

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL  
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING  
JULY 31, 2023**

The Elysian City Council held a budget workshop meeting on Monday, July 31, 2023 at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag.

Roll Call: Mayor Tom McBroom; Councilmembers Bobby Houlihan, Dennis Schnoor, Derek Westby; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke. Absent: Councilmember Bryan Suemnick.

Draft expense figures for the 2024 budget were submitted for consideration. The budget includes a 3% COLA for all full-time employees and a 1.5% increase to bring the wages closer to the market comparable for this area. Some of the additional increases presented were insurance, computer, cost of election year, new lawn mower and other park costs, clean/paint water tower, elbow and chemical injection sites, surge protector at well #3, and valves at sewer farm.

The Council directed staff to refigure the budget with a 3% COLA and a 10% increase and another version with a 3% COLA and a 12% increase for all full-time employees to increase to a wage that is comparable for this area.

Draft revenue figures for the 2023 budget were also submitted for consideration. Local Government Aid has a small increase and Elysian will receive Small City Assistance in the amount of \$24,758. There are no other notable changes to the revenue budget.

The proposed levy was discussed. A levy amount of \$106,856.55 is included for the storm sewer costs of the 2023 Street and Utility Improvement Project. The Council discussed funding this cost with an increase to the EUF charge to \$12.50 per month/unit and the remainder from the EUF fund balance.

The Council will review the documents presented and will meet again to discuss wages. A preliminary budget will be presented at the September Council Meeting.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Westby, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm.

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Tom McBroom, Sr, Mayor

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator