

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 10, 2023**

The Elysian City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 10, 2023 at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Mayor Tom McBroom, Sr.; Councilmembers Bobby Houlihan, Dennis Schnoor, Bryan Suemnick; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Public Works Director Ron Greenwald; Utility Clerk Nicole Lamont; City Attorney Jason Moran. Absent: Councilmember Derek Westby.

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor, to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, to approve the agenda of the April 10, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented.

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 chance for severe weather. The council made note that the lights on Main Street East are currently not working and there has been some recent vandalism at the Wayside Rest.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor, to close the Regular Meeting and open the Public Hearing at 6:05 pm.

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow public input from citizens regarding the proposed assessment for the 2023 Street and Utility Project, which includes improvements on the following streets:

Maple Avenue from 5th Street SW to 1st Street S
Lewis Lane from 5th Street SW to Dead End
G Avenue SE from 1st Street S to Jason Drive
Jason Drive from G Avenue SE to Dead End
5th Street SW from Maple Avenue to Hwy 60
3rd Street SW from Maple Avenue to Hwy 60
1st Street S from Maple Avenue to Hwy 60

Brent Kavitz, SEH Engineering, provided the purpose of the Assessment Hearing, the Public Improvement Process, a sample of the Notice of Hearing, and the Project Scope.

The estimated Project Costs are as follows:

Sanitary Sewer Collection System:	\$ 168,874
Water Distribution System	\$ 388,866
Storm Sewer & Drainage	\$ 982,980
Street	\$1,548,816
 Total 2023 Street & Utility Improvement Project	 \$3,089,536

Estimated Project Funding is as follows:

Sanitary Sewer Utility	\$167,424	5.4%
Water Utility	\$352,956	11.4%
Environmental Utility	\$982,980	31.8%
Assessments	\$617,076	20%
General Levy	\$969,100	31.4%
Total	\$3,089,536	100%

Kavitz outlined the City of Elysian Assessment Policy and Methodology. The assessment rates for this project are as follows:

Residential Domestic Water Service	\$1,890 / Unit
Sanitary Sewer Service	\$1,450 / Unit
Residential Reconstructed Street	\$9,400 / Unit
Commercial-Industrial-MultiFamily Reconstructed Street	\$125.33 / Front Foot (FF)

Kavitz outlined the Assessment Payment procedures and process of Deferred Assessments.

The proposed project schedule is as follows:

Council holds Assessment Hearing/Considers Award of Contract	April 10, 2023
Preconstruction Conference with Contractor/Utilities	April 2023
Neighborhood Meeting	Late April/Early May 2023
Construction Begins	May 2023
Substantial Completion Date	October 31, 2023
Final Completion Date	July 31, 2024

Kavitz then called for Council questions. There were no questions at this time.

Public Comment:

David Mitchell, 410 State Highway 60 West, asked how the distance for his front footage was calculated. And if every property owner in the project area, specifically James Bros Construction, was participating in the assessments. Mitchell asked how the interest is calculated.

Kavitz explained that the front footage was measured on Fifth Street SW from the start of right of way to the adjoining property line. As to assessments, there are properties that are adjacent to the property but are located in Janesville Township. The City does not have the authority to assess properties outside of City limits and you cannot assess a cemetery. James Bros does not own any property adjacent to the project area. The interest on the special assessment is calculated each year on the unpaid amount of the assessment.

James Hansen, 207 Third Street SW, asked if there was a way to negotiate a cost participation with Janesville Township.

Jason Moran, City Attorney, stated that representatives of the City had met with representatives of Janesville Township and the Township is not inclined to assist in any way.

Hansen commented that the City was subsidizing the Township then. He asked if their half of the street could be left as gravel.

Clayton Roemhildt, PID 16.430.0030, objected to his assessment of \$11,290. This lot has 70 feet front footage and is not accessible to the road due to a steep bank. This lot will not be built on. The lot is valued at \$10,900, which is less than the cost of the assessment.

Jaime Spaid, 1277 Lewis Lane, asked why her cul-de-sac was being rebuilt as a 10 ton road. This is more expensive for everyone who lives there and makes the overall project cost higher. The only one who benefits is James Bros Construction.

Kavitz stated the basis of the decision to make all streets within the project 10 ton roads was to extend the lifespan of the roadway. It is more expensive over time to maintain a 7 ton road than a 10 ton road because a 7 ton road will break up faster.

Spaid asked if the grade at Fifth Street South and State Highway 60 was being changed. She said she spins her tires there in the winter due to the steep grade.

Kavitz explained they try not to change grade within a project as it is difficult to match that to the existing topography.

Dave Mitchell asked why Janesville Township was not contributing to the cost of the project.

Brad Carlson, Clerk, Janesville Township, stated it has been the Township's policy since 1980 not to support blacktop roads and they are following that policy. If a Township road were to be blacktopped it would be a result of a petition by the residents and those residents would have to pay 100% of the cost. The Township has a \$150,000 road budget for 28 miles of road and for them to pay the amount proposed by the City for one and one half blocks does not make sense.

Jim Hansen asked if the City would have more power over the streets if they annexed the Janesville Township properties into the City. Annex the road that goes past the cemetery and down to the lake.

Moran explained that annexations are typically initiated by property owner petition or in the event that the City provides the property with a new service. Annexation without consent is problematic and the timing is not feasible.

John Ross, 43987 45th Street, Janesville Township, explained how those properties were hooked to City water back in 1981. He noted that the property owners in Janesville Township pay twice the water base rate and usage as the property owners within the City limits.

Councilmember Schnoor stated the City's hands are tied in this issue. If the City wants the street, they will have to pay for it. The City works with the Township on a number of other things and is not going to argue with the Township on this.

Hansen asked if Third Street SW would be widened. There are a lot of vehicles parked there with the apartment building.

Kavitz stated it will be a twenty eight foot wide street. He noted the Council is also addressing parking restrictions in that area.

Julie Blackburn, 43958 45th Street, Janesville Township, stated that as far as the street project goes, she thinks that everyone deserves a street that will not crack their axle when they drive down it. She commented on the Special Benefit Test and noted the assessment cannot exceed the benefit that is provided by the improvement. Some of the assessments on the commercial properties are pretty high.

Blackburn stated she lives in Janesville Township, but this is her community. She cares about Mama's Mercantile, the campground, and all these folks who are going to need to figure out how to make these assessments work for them with that increase in taxable market value. It's a tricky thing and she wants to learn more about the market research that was done to justify that increase.

Blackburn noted that the street portion of this project is \$1.5 million. The figures provided to Janesville Township on March 31, 2023 were a cost of \$285,000 for streets and \$186,000 for storm sewer. She doesn't know that Janesville Township has any storm water issues. There has been a lot of impervious surface increase in the City of Elysian that she does not think anyone should have to pay for. Even looking at \$471,000 out of the \$3 million project for an assessment, that is a huge portion for a few houses, a vacant lot, and a cemetery. She understands the angst the City residents may have about the Township not contributing but even if the Township pennies up it will not substantially do anything to affect the rest of the assessments.

There were no further Public Comments.

Written Comments:

April 6, 2023

City of Elysian

We are writing to you to formally object to the proposed street assessment hearing for our property at 1277 Lewis Lane, Elysian Minnesota.

Our proposed property assessment is \$11,290 for the property. While we understand the \$1,890 to replace a water service to our home, we are formally objecting to the \$9,400 assessment for the street project. The proposed project does not increase the value of our property by \$9,400 since it replaces an existing street that currently provides access to our property.

Lewis Lane is a short cul-de-sac street. The street does not have to be designed and constructed to a level of a street with more traffic and vehicles of a greater weight.

- The increased width of the street is not necessary.
- The street is a 10 ton street and is not necessary for a residential culdesac street.

