

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2024**

The Elysian City Council held a budget workshop meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at City Hall at 4:00 pm.

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

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

The Council considered proposed health benefit costs for full-time employees for 2025. The medical insurance premiums have increased by 12.7%. Dental and vision costs remain the same. The City HSA contribution has not increased since 2022. The proposed annual City contribution for 2025 is \$4,200.

Quotes were provided for a compact tractor. The cost for the tractor, loader arms, iMatch Quick Hitch, and mower attachment will be approximately \$40,000. It was agreed to allot \$18,000 in the budget for this item split between street, park, water, and sewer funds.

The proposed levy was discussed. The preliminary general fund levy amount is \$64,765 higher than last year's general levy. The total proposed levy is \$924,748 which is \$51,709 higher than last year's levy – a 5.9% increase from previous year.

The Council discussed the quotes from Hawk Alarm Systems, Inc. for remote access/auto lock and cameras for the Wayside Rest Building. Due to the cost of the security relative to the vandalism that is occurring, the Council will wait on those upgrades. The Council then asked for quotes for security upgrades to City Hall to include video monitoring and key access for door locks. The Council discussed quotes from TextMyGov for a notification system and will not include this item in the 2025 budget.

The Council directed staff to continue to research an update to the sound system in City Hall.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Westby, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 pm.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Sr, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator