

Best wishes for a happy holiday season and a healthy 2024!
NOTES FROM CITY HALL – DECEMBER 2023

Thank you to Lake Area Women, the Elysian Area Fire Department, Megan James, all the businesses, volunteers, and City staff who contributed to the holiday celebration in Elysian on December 2nd. Thanks to all those in the community who participated and made the 2023 Christmas in Elysian a success. Thank you to Bryan Suemnick for providing the equipment to hang the high Christmas lights on Main Street.

There is now a sharps container located in front of the Elysian Fire Hall, 202 Main Street E, available for the public to use to safely dispose of sharps such as contaminated syringes, needles, lancets, scalpels, infusion needle sets, connection needles, and auto-injectors. Thank you for safely disposing of these items.

The City brush pile is closed for the season. It will reopen in the Spring when the weather allows.

WIN Elysian Dollars in Elysian Area Chamber Christmas Drawing 2023. Make a purchase at any Elysian business and your Christmas card will be stamped for the purchase amount in \$1, \$5, or \$10 amounts. When your card is filled, deposit each card with name, address and phone number filled in, at any Elysian business (no limit on cards used). The final drawing will be on December 22nd. (All prior entries will be included in the final drawing.) First prize \$75, Second prize \$50, Third prize \$50.

If anyone is in need or you know of anyone in need this holiday season or would like to donate/purchase a gift, please contact Pat Nusbaum 507-317-0532. All is kept confidential.

The Elysian Area Chamber wishes to thank all the members, volunteers, who set aside time to help with all the projects that were accomplished this past year. To the Elysian Community, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Please Note: Per City Ordinance §70.01 – (B1) At 3 inches of snow accumulation or more, no parking or leaving cars on any street or avenue will be allowed between the hours of 5:00 am and 10:00 am. (B2) Notwithstanding the above, parking in the Central Business District shall be prohibited between the hours of 2:00 am and 7:00 am between the dates of November 15th and April 15th.

After the Christmas holiday, Public Works will be picking up and disposing of live Christmas trees through the end of January. Please remove all decorations from the tree and place it at the curb for pick up.

UPCOMING ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER EVENTS: *Puzzle Derby* – January 3rd at 9:00 am; *Romp and Rhyme Storytime* – January 9th at 10:00 am; *Crochet and Conversation* – January 6th at 10:00 am; *Book Talk* – January 17th at 10:00 am; *Wellness Saturday* – January 27th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (Includes Meditation, Naturomedical Doctor, and Lifestyle Organization). Book Blizzard adult reading program is January 1st – February 29th. Read and win prizes. This is for adult ages 18+. Register at the library. Prizes throughout the program and grand prize drawing at the end. For questions about events or to register please call 507-267-4411 or email libtle@tds.lib.mn.us

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
DECEMBER 11, 2023 AT 6:00 PM**

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

Approved the minutes of the November 13, 2023 Special and Regular Meeting, and November 28, 2023 Special Workshop Meeting.

Le Sueur County Captain Bruce Collins reported there has been extra patrol on Main Street this past month. He will ask the deputies to continue to keep an eye on it.

Mayor McBroom congratulated Nicole Lamont on being awarded the designation of Minnesota Certified Municipal Clerk. Nicole was commended for her dedication and hard work.

Held the Truth in Taxation Hearing and approved the 2024 Final Budget (Resolution #880/23) and Tax Levy for 2023 payable 2024 (Resolution #881/23). The levy increased from \$802,483 (payable in 2023) to \$873,039 (payable in 2024) which is an 8.8% increase. The increase is a result of increased health, liability and work comp insurance costs, purchase of tractor/loader, election year, new mower, additional security on City buildings, additional street and utility debt, and replace streetlights on Main Street. The City tax rate is 54.70%.

Public Comment: None.

Approved W W Blacktopping Inc. Pay Application #7 in the amount of \$93,669.66.

Approved a Supplemental Letter Agreement with SEH Engineering, Inc. for General Engineering Services provided through December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$2,500.

Held a public hearing and approved Ordinance #110/23 – Regulating Solar Energy Systems in the City of Elysian, Le Sueur County, Minnesota.

Denied a request from the homeowner at 205 Third Street NW for credit for sewer charges on a second meter.

Approved the Minnesota Department of Health Compliance Agreement with regard to Combined Radium 226 & 228.

Approved Resolution #878/23 – Approving Election Judges for the 2024 Presidential Nomination Primary.

Approved Resolution #879/23 – Directing Delinquent Utility Charges be Placed on the Property Taxes Payable in 2024.

Approved 2024 On Sale, Off Sale, Club, Sunday, and Soft Drink Licenses.

Approved the Personnel Policy as revised December 2023.

Approved the 2024 Full-Time Employee Wage Adjustments.

Set the 2023 Year End Meeting for Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$358,112.68.

Public Comment: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.