

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – SEPTEMBER 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 WILL BE CHANGED TO 1:00 TO 4:00 PM ON SATURDAYS STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 7th 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 pm 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 19th, October 17th, and November 21st.

FYI: Members of the HSEM Radiological Preparedness staff will be in Le Sueur County taking ambient radiation readings using Geiger counters between now and the end of October. They will have identification with them. If you would like more information on radiological preparedness visit their website: www.hsem.dps.mn.gov

Meet Your Candidates Event for local elections (Mayor and Council) will be held October 23, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the American Legion Post #311 - 104 Main Street East.

The Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the “Spook Trail” on Saturday, October 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. 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 - 5:00 pm until gone at the Elysian Fire Hall. The Chamber needs volunteers to help set up the trail on the morning of the 26th, during the event that evening handing out candy, and help cleaning up later in the evening. To volunteer, please call 507-995-3146 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.

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: *Viking Age geared for all ages* - Sept 28th at 10:00 am; *Fall Nature Prints geared for ages 4 to 7* – Sept 30th at 6:00 pm. For questions about events or to register call 507-267-4411 or email 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 26th. 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 1st – 4th. 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 American Legion Post #311 Auxiliary will hold their Omelet Breakfast on the Second Sunday of the Month starting in September.

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 9, 2024 AT 6:00 PM**

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

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

Le Sueur County Captain Bruce Collins reported that things in the community are going well. Of the August calls for service, 50% were traffic related.

Held a public hearing and adopted the 2024 Amended Elysian Comprehensive Land Use Plan as official City Policy.

Public Comment: Barbara Eggers, 213 East Main Street reported that she uses the trail a lot and she has trimmed back the branches on two of the benches along the trail so that they are able to be used. She asked that whoever is responsible for those benches maintain them.

Adopted Ordinance No. 117/24 – Rezoning 213 East Main Street from C-1 Central Business Commercial to R-1 General Residential and calling for a change in the Zoning Map reflecting the rezoning.

Adopted Ordinance No. 118/24 – Rezoning 205 East Main Street from C-1 Central Business Commercial to R-1 General Residential and calling for a change in the Zoning Map to reflect the rezoning.

Approved Resolution No. 917/24 – Adopting Findings of Fact and Reasons for Approval of Variance Application of Louis and Mary Schaar at 111 North Shore Drive.

Approved Resolution No. 918/24 – Approving Conditional Use Permit for Leo Brown at 117 Willow Point Drive to operate a Bed & Breakfast Establishment.

Authorized the City Administrator, City Attorney, and City Engineer to develop a solution to repair damages and to obtain quotes for said repair to the Lewis Lane cul-de-sac pavement, curb and right of way caused when removing a nuisance tree.

Approved to pre-authorize SEH Engineering to solicit quotes to hire an archeological firm to perform a Phase 1 Archeological Survey for the Sunset Park Local Trail Connection Grant as required by the MN Department of Administration State Historic Preservation Office.

Received a report from Greenwald with a request to address runoff at 1234/1250 Scenic Hideaway Lane. There was Council consensus that this is a private drainage dispute between two property owners. The City will not be taking any additional action on this matter.

The Main Street streetlight project is complete. This project was mandated by Xcel Energy as the streetlights were 30 years old, the contract was no longer valid, and Xcel would no longer service the existing streetlights.

Approved Resolution No. 919/24 – Acknowledging and Accepting a Donation from Bob and Nancy Traxler to the Elysian Emergency Management Department.

Approved Resolution No. 920/24 – Adopting the 2024 preliminary budget for the City of Elysian, Le Sueur and Waseca Counties.

Approved Resolution No. 921/24 – Adopting the Preliminary 2024 Tax Levy, Payable 2025 City of Elysian, Le Sueur and Waseca Counties. The preliminary levy results in a 6% increase from last year's tax levy.

Set the Truth in Taxation Hearing for Monday, December 9, 2024 at 6:05 pm. Public comment will be taken on the 2025 final budget and the 2024 Tax Levy payable in 2025.

Set the City Administrator performance review for Monday, October 14, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Received report on the Reverse Osmosis Test Pilot.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$124,919.46.

Public Comment: None The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.