

## NOTES FROM CITY HALL – MARCH 2024

Hydrants will be flushed starting March 21, 2024 and every third Thursday thereafter: April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, and November 21.

The City brush pile (located at the sanitary sewer pond off County Road 14) will open for the season Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting). The hours are Wednesdays 4:00 to 7:00 pm and Saturdays 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Open only to citizens of the City of Elysian. Leaves, brush, and tree wood allowed – no building materials.

Severe Weather Awareness Week is from April 8<sup>th</sup> through April 12<sup>th</sup>. Tornado Drill Day is Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Le Sueur County 2024 Board of Review & Equalization will be April 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at Le Sueur County Government Center (Courthouse) – Open Book.

Waseca County 2024 Board of Review & Equalization will be April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Waseca County Courthouse - Open Book.

There will be a Potluck at the Elysian Methodist Church, 201 Fourth Street on April 10<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon.

The City of Elysian Emergency Management team is looking to add additional team members. If you are interested in joining the Elysian Emergency Management Team, please contact Elysian City Hall for more information at 507-267-4708. New team members would need to attend Skywarn Training on April 10, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the Le Sueur Government Center (courthouse).

The Elysian Area Chamber sponsored Winter's Farmer's Market will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Main Street Venue, 117 East Main Street. For more information about becoming a vendor please contact Tasha 507-995-0687 or Ellie at 507-521-2234.

The American Legion Post 311 – Elysian Omelette Bar will be held the second Sunday of the Month from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon.

Mark your calendar: Chamber sponsored City Wide Garage Sales will be held May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Free advertising. Pick up your registration form at City Hall or Uptown Cuts. Registration form must be returned no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> to be included in advertising.

City-wide Clean Up will be held May 18<sup>th</sup> at Lake Francis Park. More details to come.

Elysian 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration will kick off on the evening of July 2<sup>nd</sup> with the Miss Elysian Pageant with events continuing through July 7<sup>th</sup>. Fireworks will be Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> following Fireman's Bingo under the tent.

**UPCOMING ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER EVENTS:** *Book Talk* – March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am; *Puzzle Derby* – April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am; *Walleye Wisdom with Terry Tuma* – April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm; *Lego Club* – April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am; *Construction Site: Let's Build* – April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am; *Book Talk* – April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. For questions about events or to register please call 507-267-4411 or email [libtle@tds.lib.mn.us](mailto:libtle@tds.lib.mn.us) The library will be taking book donations for the upcoming May and July book sales until May 1<sup>st</sup>. Accepted: gently used puzzles, board games, books - child through adult. Not accepted: cassette tapes, encyclopedias, VHS, used magazines. After May 1<sup>st</sup>, the library will not resume receiving donations until September 1<sup>st</sup>. This is due to space limitation. Thank you for your understanding.

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 MARCH 11, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Tom McBroom, Sr.; Councilmembers Bobby Houlihan, Dennis Schnoor; Bryan Suemnick, and Derek Westby; City Administrator Lorri Kopsischke; Public Works Director Ron Greenwald; City Attorney Jason Moran. Absent: None

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

Approved the minutes of the February 12, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Le Sueur County Commissioner Rohlifing reported that phase 2 of the government center remodel should be completed this month with the parking lot renovation completed at the end of July. Commissioners are working on a

policy to address safety concerns at intersections. In response to the discussion at the January Council meeting regarding the curve on County Road #11 by Glen's Beach, the county is requesting to clear cut some trees off the land to make a clear path so that if a vehicle does go off the road, it will not hit an object and result in injury or death. Suemnick asked if the radius of the curve of the actual road could be changed.

Rohlfing reported bids are being opened for sealcoat and road striping. CSAH 16 from CSAH 13 to CSAH 15 will be rehabbed this summer. The feed lot ordinance has been completed and Commissioners are working on updating the solid waste ordinance. The Comprehensive Plan is being updated.

Le Sueur County Chief Deputy Nick Greenig reported all has been quiet in the City. The Council asked Greenig to address a small black car that has been traveling at very high speeds on State Highway 60, stop sign violations at the corner of Main Street and County Road #11, and vehicles parked in the no parking zone on Third Street SW.

Public Comment: None.

Held a public hearing and adopted Ordinance #112/24 – An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 154 – Floodplain Management in its Entirety and Replacing Enacting Ordinance #112/24 Floodplain Management.

Set a public hearing for consideration of Ordinance #113/24 – An Ordinance Regulating Native Plantings consistent with MSA §412.925 for April 8, 2024 at 6:15 pm.

Accepted a proposal from Braun Intertec in the Lump Sum of \$23,210 to perform soil testing and make recommendations for the WTP foundation, as well as recommendations for the water main installation.

Accepted a proposal from Wigen Water in the amount of \$115,750 to perform a 3-month Reverse Osmosis Pilot Study for the WTP to include greensand gravity filter pretreatment.

Approved Resolution #889/24 – Supporting Application to Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for Regional Trail Program.

Directed staff to provide quotes for a 72" deck Toro, John Deere, and Cub Cadet mower with treads.

Directed staff to obtain a quote to tint the City Hall windows.

Reviewed the Commercial Environmental Utility fees and capped the rate at \$175 per month.

Set a public hearing to consider a request for off sale, on sale, and Sunday Liquor for KRO Bar, Inc. d/b/a Thirsty Beaver Bar for April 8, 2024 at 6:05 pm.

Accepted the Resignation of Firefighter Bobby Houlihan effective January 31, 2024.

Accepted the Resignation of Firefighter Matthew Olson effective January 15, 2024.

Approved Resolution #890/24 – Accepting a Donation from Ron and Laura Romnes for the Sunset Park Sports Court Renovation.

Approved Resolution #891/24 – Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the City of Elysian on behalf of its City Attorney.

Approved renewal of the 10-year Elysian Area Fire Protection Agreement.

Set a special meeting for the Audit Report for April 8, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Approved the 2024 Contract with Mosquito Control in the amount of \$4,060.

The EDA will fund the repair of the Wayside Rest sign and keep the postings up to date.

Reminder of Joint Meeting with City Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, and Economic Development Authority on February 27, 2024 at 6:00 pm to discuss the update to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Received an update from Le Sueur County that a FEMA grant was received to complete the Upper Cannon River Flood Study. Received notice from Xcel Energy that smart meters will be installed on homes in Elysian April through September, 2024.

Approved advertising to hire (5) five firefighters. Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$154,693.67.

Public Comment: None. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.