

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – AUGUST 2025

Thank you to the Elysian Area Chamber, the Elysian Area Fire Department, Le Sueur County Sheriff's Office, City staff, businesses, and volunteers for a fun-filled National Night Out event. Thank you to all who attended.

NOTICE – CITY COUNCIL VACANCY: The City of Elysian is seeking letters of interest from residents to fill a vacancy on the City Council. The individual appointed will serve the remainder of the current term, which expires December 31, 2026.

Eligibility to Serve: Under Minnesota law, to be eligible to serve on a City Council, you must: 1. Be an eligible voter in Minnesota; 2. Be at least 21 years of age upon assuming office; 3. Have been a resident of the City of Elysian for at least 30 days prior to appointment.

Application Process: Please submit a letter of interest outlining your background, experience, and reasons for wanting to serve. Letters must be received by Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

Selection Timeline: August 28, 2025 – Letters of interest due. September 3, 2025 – Candidate interviews held. September 8, 2025 – City Council appointment.

How to Submit: Letters of interest may be: Dropped off at City Hall: 110 W Main Street, Elysian, MN 56028; Mailed to: PO Box 246, Elysian, MN 56028; Emailed to: lorri@elysianmn.com

Help shape the future of Elysian – your voice matters! For questions, please contact Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator, at 507-267-4708 or lorri@elysianmn.com.

Hydrants will be flushed every third Thursday: August 21st, September 18th, October 16th, and November 20th.

The City brush pile (located at the sanitary sewer pond off County Road 14) is open. 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.

Owatonna Groundmasters has been approved for the 2025 mosquito treatment. They will service the City the 2nd to 3rd week of each month in the late afternoon or early evening. They will let us know the day before they plan to service the City. Please contact City Hall (507-267-4708 or lorri@elysianmn.com) to be added to the notification list.

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.

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: Flower Crafts (geared for adults) – August 23rd at 10:30 am; Puzzle Derby (registration required) – September 3rd at 9:00 am; Dementia Friends Minnesota – September 6th at 10:30 am; Osmo Masterpiece Drawing (geared for age 7-12) – September 8th during open hours; Book Talk “The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by McBride” – September 10th at 10:00 am; Romp & Rhyme Storytime (geared for age 0-5) – September 16th at 10:00 am; Adult Musical Bingo – September 17th at 10:00 am; Open House Paper Ghosts – September 29th – October 1st. Watch for further information on The Elysian Area Library & Heritage Ctr Fifth Annual Online Silent Auction happening later this Fall. For questions about events or to register, call 507-267-4411 or email libtle@tds.lib.mn.us. Please note that the library will be closed September 1st in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Please donate your recyclable aluminum cans to help support 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 AUGUST 11, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

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

Approved Resolution #958/25 – Accepting the Resignation of Mayor Tom McBroom, Sr. and Declaring that a Vacancy in the Office of Mayor Exists.

Approved Resolution #959/25 – Appointing Dennis Schnoor as the Mayor of the City of Elysian.

Approved Resolution #960/25 – Accepting the Resignation of Councilmember Dennis Schnoor and Declaring that a Vacancy in the Office of Councilmember on the City Council Exists.

Approved Resolution 961/25 – Declaring that a Vacancy Exists in the Office of Mayor Pro-Tem and Appointing Derek Westby as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Approved to advertise to fill the vacant seat on the City Council by requesting letters of interest setting forth qualifications for the position through August 28th, interviews at the workshop on September 3rd, and appointment at the September 8th City Council meeting.

Le Sueur County Chief Deputy Nick Greenig congratulated Mayor Schnoor on his appointment and reported that all is quiet in the City.

Le Sueur County Commissioner Steve Rohlifing congratulated Mayor Schnoor on his appointment. Rohlifing thanked the people who participated in National Night out in Elysian. He reported that road projects are being completed. He stated that there is not enough right of way at the curve on Glen's Beach on County Road #11 to install a guard rail. The property owner has been asked to remove some trees from that area.

Public Comment: None.

Approved the Consent Agenda to include: Minutes of the July 14, 2025 Regular Meeting; Bills, Payroll, and Transfers in the amount of \$112,012.90; Resolution #962/25 – Accepting a Donation from Jane and Chad Lebert for the Sunset Park Sports Courts renovation; Resolution #963/25 – Approving Municipal Maintenance Agreement between Le Sueur County and the City of Elysian for Calendar Year 2025; FYI: Cannon River Drug & Violent Offender Task Force (CRDVOTF) Statistics; Resolution #965/25 – Designating Authorized Signatories for City Accounts.

Held a public hearing and approved Resolution #949/25 – Vacating a Portion of a Driveway and Utility Easement at 128 Willow Point Drive.

Approved Resolution #964/25 – Approving Conditional Use Permit for Dave and Tana Stoufer for 103 First Street South.

Rick Galewski, Elysian Area Firefighter, 109 Shoreview Drive, thanked the community for the great turnout at the 4th of July bingo, dance, and silent auction. He thanked those who donated to the silent auction and noted that all the funds raised go back into community events such as the kid's fishing contest and Secret Santa.

Galewski noted the Sharps box located at the Fire Hall. For clarification, if the box is locked it means that the unit is full. Please do not put your needles or prescriptions on top of the box. Please contact City Hall or one of the firefighters to assist. If you do not want to put your prescription bottles in the Sharps box as they include your personal information, please empty your pills into a zip lock bag, seal, and deposit that into the unit.

Galewski noted those firefighters with outstanding performance in 2024. These firefighters responded to 80% or more of all calls. Those noted are Pamela Glende and Tyrel Wendt. Galewski noted those firefighters who are on track to achieve outstanding performance in 2025 by responding to 80% or more of all calls. Those noted are Pamela Glende, Tyrel Wendt, Brandon Coon, Patrick Ely, and McKenzie Bonogofsky.

Galewski stated that the Elysian Area Fire Relief Annual Benefit amount has not been adjusted in over 3 years. And the hourly rate for responding to calls and training is \$12.00. Galewski distributed a list of Fire Departments in the area, their calls per year, annual fire relief benefit amount, and hourly pay for calls and training. He requested that the Fire Department compensation package to include hourly pay and annual fire relief benefit amount be considered every year with the rest of the City budget.

Authorized Public Works to obtain bids to repair Roemhildts Water Edge 3rd Addition and Third Street NE sewer main via open cut. The Council will consider the bids at next meeting.

Approved the quotes for installation of the generator at Lift Station #2 (Pit Stop) in the total amount of \$42,080.85.

Approved WW Blacktopping quote for 1.5" overlay on Park Avenue NE, Frank Avenue NE, Shoreview Drive where Willow Point meets lift station, and 103 Shoreview Drive in the amount of \$30,616.24.

Discussed the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation and Directed Public Works to continue with inventory and prices.

Approved a credit for sewer charges related to a water leak in the amount of \$277.79 for 406 Lake Avenue NW.

The go live date for Nuvei automatic payment system is September 8, 2025.

The Combat Veteran's Motorcycle Association Run will be in the City on August 23, 2025 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Main Street will be closed for this event.

Set Budget Workshop and Council candidate interview meeting for September 3, 2025.

Public Comment: None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.