAN, LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA, that the Joint Powers Agreement presented to the City is hereby

approved by majority vote. The City Administrator and Mayor are additionally hereby given authority to enter into the Joint Powers Agreement.

Adopted by the Council this 14th day of March, 2022.

Approved:

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Tom McBroom, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

Attorney Moran reported discussions with the Superintendent of WEM Schools to enter into a joint powers agreement for the property on Fifth Street NW – tennis courts and little league field. WEM will have the agreement drafted with the City providing up to \$1,500 as part of the conveyance costs.

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, to proceed with a cooperative / joint powers agreement with WEM Schools for the tennis courts and little league field at Fifth Street NW in an amount not to exceed \$1,500 as part of the conveyance costs.

Ron Greenwald, Public Works Director, discussed the trade in program for the John Deere 60' cut mower. Options include trade in for new, trade in for larger slightly used unit, or keep one year and consider trade at that time. The John Deere mower has 340 hours and the larger 72' cut mower has 500 hours. Both are in great shape.

There was Council consensus to keep the John Deere mower and consider trade in with upgrade to 72' cut in year 2023.

On motion by Suemnick, seconded by Westby, all voting in favor, to advertise for Public Works temporary summer help for 40 hours per week for 12 weeks at the rate of \$12 per hour.

SEH provided an email update on preliminary design of the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) as follows:

- Completion of Preliminary Design by mid-April. Will schedule a design review meeting with the City anytime following that.
- Brent and Chris reviewed existing survey data and are scheduling additional survey as needed
- They have updated proposed WTP building layout/floorplan for the selected site, and addressing City comments/preferences from the design workshop on February 28<sup>th</sup>
- Continued coordination with RO equipment vendors
- Pinning down building/equipment layout to allow other disciplines (structural, mechanical, electrical) to proceed with their efforts.

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

CITY OF ELYSIAN  
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA  
RESOLUTION NO. 780/22

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING A DONATION FROM  
CAROLYN ROESSLER IN MEMORIAM OF MARLOW ROESSLER

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has received a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Carolyn Roessler to the Elysian Fire Department in memoriam of Marlow Roessler;

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 in the amount of \$500.00 from Carolyn Roessler to the Elysian Fire Department in memoriam of Marlow Roessler.

Upon vote being taken:

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

Councilmembers voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 14<sup>th</sup> of March, 2022.

Approved:

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Tom McBroom, Mayor

Attested:

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

Councilmember Westby introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Houlihan.

CITY OF ELYSIAN  
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA  
RESOLUTION NO. 781/22

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING A DONATION FROM  
ELYSIAN AMERICAN LEGION POST #311

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has received a donation in the amount of \$3,000.00 from the Elysian American Legion Post #311, for tax relief to the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of funding toward the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade during the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA THAT: the City Council of the City of Elysian acknowledges and accepts the donation from the Elysian American Legion Post #311 in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of funding toward the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade during the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

Upon vote being taken:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Houlihan, McBroom, Suemnick, Westby

Council Members voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

Approved:

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Tom McBroom, Mayor

Attested:

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

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

CITY OF ELYSIAN  
LE SUEUR COUNTY, ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA  
RESOLUTION NO. 782/22  
REESTABLISHING PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota has been redistricted; and

WHEREAS, *Minnesota Statute section 204B.14, subd. 3 (d)* requires that precinct boundaries must be reestablished within sixty (60) days of when the legislature has been redistricted or at least nineteen (19) weeks before the state primary election, whichever comes first.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elysian, County of Le Sueur, State of Minnesota hereby reestablishes the boundaries of the voting precincts and polling places as follows:

Precinct Boundaries – to be reestablished as they currently exist; Precinct Elysian 0025:  
All properties within the corporate limits of the City of Elysian, County of Le Sueur.

Polling Place - Elysian City Hall, 110 W Main Street, Elysian, MN 56028.

Upon vote being taken:

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

Councilmembers voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

Approved:

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Tom McBroom, Mayor

Attested:

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

Councilmember Houlihan introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Westby.

CITY OF ELYSIAN  
WASECA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. 783/22  
REESTABLISHING PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES WITH MAIL BALLOTING

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota has been redistricted; and

WHEREAS, *Minnesota Statute section 204B.14, subd. 3 (d)* requires that precinct boundaries must be reestablished within sixty (60) days of when the legislature has been redistricted or at least nineteen (19) weeks before the state primary election, whichever comes first.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elysian, County of Waseca, State of Minnesota hereby reestablishes the boundaries of the voting precinct(s).

WHEREAS, the polling place for the Mail Ballot Precinct is as follows: City of Elysian remains at the Waseca County Courthouse, 307 N State Street, Waseca, MN 56093. The City of Elysian hereby reestablishes this location as the designated polling place for this precinct in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes 204B.16*.

Upon vote being taken:

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

Councilmembers voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

Approved:

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Tom McBroom, Mayor

Attested:

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to authorize the purchase of four (4) LED Christmas decorations for Main Street in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 with funds from the Cable Savings Account.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to schedule a Special Meeting for the 2021 Audit Report April 11, 2022 at 5:00 pm and a Workshop Meeting to discuss the alley north of the businesses on Main Street East for April 11, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

Reminder of Le Sueur County Officials Association Meeting March 30, 2022 in Kilkeny at 7:00 pm at the Toy Box Saloon.

Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 4-8, 2022. Tornado Drill Day is April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Board of Review and Equalization Open Book Meeting for Le Sueur County is April 12, 2022 from 10 am to 6 pm at the Le Sueur County Government Center and Waseca County is April 18, 2022 from 9 am to Noon by Virtual Zoom Meeting.

The Chamber City-Wide Garage Sales are scheduled for May 13-15, 2022.

The City Wide Clean Up will be held Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 8:00 to 11:00 am at Lake Francis Beach parking area.

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to appoint Mark Thompson and Roger Quiram to the Elysian Park Board. Both served on the Park Board in 2021 and live within City limits.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, bills, payroll, and transfers were approved in the amount of \$97,828.68.

Public Comment: Jake and Rachel Morsching, 105 Lake Avenue NE, stated that they have water running from the street down their driveway into their yard due to the work done on the edge of their driveway when Lake Avenue was overlayed. The road was brought up an inch and a half. The yard was never flooded before in the winter and now it is flooded. There was a large lip installed and their cars were bottoming out so that was milled down. Then the lip was there and a piece broke out. Then the piece that was broke out was cold patched.

Greenwald suggested that the piece that had been cold patched had been hit sometime over the winter and was broke out. He suggested to build the lip (berm) back up.

Jake asked if the curb could be rebuilt and then put a patch down the driveway about four feet so there would still be a curb, but the incline would be gradual.

Council directed Public Works to make a repair with cold patch now and then to repair this drive with the next street overlay.

There was no further public comment.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 pm.

Approved:

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Tom McBroom, Mayor



Attested:

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Lorri Kopschke, City Administrator