

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – APRIL 2022

Hydrants will be flushed every third Thursday: April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, and possibly November 17.

The City brush pile (located at the sanitary sewer pond off County Road 14) is open (weather permitting). The hours are Wednesdays 4:00 to 7:00 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.

Community Potluck. Monthly Potluck Luncheon to be held the second Wednesday of each month at the Elysian American Legion at noon. Bring a dish to pass. Plates, cups, and silverware provided. Coffee, water, and lemonade provided. This is a community building effort of the United Methodists in Elysian. No charge. (Event will not be held June, July, or August.)

WEM's Moving Forward Foundation Annual Bucs Night Out, Friday, April 22nd at 6:00 pm. Morristown Community Center. \$20 Admission. Food, Fun, Auction. Deuces Wild! Dueling Pianos 8:30 to 10:30 pm. Proceeds benefit the local community.

Wine & Beer Tasting, Saturday, May 14, 2022 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the Elysian American Legion. Free Event. Sponsored by the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce. Business of Year Award, Community Volunteer Award, Special Service Award to be presented. Questions: elysianareachamber@gmail.com or 507-271-9530.

Mark your calendar: 2022 City-wide garage sales will be held May 13th and 14th. The City-wide Clean-up will be held May 21st from 8:00 to 11:00 am at Lake Francis Park.

Elysian 4th of July celebration will be July 1st – July 4th. Updates and flyer to come!

The Elysian Farmers Market is looking for vendors for the 2022 season! Spread the word. Contact City Hall 507-267-4708.

The City of Elysian Park Board is seeking one at-large member. The board meets to discuss parks and recreation in the City on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from March-October. If you are interested in parks and recreation and would like to help to improve and build on the parks and recreation in the City of Elysian, please contact one of the current board members or pick up the quick one-page application at City Hall.

UPCOMING ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER EVENTS:

Book Sale: May 14th 8:00 am to 2:00 pm along the east sidewalk of the library building. The Library is accepting donations of gently used books (children-adult) and puzzles to use for the sale. Please contact the library with questions. Donations are accepted during regular business hours. *Paint with Marlene:* May 11th at 6:00 pm. Create your very own canvas painting with Marlene Schmah. Geared for ages 13+ Call to Register. *Stop Motion Lego:* May 23rd at 6:00 pm. Create your very own animated stop motion Lego movie using our iPad and Legos. For all questions about events or to register please call 507-267-4411 or email libtle@tds.lib.mn.us

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 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 APRIL 11, 2022 AT 6:00 PM

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

Approved the minutes of the March 14, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Le Sueur County Captain Bruce Collins reported the County speed trailer will be set up on County Road #11 on April 16th to assist with traffic control while docks are installed in Lake Francis. The County will be installing buoys

and markers in area lakes starting April 18th. Collins reported there was a gun pointing incident in the City that started in Waseca County. All suspects have been identified and charges have been filed.

Approved an Employment Agreement with John and Janice Manning for 2022 Goose Eradication.

Set a Public Hearing for May 9, 2022 at 6:05 pm to consider Ordinance #102/22 – Establishing Salaries for Mayor and City Council for the City of Elysian Le Sueur / Waseca County.

Approved to proceed with the project to pave the alley north of Main St E between First St N (County Rd #11) and Second St NE, with the City paying for all associated costs with ARPA Funds, requesting the property owners on Main St E deed the north twenty (20) feet of their property to the City, paving of the approach of the business to the alley will remain the responsibility of the owner, and the City to maintain/plow the alley upon pavement completion.

Accepted the proposal and awarded bid for the paving of the alley north of Main Street East with the 5" option in the amount of \$25,950 to W W Blacktopping.

Received an update on the Water Treatment Plant Preliminary Design and scheduled a Workshop Meeting for April 21, 2022 at 3:30 pm.

Scheduled a Workshop Meeting to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan – Streets for May 9, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

Received update on Minnesota Department of Health Lead and Copper Rule. Water pipes in homes in the City built prior to 1958 may need to be inspected and type of piping documented to the State of Minnesota. The Rule is meant to eradicate lead pipes that carry drinking water.

Mayor McBroom presented Public Works Ron Greenwald with a Certificate of Commendation – Wastewater Treatment Facility Operational Award from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Approved Resolution #785/22 – To Adopt the Le Sueur County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Approved Resolution #786/22 – Approving Election Judges for May 24, 2022 Special Primary Congressional District 1 Election.

Approved the quote from Mosquito Control of Iowa for 2022 to include Weather Monitoring, Species Identification, approximately 5-8 fogging based on mosquito populations, three (3) barriers and two (2) larvicides in the amount of \$4,060.

Approved an amount not to exceed \$1,600 to purchase native plants for the Minnesota Garden at Sunset Park.

City Attorney Moran reported the Joint Powers Agreement regarding the Wayside Rest Building is being reviewed by the MN DNR for final approval. The Joint Powers Agreement with regard to the little league field and tennis courts will be reviewed by the WEM School Board at their next meeting.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$132,030.88

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

Jane Doran, 213 Jill Lynn Circle, stated the pond behind her house continues to get bigger as it fills with more sediment. She asked if there are plans to dig that pond deeper. Greenwald stated the pond is monitored and there are still several feet of City-owned designated property available for the pond.

Pat Nusbaum, 104 Park Avenue NE, questioned if the Wayside Rest building should remain open 24 hours rather than being closed overnight. She reported she has been asked to write a grant for the Museum and asked if the Council will sign a letter of support. The Council will sign a letter of support. Nusbaum asked if anything was being done in regard to the nuisance property at 302 Park Avenue NE.

Mayor McBroom thanked the Elysian Fire Department and all their staff who were one of the nine agencies working to battle the fire at a Waterville business on March 26, 2022. McBroom commended their diligent efforts.

Dan Minske, owner of Twin Lake Auto Parts (NAPA), expressed his gratitude to all the departments who assisted in controlling the fire. He stated it was a miracle that the building was saved.

There were no further public comments. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.