This increases the project cost and inherently the amount that is assessed is higher as well.

We believe a fair assessment would be \$80 per linear foot, which would equate to \$6,400 plus the \$1,890 for the water service. If is this cannot be accommodated We will formally appeal our assessment.

Thank you, Quay and Jaime Spaid

April 10 2023

I Jay Klemmensen would like to contest the Assessment on my property located @ 108 1st St S , Elysian, MN 55917. As it stands right now I am being assessed over \$135,000 for three parcels on my street

which are parcel130020210, 160357500, 164401150. If these assessments go through on my business which we just bought it will be devastating. As the financials are right now this would eat up 80% of any profit in our business for the next 15 years. This would affect over 45 different families whom are already strapped financially due to outside circumstances. We would please ask you to reconsider such a devastating measure as by my calculation this would account for twenty two percent of all assessments you are requesting. Asking one business to pay that much of the cost is absurd. Thank you for your consideration, Jay Klemmensen

April 10 2023

To whom it may concern

I, Steven Moe, resident of 205 3rd St SW am concerned with the upcoming extreme cost of my assessment at 9400 dollars.

I only own 75 feet of property along this street improvement project. This equates to \$124 per linear foot! To me this seems outrageous!

According to the plans I have seen, there is no new water main or sewer main going down this road. So 125 dollars per foot for some new pavement for the renters down the road to race up and down on seems ridiculous! It also seems ridiculous that the garbage truck can drive up and down these light duty roads and break them to pieces. I suppose it is so in another 5 or 6 years the city can try to charge the taxpayers another ridiculous amount of money for another tiny 18 foot wide road that turns into a 13 foot road in the winter.

To conclude, I am not opposed to this project, I am opposed to the absurd dollar amount this is going to cost my neighbors and I. Thank you for the consideration.

Steven Moe, 205 3rd St SW

There were no further written comments.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor, to close the Public Hearing and open the Regular Meeting at 6:54 pm.

General Public Comment: None.

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

City Attorney Moran noted that if Council approved the resolution, it would lock in the assessments as listed in the proposed assessment roll. There are (4) four objections. The Council can discuss these objections and possibly make adjustments. If the property owners are not satisfied with the adjustments, the property owner can go to District Court.

The Council asked if the project would be affected if consideration of the resolution were to be tabled to the May 2023 Council Meeting. Kavitz stated the Council can hold the bids for another 30 days.

Moran expressed concern with obtaining the needed easements in the project.

Mayor McBroom introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Houlihan.

CITY OF ELYSIAN
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 835/23
RESOLUTION ADOPTING ASSESSMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to proper notice duly given as required by law, the Council has met and heard and passed upon all objections to the proposed assessment for the 2023 Street and Utility Improvement Project, which includes improvements on the following streets:

- Maple Avenue from 5th Street SW to 1st Street S
- Lewis Lane from 5th Street SW to Dead End
- G Avenue SE from 1st Street S to Jason Drive
- Jason Drive from G Avenue SE to Dead End
- 5th Street SW from Maple Avenue to Hwy 60
- 3rd Street SW from Maple Avenue to Hwy 60
- 1st Street S from Maple Avenue to Hwy 60

by construction of sanitary sewer, sanitary sewer services, water main, water services, storm sewer, concrete curb and gutter, aggregate base, bituminous surfacing, turf restoration, and miscellaneous items required to properly complete the improvements and has amended such proposed assessment as it deems just.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA:

1. Such proposed assessment, as amended, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby accepted and shall constitute the special assessment against the lands named therein, and each tract of land therein included is hereby found to be benefited by the improvement in the amount of the assessment levied against it.
2. Such assessment shall be payable in equal annual installments, including principal and interest, extending over a period of 15 years, the first of the installments to be payable on or before the first Monday in January 2024, and will bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5.0 percent per annum after October 31, 2023.
3. The owner of any property so assessed may, at any time prior to certification of the assessment to the County Auditor-Treasurer on November 1, 2023, pay the whole or part of the assessment on such property with interest accrued to the date of payment, to the City Administrator, except that no interest shall be charged on any portion of the assessment paid by October 31, 2023. The property owner may at any time thereafter, pay to the County Auditor-Treasurer the entire amount of the assessment remaining unpaid, with interest accrued to December 31 of the year in which such payment is made. Such payment must be made before November 15 or interest will be charged through December 31 of the succeeding year.
4. No more than two partial payments of a minimum of \$500 shall be allowed prior to October 31, 2023.

5. The City Administrator shall forthwith transmit a certified duplicate of this assessment to the County Auditor-Treasurer to be extended on the property tax lists of the county. Such assessment shall be collected and paid over in the same manner as other municipal taxes.

Voting on the motion:

Voting in the Affirmative: Houlihan, McBroom, Schnoor, Suemnick

Voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian on this 10th day of April, 2023.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Sr., Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

Kavitz presented Resolution #836/23 – Accepting Bid for the construction of the 2023 Street and Utility Improvement Project.

Schnoor stated he did not want any saw and seal on the concrete work in the 2023 Street and Utility Improvement Project. There is no seal left in the concrete installed with the 2018 Street and Utility Project. He would like the contract to require removal and replacement of the concrete.

Councilmember Schnoor introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Suemnick.

CITY OF ELYSIAN
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 836/23
ACCEPTING BID

WHEREAS, pursuant to an advertisement for bids for the construction of the 2023 Street and Utility Improvement Project, bids were received, opened and tabulated according to law, and the following bids were received complying with the advertisement:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
W.W. Blacktopping, Inc. Mankato, MN	\$2,471,629.15
Wencl Construction, Inc. Owatonna, MN	\$2,629,256.55

R.A.W. Construction Co, LLC Faribault, MN	\$2,637,228.62
Holtmeier Construction, Inc. Mankato, MN	\$2,641,762.62
BCM Construction, Inc. Faribault, MN	\$2,678,984.10
Heselton Construction LLC Faribault, MN	\$2,834,898.35
Northdale Construction Co., Inc. Albertville, MN	\$2,926,217.35

AND WHEREAS, it appears W.W. Blacktopping, Inc., of Mankato, Minnesota, is the lowest responsible bidder,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA:

1. The mayor and city administrator are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with W.W. Blacktopping, Inc., of Mankato, Minnesota, in the name of the City of Elysian, Minnesota, for the construction of the 2023 Street and Utility Improvement Project, according to the plans and specification therefore approved by the city council and on file in the office of the city administrator.
2. The city administrator is hereby authorized and directed to return forthwith to all bidders the deposits made with their bids, except that the deposits of the successful bidder and the next lowest bidder shall be retained until a contract has been signed.

Voting on the motion:

Voting in the Affirmative: Houlihan, McBroom, Schnoor, Suemnick

Voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian on this 10th day of April, 2023.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Sr., Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

Kavitz presented a Supplemental Letter Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Elysian and SEH Engineering for the 2023 Street and Improvement Project Phase 3 in an amount not-to-exceed \$348,700.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to approve 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 in an amount not-to-exceed \$348,700.

Kavitz presented Proposals for Construction Testing Services for the 2023 Street and Utility Improvement Project from American Engineering Testing in the amount of \$17,197 and Braun Intertec in the amount of \$29,972.50. It was noted that American Engineering Testing performed the initial geotechnical work on the project site.

On motion by McBroom, second by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to approve the Proposal for Construction Testing Services for the 2023 Street and Utility Improvement Project of American Engineering Testing in the amount of \$17,197.

Public Works Director Greenwald presented quotes for a larger tractor and a truck loading spout from Minnesota Truck and Tractor, Inc. (LS Tractor), Midwest Machinery Co. (John Deere), and Smiths Mill (New Holland).

The Councilmembers were not familiar with the LS brand of tractor and did not believe they had enough information to make a decision on the blower.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor, to schedule a time for Councilmember Schnoor to go with Greenwald and look at the options described in the quotes and bring back information for consideration at the May 8, 2023 Council Meeting.

It was noted that the City shop around the overhead door was damaged last year and an estimate from Schmahl Construction in the amount of \$1,520 was approved by the City Council to repair the steel on the building. Greenwald presented a quote from Schmahl Construction to enlarge the door along with repairing the damage to the building. The quote is in the amount of \$1,760. A quote was also provided from Allied Overhead Door, Inc. to provide the new larger door and the remote garage door opener in the amount of \$5,790.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, to approve the estimate from Schmahl Construction, LLC in the amount of \$1,760 to enlarge the opening for the overhead door at the City Shop and to approve the estimate from Allied Overhead Door, Inc. in the amount of \$5,790 for purchase of the door and the door opener.

Greenwald noted that the wood trim at the Wayside Rest Building needs repair. Schmahl Construction LLC has provided an estimate of \$1,238 to replace the trim with aluminum fascia and replace shingles on the roof of the building. The fascia would then be maintenance free. The building does not give a very good representation of the City in its current state.

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to approve the estimate of \$1,238 from Schmahl Construction LLC to replace the trim on the Wayside Rest Building with aluminum fascia and replace shingles on the roof.

Greenwald presented an estimate from Countryside Tree Service in the amount of \$7,500 to purchase and plant 25 5-6 foot Techny Arbor Vitae trees at Sunset Park. The Council discussed other less expensive options to get a row of trees planted at the Park.

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, for Greenwald to obtain a quote for 25 small potted Techny Arbor Vitae trees that could be planted by volunteers and to check with Wesley Tree Service and Mariska for cost of trees to be considered at the May 8, 2023 Council Meeting.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to advertise for summer help in the amount of \$13.00 per hour for 40 hours per week for 12 weeks.

Greenwald reported that Volkmann Electric will be working on diagnostics of the light outage on Main Street East starting tomorrow.

Greenwald reported that the garbage dumpsters for Lakeside Drive NW and Roots Beach Lane are working well. The roads are drying up and barring any heavy rain, he expects curbside garbage collection to resume on Lakeside Drive within the next two weeks and Roots Beach within a month.

Greenwald reported the potholes on Roots Beach Lane are very deep this year due to the snow and frost and also the large equipment that has been on that road. He asked for approval for James Bros Construction to perform the first grading on that road with their grader.

On motion by Suemnick, seconded by Schnoor, to approve James Bros Construction to perform the first grading of 2023 on Roots Beach Lane in an amount not to exceed \$3,500 and with a request that Matt Conroy be the operator.

Councilmember Schnoor introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Houlihan.

CITY OF ELYSIAN
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 837/23
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING A DONATION FROM
GARY HAGEN

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has received a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Gary Hagen for the Sunset Park Sports Courts renovation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA THAT: the City Council of the City of Elysian acknowledges and accepts a donation from Gary Hagen in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the Sunset Park Sports Courts renovation.

Upon vote being taken:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Houlihan, McBroom, Schnoor, Suemnick

Council Members voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian on this 10th day of April, 2023.

Approved:

Tom McBroom Sr., Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

Councilmember Schnoor introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Houlihan.

CITY OF ELYSIAN
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 838/23
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING A DONATION FROM
ELYSIAN AUTO SERVICE

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has received a donation in the amount of \$200.00 from Elysian Auto Service for the Sunset Park Sports Courts renovation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA THAT: the City Council of the City of Elysian acknowledges and accepts a donation from Elysian Auto Service in the amount of \$200.00 for the Sunset Park Sports Courts renovation.

Upon vote being taken:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Houlihan, McBroom, Schnoor, Suemnick

Council Members voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian on this 10th day of April, 2023.

Approved:

Tom McBroom Sr., Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

Councilmember Schnoor introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Houlihan.

CITY OF ELYSIAN
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 839/23
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING A DONATION FROM
ONFIREGUY

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has received a donation in the amount of \$250.00 from OnFireGuy for the Sunset Park Sports Courts renovation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA THAT: the City Council of the City of Elysian acknowledges and accepts a donation from OnFireGuy in the amount of \$250.00 for the Sunset Park Sports Courts renovation.

Upon vote being taken:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Houlihan, McBroom, Schnoor, Suemnick

Council Members voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian on this 10th day of April, 2023.

Approved:

Tom McBroom Sr., Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

Councilmember Schnoor introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Houlihan.

CITY OF ELYSIAN
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 840/23
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING A DONATION FROM
JAMES AND JULIE HATLELI

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has received a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from James and Julie Hatleli for the Sunset Park Sports Courts renovation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA THAT: the City Council of the City of Elysian acknowledges and accepts a donation from James and Julie Hatleli in the amount of \$500.00 for the Sunset Park Sports Courts renovation.

Upon vote being taken:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Houlihan, McBroom, Schnoor, Suemnick

Council Members voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian on this 10th day of April, 2023.

Approved:

Tom McBroom Sr., Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

The council considered an Employment Agreement for Goose Control with John and Janice Manning. The Mannings have provided these services for the past two years with good results.

On motion by Suemnick, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor, to approve the 2023 Employment Agreement for Goose Control between the City of Elysian and John and Janice Manning.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to schedule a work session to receive the Wage Study Report from the Minnesota Valley Council of Governments and discuss replacement of the lights on Main Street for Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Council discussed some options for the new lights and the Xcel contract for lights on Main Street. Members were encouraged to view the lights in Madison Lake and New Richland. They were asked to take notice of street lighting in other communities and bring ideas to the April 26th work session.

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

Chamber Sponsored City Wide Garage Sales May 12 and 13, 2023. City-wide Clean Up May 20, 2023 8:00 to 11:00 am Lake Francis Park.

Le Sueur County 2023 Board of Review & Equalization April 11, 2023, 10 am to 6 pm, Le Sueur County Government Center (Open Book). Waseca County 2023 Board of Review & Equalization April 11, 2023, 10 am to 6 pm, Waseca County Courthouse (Open Book)

Councilmember Schnoor reported that North Ambulance is currently short staffed and will have an ambulance parked in Waterville at times to service Waseca, Faribault, and New Prague. There may be times when the ambulance is parked in Waterville and arrives at a Rescue Call before the Elysian Fire Emergency Medical Team. This does not mean that the Fire Department is not doing their job. It would just be because the ambulance is right in Waterville and is staffed and ready to go. This will just be an interim situation until they are back to fully staffed.

Park Board Member Nicole Lamont presented an estimate from St. Croix Recreation Fun Playgrounds INC. in the amount of \$11,872.32 for (2) two heavy duty basketball sets, (1) one tennis

court set, (2) two portable pickle ball sets, and (2) two benches. The net holes have to be in place prior to the resurfacing / striping being done.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor to approve the bid for sports courts equipment from St. Croix Recreation Fun Playgrounds INC. in the amount of \$11,872.32.

Lamont presented a Fundraising Letter signed by the Elysian Park Board Members requesting donations towards the sports courts. The Park Board is requesting that this letter be printed on colored paper and included with the utility bills this month.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to include the Fundraising Letter for the sports courts in the May utility bills.

Mark Sybilrud reported on fundraising efforts with businesses in the City.

Mayor McBroom asked Lamont to present the sports courts fundraising campaign at the American Legion Auxiliary Meeting on May 1, 2023.

City Attorney Moran updated the Council on the bills being considered by the Minnesota Legislature.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor, bills, payroll, and transfers were approved in the amount of \$218,573.38.

Public Comment: None.

The Council acknowledged the favorable 2022 Audit Report received earlier this evening. They thanked all City Staff for the outstanding work they do.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Sr., Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator