

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 12, 2023**

The Elysian City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 12, 2023 at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was opened, and a moment of silence was held for Elysian Firefighter Wayne James.

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

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2023 Regular Meeting and the June 1, 2023 Special Meeting as presented.

On motion by Westby, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor, to approve the agenda of the June 12, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented.

Le Sueur County Captain Bruce Collins reported the normal events in the City to include medical, traffic, scams. This month will start the planning for the July 4th activities.

The Council asked that a deputy patrol the ballfields to enforce the no parking restrictions.

Public Comment: None.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to close the Regular Meeting and open the Public Hearing at 6:06 pm.

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow public input from citizens on proposed Ordinance No. 105/23 – An Ordinance Amending §156.068 of the Elysian Zoning Code pertaining to C-2 Highway Commercial District.

The Planning and Zoning Committee has recommended an update to the language in this section of the ordinance as it is antiquated and restrictive. The City Attorney has updated the ordinance to allow additional uses as conditional uses. Conditional uses are subject to Council approval and Council can require specific performance standards such as screening, parking, etc.

There were no public comments. There were no written comments.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor, to close the Public Hearing and open the Regular Meeting at 6:08 pm.

Don Williamson, Owner, and Mike Rhodes, Operations Supervisor, West Central Sanitation, were present to discuss service concerns and the recent Spring Clean Up Event.

Williamson noted work force shortages and new drivers not used to the system. He expressed his commitment and promise to respond to complaints and issues as they arise and hopes to continue to provide excellent service to the City of Elysian.

Rhodes stated he has modified equipment and had meetings with all his drivers to resolve complaints. He reminds his drivers weekly.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Westby, all voting in favor, to proceed with negotiation of a three year contract for garbage and recycling service with West Central effective October 1, 2023.

Ordinance No. 105/23 was presented by Councilmember Westby and seconded by Councilmember Schnoor as follows:

CITY OF ELYSIAN
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA
ORDINANCE NO. 105/23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §156.068 OF THE ELYSIAN ZONING CODE PERTAINING TO C-2
HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

The City Council for the City of Elysian, Le Sueur County, Minnesota, does hereby Ordain as follows:

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Elysian is empowered by State Law to enact various Zoning Controls for the development of land in the City's Corporate Limits.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

That Elysian Zoning Code §156.068 C-2, Highway Commercial District shall read as follows:

- (A) *Purpose.* The Highway Commercial District (C-2) is meant to allow for the continuation and addition of new businesses into the community that are not appropriate in the downtown area, due to space requirements and/or design elements that are inconsistent with the historic or traditional downtown atmosphere.
- (B) *Permitted uses.*
- (1) Personal services such as laundry, barber, shoe repair shops and photography studios;
 - (2) Repair and maintenance services, such as jewelry and radio and television repair shops;
 - (3) Offices, professional services, such as medical and dental clinics, architects and attorneys' offices, finance, insurance, and real estate services;
 - (4) Eating and drinking establishments; and
 - (5) Community/governmental buildings.
- (C) *Accessory uses.* Uses incidental to the permitted uses that are located on the same lot.
- (D) *Conditional uses.*
- (1) Fast food and drive-in establishments;
 - (2) Hotels and motels;
 - (3) Car, farm equipment and implement sales;
 - (4) Light assembly production;
 - (5) Gas stations and auto repair shops;
 - (6) Lumber yards and warehousing;
 - (7) Utility structures;
 - (8) Commercial planned unit developments (including campground/resort facilities);
 - (9) Amusement establishments, such as movie theaters, bowling alleys and pool halls;

- (10) Therapeutic massage enterprise;
- (11) Establishments selling intoxicating liquor (both on and off sale);
- (12) Retail stores selling consumer goods.
- (13) Auto sales shops.
- (14) Animal clinics.
- (15) Dry Cleaning stores and/or laundry facilities.
- (16) Finance companies.
- (17) Furniture stores.
- (18) Car washes.
- (19) Churches.
- (20) Schools.

(E) *Standards.*

- (1) Height regulations: no building hereafter erected or altered shall exceed four stories or 45 feet in height;
- (2) Front yard regulations: there shall be a minimum of 30 feet for a front yard setback;
- (3) Side yard regulations: no building shall be located within 20 feet of any side lot line abutting any residence district;
- (4) Rear yard regulations: no building shall be located within 20 feet of any rear lot line;
- (5) Minimum setbacks from state and/or local bike trails: no building shall be located within 50 feet from the trail centerline;
- (6) Every principal use is required to display its street number, attached to the front of the building, so that the location can be identified easily from the road. If the building's distance from the road's curb or edge of driving service exceeds 75 feet, the address number shall be displayed at the beginning of the driveway closest to the curb or road; and
- (7) (a) Galvanized corrugated S-Type metal roofing materials are not permitted to be used on any structures.
 (b) Metal roof shingles are permitted. Standing seam metal roofing systems and ribbed roofing systems may also be allowed, but they must be the type of panels that have a factory applied lifetime color coating system applied.

(F) *General Regulations.* Additional general regulations for the commercial district are set forth in performance standards (§§ 156.105 through 156.124) of this chapter).

(G) *Effective Date.* This ordinance shall be effective upon publication.

Passed this 12th day of June, 2023.

The Ordinance was presented by Councilmember Westby, seconded by Councilmember Schnoor with the following vote being taken:

Voting Yes: Houlihan, McBroom, Schnoor, Westby

Voting No: None

By: _____
 Tom McBroom, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

The following reduction in assessment has been negotiated and accepted by the property owner at 1277 Lewis Lane (PID# 16.435.0080), Elysian MN.

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

CITY OF ELYSIAN
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. 850/23
A RESOLUTION REDUCING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE 2023
MAPLE AVENUE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Elysian has authorized the complete reconstruction of Maple Avenue in the City of Elysian's Corporate Limits, and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Elysian met and approved the project, awarded the bids for the project, and additionally approved the Assessment Roll for the Special Assessments on April 10, 2023, and

WHEREAS, Easements (both temporary and permanent) are needed from Quay and Jaime Spaid for the property they own identified as follows:

Parcel Identification Nos. 16.435.0080

WHEREAS, these easements are necessary for the completion of the project. Further, Spaid's special assessments were determined to be \$11,290 per parcel, however, the City Council for the City of Elysian met this day and agreed to reduce the special assessments to \$8,290.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Quay and Jaime Spaid's special assessment for the 2023 Maple Avenue project shall be \$8,290. The City Administrator, Engineer, and or City Attorney are authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution. In addition, a certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Le Sueur County Auditor-Treasurer for enforcement.

Upon vote being taken:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Houlihan, McBroom, Schnoor, Westby
Council Members voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 12th day of June, 2023.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

The following reduction in assessment has been negotiated and accepted by the property owner of PID# 16.035.7500, PID# 16.440.1150, and PID# 13.002.0210, Elysian MN.

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

CITY OF ELYSIAN
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. 851/23
A RESOLUTION REDUCING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE 2023
MAPLE AVENUE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Elysian has authorized the complete reconstruction of Maple Avenue in the City of Elysian's Corporate Limits, and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Elysian met and approved the project, awarded the bids for the project, and additionally approved the Assessment Roll for the Special Assessments on April 10, 2023, and

WHEREAS, Easements (both temporary and permanent) are needed from Jay Klemmensen and Jamie Klemmensen for the project.

WHEREAS, these Easements are necessary for the completion of the project. Further, Klemmensen's special assessments were determined to be \$68,655.77 for Le Sueur County Parcel Identification No. 16.035.7500, \$43,118.58 for Le Sueur County Parcel Identification No. 16.440.1150, and \$24,380.44 for Waseca County Parcel Identification No. 13.002.0210. The City Council for the City of Elysian met this day and agreed that the assessments exceed the benefit to the parcels and agreed to reduce the special assessments for each parcel.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Klemmensen's special assessment for the 2023 Maple Avenue project shall be: \$40,000 for Le Sueur County Parcel Identification No. 16.035.7500, \$30,000 for Le Sueur County Parcel Identification No. 16.440.1150, and \$20,000 for Waseca County Parcel Identification No. 13.002.0210. The City Administrator, Engineer, and or City Attorney are authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution. In addition, a certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Le Sueur County Auditor-Treasurer for enforcement.

Upon vote being taken:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Houlihan, McBroom, Schnoor, Westby
Council Members voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 12th day of June, 2023.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

All special assessments are finalized, and all easement agreements have been signed and recorded with Le Sueur County, MN.

Brent Kavitz, SEH Engineering, presented Resolution No. 852/23 – Amending the Assessment for the 2023 Street and Utility Improvement Project. The assessment roll as amended includes all revised assessments and results in a total assessment as amended in the amount of \$531,050.85.

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

CITY OF ELYSIAN
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 852/23
RESOLUTION AMENDING 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, Westby

Voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 12th day of June, 2023.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Sr., Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

Kavitz presented W W Blacktopping, Inc. Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$290,590.42. The majority of work included is storm sewer and watermain on Jason Drive, G Avenue, and Maple Avenue prior to the gravel being placed.

On motion by Westby, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to approve and accept W W Blacktopping, Inc. Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$290,590.42.

Kavitz updated the Council on the 2023 Street and Utility Improvement Project (SUIP). The majority of the concrete curb and driveways are done in Phase 1. The concrete in the Casey's area is complete and now that the concrete is done the roadway will be prepped for bituminous. Work has now begun on Maple Avenue between 5th Street and 3rd Street.

Councilmember Schnoor noted the excellent communication with residents being done by SEH representative Lee Istvanovich and Nate Coon, W W Blacktopping.

The City of Elysian has been awarded \$3.5 million for capital improvements through the State of Minnesota 2023 Bonding Bill to construct, furnish, and equip a water treatment plant to treat drinking water for radium, manganese, and iron bacteria.

Resolution No, 853/23 – Authorizing the City Clerk to file an Application with the MMB Budget Office for the Purpose of Infrastructure Improvement Project is necessary to submit a 2024 capital budget request for further financial assistance for the water treatment plant project.

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

CITY OF ELYSIAN
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. 853/23
AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE MINNESOTA
MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET OFFICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Management and Budget Office, has released application instructions for local governments and political subdivisions for 2024 capital budget requests; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has need for and intends to significantly improve its public infrastructure in the community; and,

WHEREAS, all requests must be made to the Minnesota Management and Budget Office by June 16, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has identified this project as its number one priority;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Clerk through actions of the Mayor and City Council, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the City of Elysian, with the Minnesota Management and Budget Office for the project described above.

Voting on the Motion:

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

Voting in the Negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 12th day of June, 2023.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Sr., Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

On motion by Westby, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to make the initial request to the MMB for the 2024 Bonding Bill for construction of the water treatment plant in the amount of \$7.2 million.

Public Works Director Greenwald presented the quote for the new 2023 New Holland Powerstar 120 Tractor from Smiths Mill Implement in the amount of \$91,500 and a trade in offer for the City's New Holland LV80 in the amount of \$18,500.

Smiths Mill Implement also provided a quote for the snow bucket in the amount of \$3,500, the blade in the amount of \$7,400, and the snowblower in the amount of \$15,500.

The current interest rate for financing is 4.23% with a term of 5 years. This rate could fluctuate between now and the expected delivery date of October 2023.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Westby, all voting in favor, to approve the purchase of the New 2023 New Holland Powerstar 120, the snow bucket, blade and snowblower per submitted quote and trade in the City's NH LV80 for a trade in amount of \$18,500 to be applied to the purchase price. The snow bucket, blade, and snowblower will be paid for in cash from the Maintenance Equipment Replacement Savings Account in the amount of \$26,400. The tractor New Holland Powerstar 120 will be financed in the amount of \$91,500 less the trade in of the NH LV80.

Greenwald discussed a request from Jacob Lee to connect to City sewer services for the property located east of Ahavah Cottage. Two options are being considered. One is to bore across Sunset Park and utilize a gravity system. The other is to connect to the west of the Cottage and utilize an E1 Grinder Pump System.

Council requested specific plans to be considered at the July 10, 2023 meeting.

Greenwald reported he will be replacing the steps behind the City Hall with preformed 6" x 4' steps. Each step is \$126 and Public Works will perform the labor.

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

CITY OF ELYSIAN
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. 854/23
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING A DONATION FROM
ELYSIAN AMERICAN LEGION POST #311

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has received a donation in the amount of \$600.00 from the Elysian American Legion Post #311, for tax relief to the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of funding toward the Kid's Bingo during the July 4th Celebration.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA THAT: the City Council of the City of Elysian acknowledges and accepts the donation from the Elysian American Legion Post #311 in the amount of \$600.00 for the purpose of funding toward the Kid's Bingo during the July 4th Celebration.

Upon vote being taken:

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

Council Members voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 12th day of June, 2023.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Sr., Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

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

CITY OF ELYSIAN
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. 855/23
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING A DONATION FROM
ELYSIAN AMERICAN LEGION POST #311

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has received a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Elysian American Legion Post #311, for tax relief for the purpose of funding toward 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 the donation from the Elysian American Legion Post #311 in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of funding toward Sunset Park Sports Courts renovation.

Upon vote being taken:

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

Council Members voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 12th day of June, 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
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 856/23
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING SEVERAL DONATIONS FOR THE
SUNSET SPORTS COURTS RENOVATION

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has received donations for the Sunset Park Sports Courts renovation in the amount of \$5,805.00 as follows:

Mankato Area Foundation (Phil and Margie Slingsby Charitable Fund)	\$2,000
Craig and Lynn Oien	\$ 250
Mark and Kristy Sybilrud	\$ 500
Matt and Dawn Margenthaler	\$ 100
Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce	\$1,500
Mary and David Ellis Hollenhorst	\$ 50
Jane Lebert	\$ 100
Jessica and Anden Leski	\$ 100
Rietz Family	\$ 25
Dave and Mary Beth Arnold	\$ 250
Tolzman Distributing	\$ 200
Terry & Kate Gulbrandson	\$ 100
Anonymous	\$ 30
Diane and Neil Falken	\$ 100
Roemhildt's Water's Edge Association	\$ 500

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA THAT: the City Council of the City of Elysian acknowledges and accepts donation for the Sunset Park Sports Courts from those listed and in the amounts listed above for a total donation of \$5,805.00.

Upon vote being taken:

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

Council Members voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 12th day of June, 2023.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Sr., Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

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

CITY OF ELYSIAN
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. 857/23
ESTABLISHING JUNETEENTH AS A CITY HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, Juneteenth (June 19) has been recognized as a new federal holiday celebrating freedom from slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota outlines holidays in State Statute and after being duly passed in both the House (HF 48) and the Senate (SF 13), the Governor signed the bill into law on February 3, 2023 recognizing Juneteenth as a state holiday; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the bill was set to go into effect August 1, 2023 and would not interfere is the 2023 existing holiday calendar but after being duly passed in both the House (HF 1830) and the Senate (SF 1426), the Governor signed the bill into law that the bill will go into effect May 24, 2023; and

WHEREAS, this bill will be in effect on June 19, 2023 and as recognition of this holiday, no public business can be conducted on Juneteenth; and

WHEREAS, The City of Elysian will recognize Juneteenth as a holiday beginning June 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Elysian Personnel Policy shall be amended with the addition of Juneteenth as an observed holiday.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Elysian City Council established Juneteenth (June 19) as a City of Elysian holiday with the closure of City offices; and the date and rules of observance of the holiday shall be specified in Minnesota Statutes §645.44.

Voting on the Motion:

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

Voting in the Negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 12th day of June, 2023.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Sr., Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

A City of Elysian Compensation Study prepared by the Minnesota Valley Council of Governments was presented to the Council on April 26, 2023. The results of that study are that the average hourly compensation rate of all four full-time positions is 8.84% lower than market comparable. In an attempt

to provide a salary that is closer to the average, the Council has requested the cost to provide the four full-time employees with a 1.5% mid-year (effective the first pay period in July through December 31, 2023) increase to their hourly rate.

That total cost is as follows:

Wages:	\$1,702.40
FICA:	\$ 130.23
PERA:	<u>\$ 127.68</u>
Total Cost:	\$1,960.31

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Schnoor, to approve a 1.5% increase to the hourly rate of all full-time employees effective the first pay period in July 2023. Voting on the motion: Aye: Houlihan, McBroom, Schnoor. Nay: Westby.

The new door and keypad reader security system have been installed at the Tourism Center Building. There are two locked entrances to the door. Hawk Alarm System Inc. has provided a proposal to install the same keypad reader to those doors and have them all keyed the same. The proposal is in the amount of \$3,081.94. This amount is not budgeted but could possibly be paid from Cable Savings. There will also be a monthly access control fee of \$6.00 per door.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to approve the proposal in the amount of \$3,081.94 from Hawk Alarm Systems, Inc. to install the same keypad reader to the additional two entrance doors at the Tourism Center Building.

The Council discussed the light replacement on Main Street.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Schnoor, to approve the installation of (4) taller poles with cobra LED lights and aluminum poles at the intersections and (10) ten decorative lights with the aluminum pole style B with the 15-foot base mounted with decorative base color bronze with outlets or outlet capability and the acorn style LED Luminaire with the prepay rate for a contract of 25 years with an approximate project cost of \$125,000.

Thank you to Lake Area Women for donating and planting the flowers around the City and also to Audene and Kris Greenwald for help with planting.

The Council would like to recognize the Greenwald family in some way for all the beautification they have done in the City over the years. This was referred to the Park Board for consideration.

Westby spoke with regard to the wage study. He asked the Council to remember what these employees do for the City.

Houlihan stated he is 100% in support of the employees, but the Council cannot make wage adjustments mid-year.

McBroom stated the intent is 1.5% increase July 1 and a 1.5% increase end of 2023.

Westby stated the employees have the option to make more money elsewhere, but they choose to stay here and make less money because they love the City. This staff is a well-oiled machine, and the Council does not want to lose that.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, bills, payroll, and transfers were approved in the amount of \$629,434.30.

Public Comment: None.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Sr., Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator