

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2023**

The Elysian City Council held a budget workshop meeting on Thursday, August 3, 2023 at City Hall at 5:30 pm.

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

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

The purpose of the workshop meeting was to discuss three levels of wage increases for four full-time employees and the impact to the 2024 budget and 2023 Levy payable 2024. The wage increases are being considered due to the results of a wage study that was performed and presented by Minnesota Valley Council of Governments on April 26, 2023.

Council considered the following:

1. 3% Cost of Living Increase plus 1.5% wage increase. The General Fund Levy would be below last year's figure and the sewer and water budget would be positive. Total levy increase would be 5.6%.
2. 3% Cost of Living Increase plus 10% wage increase. The General Fund Levy would be below last year's figure and the sewer and water budget would be positive. Total levy increase would be 7.1%.
3. 3% Cost of Living Increase plus 12% wage increase. The General Fund Levy would be below last year's figure and sewer and water budget would be positive. Total levy would increase by 7.5%.

There was consensus to include the 3% Cost of Living with the 12% wage increase in the preliminary levy to be approved September 11, 2023. There was also consensus to leave the General Fund Levy amount at \$530,826 as approved for the previous year's amount. This will result in a total increase of 8.8% in the preliminary levy.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Sr, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator