

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2025**

The Elysian City Council held a budget workshop meeting on Monday, August 18, 2025 at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

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

Roll Call: Mayor Dennis Schnoor; Councilmembers Paul Hunter and Derek Westby; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke. Absent: Councilmember Bobby Houlihan.

Draft expense figures for the 2025 budget were submitted for consideration. The budget includes a 3% COLA for all full-time employees. Some of the additional increases presented were Minnesota Paid Leave contribution, Firewall for Computer Server, 2026 Elections, increase in Le Sueur County Sheriff's hourly rate, maintenance to City Hall and security at Wayside Rest, dangerous tree removal, water tower cleaning, and generator Lift Station B. Other requested items include pickup truck and jet vac.

Draft revenue figures for the 2025 budget were also submitted for consideration. 2026 Local Government Aid has been reduced to \$7,553. There are no other notable changes to the revenue budget.

According to the current figures, the water expense is \$59,000 more than the water revenue and the sewer expense is \$43,000 more than sewer revenue.

The proposed levy was discussed. The proposed general fund levy amount is \$54,472 higher than last year's general levy. The total proposed levy is \$962,712 which is \$37,964 higher, a (4.1%) increase from previous year.

The Council directed staff to poll nearby cities for their proposed levy increase. The Council also requested information on other city's Emerald Ash Borer tree programs. The Council will review the documents presented and will meet again to discuss them. A preliminary budget will be presented at the September Council Meeting.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Hunter, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Approved:

Dennis Schnoor, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator