

## NOTES FROM CITY HALL – AUGUST 2022

Thanks to the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce, Fire Department, City employees, businesses and all the volunteers who contributed to a fun National Night Out Event.

Hydrants will be flushed every third Thursday: August 18, September 15, October 20, and possibly Nov 17.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BRUSH PILE HOURS WILL BE CHANGED TO 1:00 TO 4:30 PM ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAYS: SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 10<sup>TH</sup>, 17<sup>TH</sup>, 24<sup>TH</sup> AND OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> and 8<sup>TH</sup>. 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 E Main St) on the third Saturday of August – 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.

The Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the annual Fall Garage Sales on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 am. Free advertising will be provided on Facebook and LifeEnterprise. Sheets for listing your items for sale will be available at Elysian City Hall and Up Town Cuts. Any questions, please call 507-317-0532.

The Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Shredding Day on September 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Tourism Center located at 100 Third Street SW. Anyone from the Elysian Area is welcome and is urged to bring all of the paper and confidential material that you need to get rid of to the site for disposal. This is a free event for all.

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:** Watch for information about an upcoming silent auction fundraiser that will benefit the library & heritage center. Upcoming events: *Be an Animal! A Mask and Movement Workshop*: August 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am. 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. Please contact Pat Nusbaum if you would like to volunteer – 507-317-0532.

## ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY AUGUST 8, 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 July 11, 2022 Regular Meeting and August 1, 2022 Budget Workshop Meeting

Le Sueur County Chief Deputy Greenig stated all has been quiet in the City.

Le Sueur County Commissioner Rohlfing thanked the City for the nice National Night Out event. He reported the County is working on the 2023 budget. The preliminary budget is high which stems from material, equipment, and fuel costs. The County ATV Ordinance went into effect on August 1, 2022. Class 1 (ATV) and Class 2 (Side by Side) are legal to drive on roads. ATVs are not legal to drive in ditches, cannot carry passengers, and require valid license and proof of insurance. The remodel of the old jail to be repurposed to the public health building is expected to be completed February 2023. The costs of the government center remodel came in higher than budgeted and will be looked into again. The remodel of the east entrance of the government center is completed.

Public Comment: None.

Received a report that all is going well with the Goose Eradication Program. The 2022 Program is reaching the end of Phase 2 and approaching Phase 3. Council approved the discharge of firearms during the established Minnesota waterfowl hunting season to target and dispatch waterfowl within the City's limits on City owned property or lake waters in the City's limits by a controlled/directed harvest of geese under the employee John Manning's direction; the planned dates of discharge include: September 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and October 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>; to adjust the hours of the compost/brush pile on those Saturdays to 1:00 to 4:30 pm; and to provide signage and an additional lock at both locations while engaged in the controlled/directed harvest of geese under the employees' direction.

Approved and accepted a proposal for Geotechnical Services for the 2023 Street and Utility Improvement Project from American Engineering Testing in the amount of \$4,000.00.

Approved and accepted a proposal for televising the sanitary and storm sewer for the 2023 Street and Utility Improvement Project from Empire Pipe Services in the amount of \$11,348.00.

Approved W W Blacktopping, Inc. to install a level course of up to one inch in the deepest cracks of the tennis courts for an additional \$4,800.00 and then once the entire course is level to lay a one-and-a-half-inch wear course for the original cost of \$13,985.00 with the total cost being \$18,785.00.

Directed Public Works to have signs made up to read "No sleeping on the benches inside of the Wayside Rest".

Approved a credit of 150,000 gallons to the Meixl sewer account 1234/1238 Scenic Hideaway Lane, due to a malfunction of the sewer pump.

Approved Ordinance No.103/22 – Providing a Moratorium on the Sale of Hemp Derived THC (Tetrahydrocannabinols) Food and Beverages in the City of Elysian, Le Sueur County, Minnesota to allow a study to determine how to regulate.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$209,578.73.

Public Comments: None.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.