

**ELYSIAN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 5, 2022**

The Elysian City Planning and Zoning Commission met in regular session Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

Administrator Kopischke administered the oath of office with Commissioner Al Linse answering.

Present were: Chairperson Tom McBroom; Commissioners Dan Engebretson, Jeremy Henninger, and Al Linse; Zoning Administrator Lorri Kopischke. Absent: Kristina Droog.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Henninger, all voting in favor, to approve the agenda as presented.

On motion by Henninger, seconded by Linse, all voting in favor, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2022 Regular Meeting as presented.

The Commissioners discussed the Elysian Land Use / Comprehensive Plan (Plan) that was approved by City Council on September 9, 2013. While not all cities are required to adopt a comprehensive plan, a plan is still a good practice. Plans are generally updated every (10) ten years or when the goals / objectives of the Plan have been met. This can be an expensive process, but the City of Elysian is a member of Minnesota Valley Council of Governments (MVCOG), and they may be available to assist with the process as part of that membership.

Engebretson stated the Plan is a good valuable document. He did not feel the Council would have accomplished all they had in the last ten years if they did not have the Plan.

There was consensus for Commissioners to review the Plan over the next month. Staff will contact MVCOG to see what assistance they can provide in the update process. This will be discussed again at the May meeting.

Kopischke noted the City Auditor had discussed the importance of avoiding conflicts of interest when serving on City committees. Examples were provided and discussed.

Steven Fernandez, Clarke's Campground, discussed the possibility of the Campground closing since it has been sold and the negative impact that would have on the local businesses. He has been at the campground for 24 years and has seen the money it has brought to the City. He loves this area and will do anything he can to keep his spot at the Campground.

Commissioners encouraged Fernandez to be in touch with the people who sold the property and those who purchased, noting the Campground is not within City limits and the City does not have any control of how that land is developed. They thanked Fernandez for his comments.

There was no further business to come before the Commission.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Linse, all voting in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Attest:

Tom McBroom, Chairperson

Lorri Kopischke, Zoning Administrator