

## NOTES FROM CITY HALL – AUGUST 2024

Thank you to the Elysian Area Chamber, all the volunteers, Elysian Area Fire Department, Le Sueur County Sheriff's Department, area businesses, and City staff for a fun-filled National Night Out Event!

Hydrants will be flushed every third Thursday: September 19<sup>th</sup>, October 17<sup>th</sup>, and November 21<sup>st</sup>.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BRUSH PILE HOURS WILL BE CHANGED TO 1:00 TO 4:00 PM ON SATURDAYS STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>) 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 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mosquito Control of Iowa has been approved for 2024 mosquito treatment. They determine spray dates based on the weather rather than a weekly schedule. Please call or email City Hall to be added to the notification list.

The Elysian Tourism Center basement – 100 Third Street 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.

UPCOMING ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER EVENTS: The Library will be closed September 2<sup>nd</sup>. *How to Make Sushi geared for teens* – Sept 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm; *Fall Book Sale* – Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1:00 to 3:00 pm and Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am to 12:00 noon; *Paranormal Minnesota geared for all ages* – Sept 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm; *Candle Painting geared for adults* – Sept 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am; *Viking Age geared for all ages* - Sept 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am; *Fall Nature Prints geared for ages 4 to 7* – Sept 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. For questions about events or to register call 507-267-4411 or email [libtle@tds.lib.mn.us](mailto:libtle@tds.lib.mn.us)

Silent Auction Item Request: The Elysian Area Library & Heritage Ctr will be hosting our Fourth Annual Online Silent Auction. Please consider donating a NEW item, service, or basket of new items. Items can be dropped off during library open hours by September 26<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to have items picked up contact Rachel at 507-317-9129 or Anna 507-412-1059. Bidding dates will be October 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>. All bidding occurs online on the Elysian Area Silent Auction Facebook page. If you would like to make a cash donation to the library, donations can be mailed to Elysian Area Library, PO Box 10, Elysian, MN 56028. Thank you.

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 12, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

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

Approved the minutes of the July 8, 2024 Regular Meeting and July 23, 2024 Budget Workshop Meeting.

Le Sueur County Commissioner Steve Rohlfing stated seal coating is wrapped up, line striping continues, and road construction of the county roads should be finished by the end of September. The Le Sueur County Board recently transferred land that was partially in the County and partially in the City of Le Center to the County Fair Board. The Government Center remodel continues, and the County has open staffing positions. The Cannon River Flood Study is coming close to the end with proposals for mitigation to hold water upland, so it does not migrate downstream as fast.

Westby stated that there was another bad accident on County Road #11 at the curve near Glen's Beach Road. The trees have not been clear cut, and no guardrail has been installed. Rohlfing will look into this.

Le Sueur County Chief Deputy Nick Greenig stated things are going well. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration was uneventful. They are providing increased patrol while the streetlights are being replaced.

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

Pat Nusbaum, 104 Park Avenue NE, representing the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Sheriff's Department for their patrol, the City Council for the monetary donation, and the City crew for all their support during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

Tom Mutch, 1250 Scenic Hideaway Lane, provided an email from Mike Schultz, LSCWCD, who had visited his property, and had suggestions to alleviate the flooding issues. Mutch would like someone from the City to come and look at how the water flows onto his property and into Ray's Lake.

Approved a request from John and Janice Manning to change the times the brush pile is open on Saturday from September 1 until end of season to 1:00 to 4:00 pm to accommodate goose harvest.

Approved Resolution #910/24 – Allowing Discharge of Firearms within City limits from September 1-15 and September 21-December 25 for the purpose of Geese Control.

Approved Resolution #897/24 – Approving a Conditional Use Permit Request of Ron and Laura Romnes to operate an Indoor Archery Range at 109 Main Street East.

Representatives of Willow Point Drive were present to discuss improvements to the private drive. A future meeting will be held to discuss.

Approved and Accepted W W Blacktopping, Inc. Pay Application No.9 in the amount of \$107,178.26.

Approved Resolution #911/24 – Approval of Application to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority for Loan for construction of the Water Treatment Plant.

Approved the purchase of 4 each 20-foot stainless steel pipe sections from McNeilus Steel, Inc, to repair Lift Station A.

Approved Resolution #912/24 – To Change the Date of the Regularly Scheduled November City Council Meeting from November 11 to November 12, 2024 due to the Legal Veteran's Day Holiday.

Approved Resolution #913/24 – Approving Municipal Maintenance Agreement between Le Sueur County and the City of Elysian for Calendar Year 2024 in the amount of \$12,533.62.

Approved Resolution #914/24 – Expressing Support for the City of Elysian Acquiring Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Real Estate Along the Sakatah Singing Hills Trail.

Approved Resolution #915/24 – Accepting a Donation from the Elysian Fire Department Tax Relief in the amount of \$40,000 toward the purchase of a Fire Truck.

Approved Purchase of a 2005 Freightliner M2 (medium/heavy rescue truck) from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety State Fire Marshal Office in the amount of \$100,000.

Approved Resolution #916/24 – Authorizing the City of Elysian to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (Francis Lake Fishing Pier Project).

Approved the Burkhardt & Burkhardt, Ltd. Engagement Letter to Prepare the City of Elysian Audit for the Years Ending December 31, 2024, December 31, 2025, and December 31, 2026.

Accepted the Updated Comprehensive Land Use Plan and set a Public Hearing for September 9, 2024 at 6:05 pm.

Approved an Estimate from St Croix Recreation for a Portable Pickleball Court for the Sunset Park Sport Courts in the amount of \$2,516.12. Approved an Estimate from St Croix Recreation for (2) two benches and necessary concrete anchors for Lake Tustin Park in the amount of \$1,658.12.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$284,559.70.

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

Mark Sybilrud, 514 Lake Avenue NW, asked what the green stuff is on the water tower. It looks terrible.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.