

## NOTES FROM CITY HALL – JULY 2022

Whew! Another 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend in the books! Thanks to the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce, Fire Department, City employees, businesses and all the volunteers who contributed to a successful event! And thank you to all who attend and support the activities and the businesses and keep the City of Elysian vibrant!

The Elysian National Night Out will be held this year on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Lake Francis City Park. The entire community is invited and welcome to attend and to enjoy a free meal consisting of hot dogs, chips, and a drink (prepared and served on site by Fischer's Corner Bar). There will be door prizes during the event and a bounce house, face painting, and a balloon artist for the children. The Elysian Fire Department, Le Sueur County Sheriff's Posse, North Ambulance, and Elysian Rescue Squad vehicles will be available to view and to talk with the attendants. Bring along your neighbors and your lawn chair if you wish. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at the Elysian Fire Hall.

Included in this month's utility billing is the annual MN Board of Community Water Supply Service Connection Fee in the amount of \$9.72. This is a mandatory annual fee that is charged to each property owner with a water connection. This entire fee goes to the MN State Board of Health.

Hydrants will be flushed every third Thursday: July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, and possibly Nov 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.

Kid's Friendly Food Program: Any children living in the Waterville-Elysian area, up to and to include age 18, are welcome and encouraged to participate. Drive up in front of the Elysian Library/Food Shelf (132 East Main St) on the third Saturday of July – October, 9:30 to 11:00 am, state number of children in the family and each child will receive a bag of food that they can prepare for themselves. No family income eligibility or name requirements. All will be accommodated until supplies for that day are exhausted. Contact Pat Nusbaum, coordinator, 507-317-0532 / [pnusbaum@frontier.com](mailto:pnusbaum@frontier.com) Donations welcome: Drop food off at the Food Shelf. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the Food Shelf or Elysian Library or sent to Kid's Food Program, PO Box 1, Elysian, MN 56028.

Mosquito Control of Iowa has been approved for the 2022 mosquito treatment. They determine spray dates based on the weather rather than a weekly schedule. Please call City Hall to be added to the notification of spray list.

The Elysian Tourism Center basement – 100 Third Street SW, is a designated storm shelter. The shelter will be opened during a severe thunderstorm or a tornado warning.

Per State Statute 88.171, there is no open burning of garbage allowed in the City of Elysian. Please be respectful to your neighbors and the environment.

**UPCOMING ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER EVENTS:** Thank you to all who patronized the annual book sales this year! A special thank you to all who donated their gently used books as well! The Library is now accepting gently used books in preparation for next year's sale. As always, you can shop the rotating book sale cart year-round. Please note: The Library does not accept used encyclopedias or VHS. Puzzles are accepted for the sale. Please contact library staff if you have any questions. Watch for information about an upcoming silent auction fundraiser that will benefit the library & heritage center. Upcoming events: *Sean Jensen – Author Event:* July 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00 am. *Tea Party:* July 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 am. *Pirate Party:* July 25<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm. *Mask Workshop:* July 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am. *Romp & Rhyme Storytime:* August 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – Lake Francis Park. *How to Train Your Dragon Party:* August 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00. *Farmhouse Books:* August 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm. For all questions about events or to register please call 507-267-4411 or email [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 at 6:30 pm.

### ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY JULY 11, 2022 AT 6:00 PM

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

Approved the minutes of the June 13, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Le Sueur County Captain Bruce Collins stated all has been quiet in the City. There were no notable issues during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. McBroom thanked the Le Sueur County Sheriff and Posse for a terrific job done during the celebration.

Public Comments (see approved minutes for complete comments): Mark Sybilrud, 514 Lake Ave NW, asked when the tennis courts will be paved and suggested there may be some funding available from local organizations for that project. Reported on the DNR permit for sediment excavation of the outlet for Lake Francis and on the new DNR fishing pier on Lake Francis.

Received the signed School Boundary Survey for the Elysian School from SEH Engineering and discussed the area they would like to be deeded to the City.

Received an update on the 2023 Street and Utility Project.

Approved a “Slow – Children at Play” sign to be installed on both sides of Fifth Street SW south of State Highway 60.

Approved an estimate from Volkman Electric in the amount of \$1,630 to install a time clock system at the tennis courts.

Approved an estimate from Volkman Electric in the amount of \$1,885 to install an electrical line from the concession stand to the home dugout at Lake Francis Park. Volkman will donate all trenching work.

Greenwald reported the items that need to be repaired at the DNR Wayside Rest Building. Council directed Greenwald to go through the Wayside Rest and provide Council with a list of items that need immediate repair with prices.

Council thanked Greenwald and his staff for the good job done over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

Approved Resolution #802/22 – Approving the Municipal Maintenance Agreement between Le Sueur County and the City of Elysian for the calendar year of 2022.

Approved Resolution #803/22 – Accepting a donation from Casey’s General Stores in the amount of \$1,000 to be used towards the Sports Netsystems in the tennis court area.

Approved Resolution #804/22 – Accepting a donation from the Elysian American Legion Post #311 in the amount of \$600 to be used toward the Kid’s Bingo – July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

Approved Resolution #805/22 – Accepting a donation from Nuvera Communications, Inc. to the Elysian Fire Department in the amount of \$50 in memoriam of Scott W. Johnson.

Approved Resolution #806/22 – Establishing Dates for Filing Affidavits of Candidacy and Public Notice for 2022 election for office of Mayor (1) and Council (2) for August 2 through August 16, 2022.

Approved Resolution #807/22 – Approving Early Pay-Off of Lease Purchase Agreement for SCBA Tanks and related equipment.

Authorized to advertise for part-time clerical position at \$11.25 per hour for up to 8 hours per week.

Approved to enter into a maintenance agreement with Green View, Inc. for cleaning/maintenance of the Wayside Rest Building.

There was Council consensus to not pursue an ordinance to specifically regulate the use of BB guns, bow/arrows within City limits.

Scheduled a Budget Meeting for Monday, August 1, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$373,792.68.

Public Comments (see approved minutes for complete comments): Pat Nusbaum, 104 Park Ave NE, thanked the City Council for their support of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. The City looked good and many people stopped her on the streets and commented on how the celebration impressed them and they plan to come back every year for these events.

The City Council and staff thanked Nusbaum and the Chamber of Commerce for their efforts to promote the City.

There were no further public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.