

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – AUGUST 2023

Thank you to the Elysian Area Chamber, Elysian Fire Department, Emergency Personnel, City employees, area businesses, and all the volunteers who contributed to a fun-packed National Night Out Event.

The basketball hoops are installed at the Sunset Park Sports Courts. The surfacing/stripping will be completed this month.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BRUSH PILE HOURS WILL BE CHANGED TO 1:00 TO 4:00 PM ON SATURDAYS STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 2nd AND GOING TO THE END OF THE SEASON. The City brush pile (located at the sanitary sewer pond off County Road 14) is open. The hours are Wednesdays 4:00 to 7:00 pm and Saturdays 8:30 am to 12:30 pm (THROUGH AUGUST 26TH) and then changing to 1:00 to 4:00 pm for the rest of the season. Open only to citizens of the City of Elysian. Leaves, brush, and tree wood allowed – no building materials.

The Elysian Area Chamber will be sponsoring the annual Fall Garage Sales on September 8th and 9th starting at 8:00 am. Free advertising will be provided on Facebook and LifeEnterprise. Sheets for listing your items for sale will be available at Elysian City Hall and Up Town Cuts. If you have any questions, please call 507-317-0532.

Hydrants will be flushed every third Thursday: September 21st, October 19th, and November 16th.

Mosquito Control of Iowa has been approved for the 2023 mosquito treatment. They determine spray dates based on the weather rather than a weekly schedule. Please call City Hall to be added to the notification list.

The Elysian Tourism Center basement – 100 Third St SW, is a designated storm shelter. The shelter will be open during a severe thunderstorm WARNING.

Per State Statute 88.171 there is no open burning of garbage allowed in the City of Elysian. Please be respectful to your neighbors and the environment.

The American Legion Post #311 Auxiliary will be changing their Omelet Breakfast to the Second Sunday of the Month starting in September. All proceeds from the September 10th Omelet Breakfast will be donated to the Sunset Sports Court.

The Lake Area Women are asking for donations of small cardboard/plastic jewelry boxes for a craft. They can be dropped off at City Hall.

UPCOMING ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER EVENTS: *Puzzle Derby* – September 6th at 9:00 am; *Romp & Rhyme Storytime* – Thursdays in September at 10:00 am; *Lego Club* – September 9th at 10:00 am; *Tea Towels* – September 13th at 6:00 pm; *Spice Club* – September 18 at 6:00 pm; *Book Talk* – September 20th at 10:00 am. For questions about events or to register please call 507-267-4411 or email libtle@tds.lib.mn.us. The library is looking for your old toy dolls. We would really appreciate the dolls being donated to the library for an upcoming program this fall. The dolls do not need to be in perfect condition. If you thrift store / garage sale shop and you spot a doll that would be good for this program, we would appreciate the donation. Things you should know: you will not get the dolls back, this is not something for your grandma's keepsake, this is for a kid's program in October. If you have any questions about this program, please call June 507-267-4411. Library Fall Book Sale September 9th – 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, weather permitting. The sale will be held along the east sidewalk of the Elysian Area Library Building. In the event of inclement weather, the sale will be cancelled.

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 AUGUST 14, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

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

Approved the minutes of the July 10, 2023 Regular Meeting, July 12, 2023 Emergency Meeting, July 31, 2023 Budget Workshop Meeting, and August 3, 2023 Budget Workshop Meeting.

Le Sueur County Chief Deputy Greenig reported all is quiet in the City of Elysian.

Public Comment: (For complete comments please see approved City Council minutes.)

Daniel Jarosz, 102 Fourth Street NW, stated that he agreed with the retail sales of THC being treated the same as retail sales of alcohol but that personal growing, etc. should not be delayed to January 1, 2025 as the State approves it now. The City Attorney noted that the Ordinance only refers to retail.

Clayton Roemhildt, 200 Jason Drive, stated he is not happy with the reconstruction of the Jason Drive cul-de-sac. It has resulted in a smaller cul-de-sac than was there before.

Held a Public Hearing and Approved Ordinance #106/23 – An Interim Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale, Testing, Manufacturing, Cultivating, Growing, Transporting, Delivery, and Distribution of Cannabis Products in the City of Elysian.

Steve Hoppe, Elysian American Legion Post #311 Little League, presented a brief recap of the year's activities and a request for funding.

Approved a Conditional Use Permit request from Jacob and Leslie Lee to convert two existing 40 x 60 Morton sheds located at 508 State Hwy 60 West into two short term rental units.

Council to consider an increase to the annual benefit level of Elysian Fire Relief to \$2,000.

Approved to pay for the repair to the curb, sidewalk, and pavement resulting from the repair to service line at 103 East Main Street.

Approved the request of John and Janice Manning to close the sewage treatment plant for the harvest of geese from midnight the day prior until 12:00 noon the day of for Friday, Saturday, and Sundays from September 2-17, and September 23-December 27, 2023; to allow the closure of Tustin Park for the same time periods if/when needed; and to allow the security of locking those areas with their own locking devices for safety and to provide signage to alert residents.

Approved Resolution #863/23 – Allowing Discharge of Firearms within City Limits during a Specified Period for the Purpose of Geese Management.

Approved W W Blacktopping, Inc. Change Order #1 in the amount of \$5,149. Approved W W Blacktopping Inc. Pay Application #3 in the amount of \$515,044.51.

Public Works reported the new roof is on the pavilion at Tustin Park and the basketball hoops are installed at Sunset Park Sports Courts. West Central Sanitation truck had a hydraulic leak today and there is a lot of hydraulic oil on City streets. Floor dry has been applied. Leak areas have been documented.

Approved Resolution #864/23 – Accepting Several Donations for the Sunset Park Sports Courts Renovation.

Approved the contract for collection, transportation, and disposal of garage, refuse, and recyclable materials for the City of Elysian, Le Sueur County with West Central Sanitation for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026.

Consensus to approve the Xcel Energy bid for streetlights on Main Street in the amount of \$132,936.

Reviewed a notice of zoning code violation for 205 East Highway 60.

Set Public Hearing to consider Ordinance #107/23, Prohibiting the Use of Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) Products in Public Places in the City of Elysian for Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$711,605.97.

Public Comments: (For complete comments please see approved City Council minutes.)

Daniel Jarosz, 102 Fourth Street NW, stated he would be against Ordinance #107/23 – Prohibiting the Use of THC in public places. He agreed that smoking THC should be in a designated area but did not see an issue with the use of edibles or oil in a public area.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.