

**NOTES FROM CITY HALL
APRIL 2023**

The City brush pile (located at the sanitary sewer pond off County Road 14) will open for the season Wednesday, April 19th (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.

Hydrants will be flushed starting April 20, 2023 and every third Thursday thereafter: May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, and November 16.

Severe Weather Awareness Week April 17 – 21, 2023. Tornado Drill Day Thursday, April 20th.

WEM's Moving Forward Foundation Annual Bucs Night Out, Saturday, April 22nd at the Morristown Community Center featuring Comedian C Willi Myles.

Mark your calendar: Chamber sponsored City Wide Garage Sales will be held May 12 and 13, 2023.

Lake Area Women's (LAW) group is holding its first annual rummage sale during Elysian city wide garage sale weekend: Saturday, May 13th, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at Elysian Tourism Center, Intersection of Hwy 60 and 3rd Street SW - across from Caseys. This event is raising funds to be used for city wide events and beautification activities such as benches and downtown flowerpots. LAW sponsored city wide events and activities include: Annual Kid's Fishing Contest, Shopping with Mrs. Claus, City flower plantings & beautification efforts, Potential to host new events.

Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Winter's Farmers Market May 13th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Main Street Venue, 117 East Main Street. New Vendors are always welcome. Please call Tasha Hering at 507-995-0687.

City Wide Spring Clean Up Date at Lake Francis Park is set for May 20, 2023 from 8:00 to 11:00 am.

Elysian 4th of July celebration will kick off with the Miss Elysian Pageant on June 30th and events continuing through July 4th. Fireworks will be Sunday, July 2nd following Fireman's Bingo.

UPCOMING ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER EVENTS: *Star Wars Party* - May 1st at 6:00 pm; *Painting with Marlene* - May 3rd at 6:00 pm; *The Magic of Celtic Music* - May 6th at 10:00 am (sponsored by Sandy Springmeyer Memorial Funds); *Book Sale Fundraiser* – May 13th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm (canceled if bad weather); *Cook the Book* - May 15th at 6:00 pm. The Library is currently accepting gently used books, puzzles, and games for the upcoming book sale fundraiser. Please drop off during open hours. 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 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
APRIL 10, 2023 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; Utility Clerk Nicole Lamont; City Attorney Jason Moran. Absent: Councilmember Derek Westby.

Approved the minutes of the March 13, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Le Sueur County Captain Bruce Collins reported things have been good in the City. With the warmer weather, the buoys will be installed soon, there will be an increase in traffic, and a chance for severe weather. The Council noted that the lights on Main Street East are currently not working and there has been some recent vandalism at the Wayside Rest.

Held a Public Hearing to allow public input from citizens regarding the proposed assessment for the 2023 Street and Utility Improvement Project. Four assessment objections were received. The detailed comments of the Hearing can be read in the approved City Council Meeting minutes.

Approved Resolution #835/23 – Adopting Assessment for the 2023 Street and Utility Improvement Project.

Approved Resolution #836/23 – Accepting Bids and Entering into Contract with W.W. Blacktopping of Mankato, Minnesota for construction of the 2023 Street and Utility Improvement Project.

Approved the Supplemental Letter Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Elysian and SEH Engineering for the 2023 Street and Utility Improvement Project Phase 3.

Approved the proposal for Construction Testing Services for the 2023 Street and Utility Improvement Project from American Engineering Testing in the amount of \$17,197.

Tabled the purchase of a tractor to the May 2023 Council Meeting.

Approved an estimate from Schmahl Construction LLC to enlarge the opening for the overhead door at the City Shop and approved an estimate from Allied Overhead Door, Inc. for the purchase of the larger door and the door opener.

Approved an estimate from Schmahl Construction LLC to replace the trim on the Wayside Rest Building with aluminum fascia and replace damaged shingles on the roof.

Directed Staff to obtain quotes for 25 small potted Techny Arbor Vitae trees for Sunset Park and check with Wesley Tree Service and Mariska for cost of trees for the May 2023 Council Meeting.

The garage dumpsters for Lakeside Drive NW and Roots Beach Lane are still in place. The roads are hardening up but are not able to accommodate the garbage trucks yet.

Approved Public Works to obtain a quote for grading Roots Beach Lane in an amount not to exceed \$3,500 and request Matt Conroy be the operator.

Approved Resolution #837/23 – Accepting a donation from Gary Hagen for the Sunset Park Sports Court.

Approved Resolution #838/23 – Accepting a donation from Elysian Auto Service for the Sunset Park Sports Courts.

Approved Resolution #839/23 – Accepting a donation from OnFireGuy for the Sunset Park Sports Courts.

Approved Resolution #840/23 – Accepting a donation from James and Julie Hatleli for the Sunset Park Sports Courts.

Approved a 2023 Employment Agreement for Goose Control with John and Janice Manning.

Scheduled a work session for April 26, 2023 at 6:00 pm to receive the Wage Study Report from Minnesota Valley Council of Governments and to discuss replacement of the lights on Main Street.

Received a report that North Ambulance will periodically have an ambulance stationed in Waterville while they are short staffed. There may be times when the ambulance arrives at a medical call before our Fire Department arrives. Nothing has changed. It is because the ambulance drivers are stationed at the ambulance and with the ambulance being in Waterville, they may be able to arrive on scene faster. This is an interim situation.

Approved an estimate for St. Croix Recreation Fun Playgrounds INC. in the amount of \$11,872.32 for the sports courts equipment to include (2) two heavy duty basketball sets, (1) one tennis court set, (2) two portable pickle ball sets, and (2) two benches.

Approved to include a fundraising request letter for the sports courts with the April utility bills.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$218,573.38.

Acknowledged the favorable 2022 Audit Report and thanked all City staff for the outstanding work they do.

Public Comments: None. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.