

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – FEBRUARY 2025

The water utility rates have increased effective January 1, 2025. The water utility base charge has increased from \$19.00 to \$20.00, and the user charge has increased from \$9.50 per 1,000 gallons to \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons. The Janesville Township water utility base charge has increased from \$38.00 to \$40.00, and the user charge has increased from \$9.50 per 1,000 gallons to \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons. The sewer utility rate and the environmental utility fund (EUF) rate will not change.

The City of Elysian Emergency Management team is looking to add some additional team members. If you are interested in joining the Elysian Emergency Management Team, please contact Elysian City Hall for more information: 507-267-4708.

American Legion Post #311 Elysian Little League 2025 Registration dates are February 22nd from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, March 1st 9:00 am to Noon, and March 14th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Elysian Tourism Center. Questions: elysianlittleleague@gmail.com

Elysian American Legion Post #311 Destination Bingo is February 22nd at 6:30 pm. Presale Only.

Le Sueur County Free Fair Bingo is March 1st at the Le Center Legion Post #108. Doors open at 4:00 pm and Bingo is at 6:00 pm. www.lesueurcountyfair.org

The Le Sueur County 2025 Board of Review & Equalization (Open Book) will be held April 15, 2025 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Le Sueur County Government Center (Courthouse), Le Center.

The Waseca County 2025 Local Board of Appeal & Equalization (Open Book) will be held April 22, 2025 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Waseca County Courthouse, 307 State Street, Waseca.

Mark your calendar: The Spring Clean Up will be held Saturday, May 17th at Lake Francis Park.

Please Note: Per City Ordinance §70.01 – (B1) At 3 inches of snow accumulation or more, no parking or leaving cars on any street or avenue will be allowed between the hours of 5:00 am and 10:00 am. (B2) Notwithstanding the above, parking in the Central Business District shall be prohibited between the hours of 2:00 am and 7:00 am between the dates of November 15th and April 15th.

UPCOMING ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER EVENTS: *Egg Carton Bunny Portraits* – February 24th at 6:00 pm. For questions about events or to register call 507-267-4411 or email libtle@tds.lib.mn.us. Recycle Aluminum Cans for the Library & Heritage Ctr. – Collection trailer located on north side of Elysian Shop Building. Available 24 hours / 7 days a week.

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 FEBRUARY 10, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Tom McBroom, Sr.; Councilmembers Paul Hunter (via Microsoft Teams), Dennis Schnoor and Bryan Suemnick; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Public Works Director Ron Greenwald. Absent: Councilmember Derek Westby; City Attorney Jason Moran.

Mayor McBroom presented retired Councilmember Bobby Houlihan with a plaque of appreciation. The Council thanked Houlihan for his dedicated service to the citizens of Elysian, City Council, EDA, and Park Board from November 2015 to January 2025.

Approved the minutes of the January 13, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Le Sueur County Captain Bruce Collins reported that there have not been any issues or concerns in the City. The area as a whole has been quiet. Suemnick noted a bad spot in the ice on Lake Francis located west of the public access. Collins will follow up with this.

Public Comment:

Max Venero, 209 Jill Lynn Circle, asked if the City was planning to build a new fire hall. Schnoor stated that there are no plans to build a fire hall at this time.

John Manning, 205 Park Avenue NE, expressed appreciation to Houlihan for all he has done for the City as a councilmember and on all the commissions he was a part of. It is fantastic to see a citizen step up and do what he did and to share his wealth of knowledge with the City.

Opened the bids received for the lease of approximately 12 acres of tillable land (Parcel ID# 16.999.0310 and ID# 16.999.0300) for the term of three years ending December 31, 2027. Bid was awarded to Richard and Pamela Fischer in the amount of \$275 per acre per first right of refusal.

Heard a request from Chris Short, representing Mount Juliet Holding Co., for an exception to the density requirement of the short term rental license, to allow a short term rental license for the property at 305 First Street N. The Council discussed the ordinance with Short and suggested possible options for use of the property that would not require an exception to the short term rental license.

Approved the purchase and installation of two (2) Marley 220 electric heaters at the west wellhouse in the amount of \$4,335.

Approved repair of the critical items on the City-owned street sweeper by Sweeper Services, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 and to approve Cody Ulrich for the transportation in an amount not to exceed \$900.

Approved the purchase of a John Deere 2038R Compact Utility Tractor from Kibble Equipment in Mankato in the amount not to exceed \$31,000.

Received report of blockage in sanitary sewer system in Roemhildt's Water's Edge Third Addition. Pipe will be monitored and replaced in the spring.

Received report of water leak at curb stop at 5 Egret Lane. Will continue to monitor.

Approved Resolution 941/25 – Declaring Equipment as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of the Same (streetlights removed from Main Street).

Approved the appointment of Dan Engebretson to the Elysian Planning and Zoning Commission – 3 year term.

Accepted the resignation of Eric Muellerleile as Fire Fighter of the Elysian Fire Department effective January 1, 2025.

Accepted the resignation of Joel LaFrance as Fire Fighter of the Elysian Fire Department effective February 1, 2025.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$668,741.19.

Public Comment:

Bryan Suemnick stated that he will be submitting his resignation as Councilmember as he is moving out of City limits. He appreciates all that he has learned by being on the City Council. It has been very educational. He knows that there are a lot of good candidates for his seat.

Mark Sybilrud, 514 Lake Avenue NW, presented the "Home of Rose Hollermann" and "Home of Jerry Terrell" signs.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.