

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
JULY 23, 2024**

The Elysian City Council held a budget workshop meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

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

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

Draft expense figures for the 2025 budget were submitted for consideration. The budget includes a 3% COLA for all full-time employees. Some of the additional increases presented were insurance, computer, generator at City Hall and additional security at the Wayside Rest Building, street sweeper refurbish, gator or small tractor to run tiller at park, trail system, playground equipment, exhaust fan for concession building, clean/paint water tower, Lift Station #2 start up drives, manhole rehabilitation, pontoon motor.

Draft revenue figures for the 2025 budget were also submitted for consideration. There are no notable changes to the revenue budget.

According to the current figures, the water expense is \$36,000 more than the water revenue and the sewer expense is \$21,875 more than the sewer revenue.

The proposed levy was discussed. The proposed general fund levy amount is \$41,590 higher than last year's general levy. The total proposed levy is \$901,573 which is \$28,534 – a 3.3% increase from previous year.

The Council asked staff to get quotes for a generator at City Hall and at Lift Station #2. They also requested quotes for a small tractor. The Council will review the documents presented and will meet again to discuss. A preliminary budget will be presented at the September Council Meeting.

Schnoor reported that the Elysian Area Fire Department is considering the purchase of a 2005 Freightliner from the State Fire Marshal division, MN Department of Public Safety.

The Council discussed a request to dedicate the basketball courts located at the sports courts. The City does not currently have a policy on this and would need to discuss this further.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Sr, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator