

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – SEPTEMBER 2023

The tennis/pickleball/basketball courts are ready to go!! After months of anticipation, the facility can be enjoyed by all. Please do not park in the Elysian School parking lot. Please park on the street. Signage and a pathway from the sidewalk to the courts is still in the works for early 2024.

Please complete and return the enclosed seasonal garbage shut off form if you will be away this winter. Please complete a form EVEN if you submitted one for last year. Thanks!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BRUSH PILE HOURS HAVE BEEN 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 1:00 to 4:00 pm. PLEASE ALSO NOTE: Effective October 1st through October 31st the hours will be changed on Wednesdays to 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Open only to citizens of the City of Elysian. Leaves, brush, and tree wood allowed – no building materials.

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

The Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the “Spook Trail” on Saturday, October 28th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. (Please note the date). Sakatah Singing Hills Trail will be decorated from the intersection of the Elysian Bank to the intersection of Main Street and Third Avenue SW. Businesses are encouraged to decorate as well. Candy will be given out along Main Street and on the trail. The Elysian Area Fire Department will be providing complimentary hot dog, chips, and drink - 5:30 pm until gone at the Elysian Fire Hall. The Chamber needs volunteers to help set up the trail on the morning of the 28th starting at 10:00 am, during the event that evening handing out candy, and help cleaning up later in the evening. To volunteer, please call 507-317-0532 or leave your name / phone number at City Hall. Monetary donations may be mailed to Elysian Area Chamber, P.O. Box 95, Elysian, or candy / monetary donations can be dropped off at City Hall. All is appreciated.

Please note: Garbage and recycle rates will increase per West Central contract effective October 1, 2023.

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 has changed their Omelet Breakfast to the Second Sunday of the Month starting in September.

UPCOMING ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER EVENTS: *Shrinky Dinks* – October 2nd at 6:00 pm; *Puzzle Derby* – October 4th at 9:00 am; *Lego Club* – October 14th at 10:00 am; *Zombie Dolls* – October 16th at 6:00 pm; *Book Talk* – October 18th at 10:00 am; *Spice Club* – October 23rd at 6:00 pm. For questions about events or to register please call 507-267-4411 or email libtle@tds.lib.mn.us Please contact Anna 507-412-1059 or Rachel 507-317-9129 if you are interested in donating toward the silent auction. Items donated for auction must be at the library by October 15th. The silent auction will be October 23rd - 26th and will be on the Elysian Area Library Silent Auction Facebook Page.

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 SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

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

Approved the minutes of the August 14, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Le Sueur County Patrol Sergeant Dan Tousley was present. The Council noted recent vandalism at the Wayside Rest and requested enforcement of the 4-way stop at Main Street and County Road #11 between noon and 1:00 pm, and speed check on Main Street West.

Held a Public Hearing and Approved Ordinance #107/23 – An Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) Products in Public Places.

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

Nancy Dobson, 1238 Scenic Hideaway, appealed the denial of the construction of a bathroom and kitchen sink in the new barns that were built on their property. The Council denied the appeal.

Denied a Conditional Use Permit request from Jacob Lee to convert The Car Wash building located at 406 State Highway 60 into a short term rental unit.

Tabled a request from Max and Barb Venero, 209 Jill Lynn Circle, for conveyance of Out lot N, Roemhildt Second Addition.

Approved a Supplemental Letter Agreement with SEH Engineering in the amount of \$309,100 for work on the Project described as Elysian Water Treatment Plant – Final Design.

Approved W W Blacktopping Inc. Pay Application #4 in the amount of \$387,730.99. Approved W W Blacktopping, Inc. Change Order #2 in the amount of \$3,497.40.

Approved a quote from Bargaen Inc. in the amount of \$26,336 for various street repairs within the City.

Directed Staff to get quotes and notify West Central of the damage to pavement surface resulting from August 14, 2023 garbage truck oil leak.

Approved Resolution #866/23 – Accepting Donation from Brian and Sue Salzle for the Sunset Park Sports Courts Renovation.

Approved Resolution #867/23 – Accepting a Donation from the Elysian Fire Relief Association toward equipment.

Approved Resolution #868/23 – Adopting the 2024 Proposed Budget for the City of Elysian.

Approved Resolution #869/23 – Adopting the Preliminary 2023 Tax Levy, Payable 2024 City of Elysian in the amount of \$873,039 (8.8% increase). The Council will be working to reduce this amount before the final levy is set in December.

Set Truth in Taxation Hearing for December 11, 2023 at 6:05 pm. Public Comment will be taken on the 2024 Proposed Budget and the 2023 Tax Levy Payable in 2024.

Approved Resolution #870/23 – Setting Interest Rate at 5% for 2023 Street and Utility Improvement Project Assessments.

Approved Resolution #871/23 – Authorizing the City of Elysian to Submit Information to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (MPFA) and to Enter into a Grant Agreement with the MPFA.

Set Public Hearing to consider Ordinance #108/23, Amending the Short Term Rental Ordinance – Chapter 112 for Monday October 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Approved Voting Operations, Technology, & Election Resources (VOTER) Account Agreement.

Scheduled the City Administrator performance evaluation for Monday, October 9, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$497,405.56.

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

Nancy Dobson, 1238 Scenic Hideaway Lane, asked if a bathroom would be approved for the barns if there were not a shower. The Council stated that was not approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.