

## NOTES FROM CITY HALL – OCTOBER 2022

Thank you to Kristy Sybilrud for planting and maintaining the Minnesota Garden at Sunset Park!

Please complete and return the seasonal garbage shut off form provided in the last utility bill (and available on the City website) if you will be away this winter. Thank you. Garbage and recycle rates will increase by 2% per West Central contract on October 1, 2021.

Hydrants will be flushed October 20 and November 17 (weather permitting).

The City brush pile (located at the sanitary sewer pond off County Road 14) is open (weather permitting). The hours are Wednesdays 3:00 to 6:00 pm and Saturdays 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. PLEASE NOTE: Effective November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 23<sup>rd</sup> the hours will be changed on Wednesdays to 3:00 to 5:00 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. The brush pile will be closed after November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the “Spook Trail” on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. **(Please note the date)**. Sakatah Singing Hills Trail will be decorated from the intersection of the Elysian Bank to the intersection of Main Street and Third Avenue SW. Businesses are encouraged to decorate as well. Candy will be given out along Main Street and on the trail. The Elysian Area Fire Department will be providing complimentary hot dog, chips, and beverage 5:30 pm until gone at the Elysian Fire Hall. The Chamber needs volunteers to help set up the trail on the morning of the 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 am and also to help during the event that evening handing out candy. To volunteer, please call 507-317-0532 or leave your name / phone number at City Hall. Monetary donations may be mailed to Elysian Area Chamber, P.O. Box 95, Elysian, or candy / monetary donations be dropped off at City Hall. All is appreciated.

Small Business Saturday in Elysian will be Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Come shop and support local participating businesses and vendors. There will be a map in the paper and at participating businesses. Contact Tasha Hering at 507-267-4420 or [uptowncuts@hotmail.com](mailto:uptowncuts@hotmail.com) for more information.

The Elysian Legion Auxiliary will hold a holiday decoration sale, silent auction and bake sale Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Pie and ice cream will be available from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. There will be small business vendors set up on the bar side of the Legion building for your shopping pleasure.

Mark your calendars: Holiday Lights Parade and Winter Fun Day is Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Activities with Mrs. Claus and Pancake Breakfast 8:30 am to 10:30 am. Activities with Mrs. Claus will include fewer shopping opportunities than previous years and more fun activities for children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and under such as face painting, gift walk, ornament decoration, and pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Breakfast is for those participating in the activities and their families. There will still be a small bake sale and other items for purchase (donations to the sale are appreciated). Free will donations at the event are accepted and proceeds go to community activities and beautification.

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:** *Romp & Rhyme Storytime* - Every Thursday at 10:00 am; *Online Silent Auction* - October 15<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>; *Spice Club* – October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm; *Hocus Pocus Party ages 3-8* – November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:45 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. Please contact Pat Nusbaum if you would like to volunteer – 507-317-0532.

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY  
OCTOBER 10, 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 September 12, 2022 Regular and September 21, 2022 Special Workshop Meetings.

Le Sueur County Chief Deputy Nick Greenig reported all is good in the City.

Approved a proposal from Midwest IT Systems, Inc. for cyber security and PC support in the amount of \$517 per month for one year.

Approved Resolution #812/22 – Deny Variance Request to Build Detached Garage and Approve Variance to Build a 12 x 18 foot Patio for 108 Shoreview Drive.

Approved a proposal from Barga, Inc. for Replay Procedure Lakeview Court in the amount of \$3,000 and Alleyway behind Businesses on East Main Street in the amount of \$3,892 and for Maxwell Mastic Gap for work to be completed on Shoreview Drive East, Shoreview Drive, Shoreview Drive West, and James Avenue in the amount of \$18,000.

Received report that the water line for Silver's Mobile Home will be split off from Trostem's Home/Shower House and Campground. A new service line and curb stop will be installed, and the curb stop for Trostem's will be replaced. There will be no cost to the City.

Received results of MN Department of Health Sanitary Survey Report for Elysian Public Water System (PWS).

Update on tennis courts: Rubberized surfacing, striping and timer for lights not yet installed.

Approved the process of updating the City of Elysian Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Approved Resolution #813/22 – Designating Polling Places for 2023.

Approved Resolution #814/22 – Approve Request for One Day Off Site Lawful Gambling December 3, 2022 Elysian Fire Department Relief Association.

Approve to NOT WAIVE the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minn. Stat. § 466.04.

Approve to close streets for the Spook Trail October 29, 2022 Main Street from just east of the Fire Hall to Third Street NW and Second Street NE from Main Street south to State Highway 60.

Approve to close the Wayside Rest Building from dusk to dawn on Halloween night, October 31, 2022.

SEH Engineering will hold a Neighborhood Meeting to discuss the proposed 2023 Street and Utility Improvement Project on Tuesday, October 25, 2022. Time to be determined.

Approved City Hall to be closed Friday, November 25, 2022. Employees will use vacation or comp hours.

Received a report that the goose control program is moving along well. Goose population is down.

Le Sueur County Officials Association Meeting October 26, 2022 in Le Center. Location TBD.

Mayor McBroom explained Council receives their packets on Fridays prior to the meetings and has the weekend to research items on the agenda and Mondays to ask staff for clarification.

McBroom reported the City Administrator performance evaluation was held at 5:30 today and the Administrator meets or exceeds all job requirements.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$170,469.80.

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

Bruce Childs, 203 Park Avenue NE, questioned the process used to require the abatement of nuisance trees at 203 Park Avenue NE. He also stated he had an issue with ordinance compliance with regard to a fence located on the same property.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.