

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – APRIL 2025

Hydrants will be flushed every third Thursday: May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, and November 20.

The City brush pile (located at the sanitary sewer pond off County Road 14) is now open for the season. The hours are Wednesdays from 4:00 to 7:00 pm and Saturdays 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Open only to citizens of the City of Elysian. Leaves, brush, and tree wood allowed – no building materials.

Annual Water Quality Report. The 2024 Consumer Confidence Report of the City of Elysian Drinking Water will not be published or mailed but is available at: <https://www.elysianmn.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/consumer-confidence-report-2023.pdf> You can view your 2024 annual water quality report and learn more about your drinking water. To speak with someone about the report please call 507-267-4708. If you would like a paper copy of the report, please stop by City Hall to pick up a paper copy, call 507-267-4708 and we will mail you a copy of the report, or email Lorri@elysianmn.com for an electronic copy of the report.

The City of Elysian Emergency Management team is looking to add 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.

Please Note: The Elysian Tourism Center basement – 100 Third St SW, is a designated storm shelter. The shelter will be open during a severe thunderstorm WARNING.

The Elysian Chamber Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 30th at the Elysian American Legion from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Appetizers. Door Prizes, Awards and Free Beer Tasting!

The Elysian Chamber sponsored Citywide Garage Sales will be held May 9th and 10th. Free advertising. Sign-up sheets will be available at City Hall and Uptown Cuts.

The Elysian Citywide Spring Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, May 17th at Lake Francis Park from 8:00 to 11:00 am.

The Elysian 4th of July celebration will kick off the evening of July 2nd with the Miss Elysian Pageant. Celebration events will continue through July 6th. A complete schedule will be available soon!

UPCOMING ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER EVENTS: *Puzzle Derby* – May 7th at 9:00 am, *Signs and Symbols* – May 12th at 5:30 pm (teens), *Stenciled Book Edges* – May 31st at 10:30 am (teens and adults). The Spring Book Sale will be May 9th and 10th. Open Hours (9:00 am to 12 noon and 1:00 to 3:00 pm Friday; 10:00 am to 12 noon Saturday) So many books. Come and check it out! 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.

There will be a Potluck at the Elysian Methodist Church, 201 Fourth Street NW on May 14th at 12:00 noon.

Le Sueur County Master Gardeners Horticulture Day April 26th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Le Sueur County Fairgrounds. <http://zumn.edu/LeSueurMGHortDay2025>

Sourdough101@Thirsty Beaver Bar, May 18th 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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 APRIL 14, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

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

Public Comment: None.

Approved the Consent Agenda to include: Minutes of the March 10, 2025 Regular Meeting and March 17, 2025 Workshop Meeting; Bills, Payroll, and Transfers in the amount of \$791,347.55; Elysian Area Chamber 4th of July Items – Provide Police Protection and Porta Pots in an amount up to \$3,000, Approve Resolution #951/25 – Temporary 4-day Liquor License, Approve to Close Streets.

Le Sueur County Chief Deputy Nick Greenig reported that it has been quiet in the area. The Water Patrol will begin placing buoys this week. Water Patrol Officers are Jim Staupe and Bryce Hermel. Greenig thanked the Council for supporting the Cannon River Drug & Violent Offender Task Force.

Approved Resolution #950/25 – Adopting Findings of Fact and Reasons for Approval for an After-the-Fact Variance Application of Duane Pawelk at 2 Roots Beach Lane

Received an update on the improvements to the little league fields. The Council thanked Steve Hoppe and those involved for all their hard work and contributions and donations.

Approved the request to close Main Street East from County Road #11 to Second Street NE on August 23, 2025 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm to facilitate the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Run.

Received a memo from SEH Engineering to assess the feasibility of improving the existing drainage ditch and watershed at Sakatah Trails Estate. No Council action was taken.

Approved Empire Pipe Services to televise the sewer main at Shoreview Drive, Roemhildts Waters Edge 3rd Addition in the amount of \$1,662.

Approved the cost share with the City of Cleveland of a KERF cutter in the amount of \$1,600.

Approved the estimate from Volkman Electric for purchase and installation of two (2) new contact point kits for Lift Station #2 in the amount of \$1,323.

Approved the proposal of Clayton Roemhildt & Sons Concrete to build a concrete pad for the installation of a generator behind City Hall in the amount of \$3,950.

Approved the estimate of Volkman Electric in the amount of \$16,025 to wire the new generator at City Hall.

Did not accept the offer to purchase the used City streetlights and accessories and will instead store them at the sewer farm for possible City utilization.

Approved advertising for a summer temporary employee at the rate of \$14 per hour for up to 40 hours per week for 12 weeks.

Approved the purchase of 4 – 15 foot aluminum player's benches for the dugouts at Sunset Park little league fields in the amount of \$3,609.24.

Approved the purchase of the identification signs for the little league fields as follows: Lake Francis City Park Beach Field, Sunset Park Field #1, and Sunset Park Field #2 in the amount of \$139.35.

Tabled the consideration of the estimate to install a 90-amp service at Sunset Park.

Approved the purchase of the PA system equipment from Amazon as presented in the amount of \$1,689.75 for installation in City Hall Council Chambers.

Set a public hearing to receive public input on Ordinance #128/25 – An Ordinance to Amend the Midcontinent Franchise Agreement Ordinance #90/18.

Tabled the consideration of Resolution #949/25 – Vacating a Portion of a Driveway and Utility Easement at 128 Willow Point Drive pending engineer review.

Approved enrollment for the payment processing services of Nuvei interfaced with Banyon Software.

Approved Owatonna Groundmasters for 2025 Mosquito Control Services.

Tabled the consideration of the 2025 Goose Control to gather further information and discuss at a meeting with City Attorney present.

Public Comment: None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.