

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – SEPTEMBER 2025

The **New Online Payments Portal (Nuvei)** went live September 12th! Please see insert and visit <http://elysianmn.payacp.com/home> to set up your account or make a “guest” payment.

A seasonal garbage shut off form was sent last month and is on the City website page. Please complete and return the form if you will be away this winter. Please complete a form EVEN if you submitted one for last year. Thanks!

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 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. PLEASE NOTE: Effective October 1st through October 31st the hours will be changed on Wednesdays to 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Open only to citizens of the City of Elysian. Leaves, brush, and tree wood allowed – no building materials.

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

FYI: Members of the HSEM Radiological Preparedness staff will be in Le Sueur County taking ambient radiation readings using Geiger counters between now and the end of September. They will have identification with them. This does not require any action on your part. If you would like more information on radiological preparedness visit their website: www.hsem.dps.mn.gov

The Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the “Spook Trail” on Saturday, October 25th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Sakatah Singing Hills Trail will be decorated from the intersection of the Elysian Bank to the intersection of Main Street and Third Avenue SW. Businesses are encouraged to decorate as well. Candy will be given out along Main Street and on the trail. The Elysian Area Fire Department will be providing complimentary hot dog, chips, and drinks - 5:00 pm until gone at the Elysian Fire Hall. The Chamber needs volunteers to help set up the trail on the morning of the 25th, during the event that evening handing out candy, and help cleaning up later in the evening. To volunteer, please call 507-327-4285 or leave your name / phone number at City Hall. Monetary donations may be mailed to Elysian Area Chamber, P.O. Box 95, Elysian, or candy / monetary donations can be dropped off at City Hall. All is appreciated.

§ 90.02 DOGS AND CATS. (A) Running at large prohibited. It shall be unlawful for the dog or cat of any person who owns, harbors, or keeps a dog or cat, to run at large. A person who owns, harbors, or keeps a dog or cat which runs large shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Dogs or cats on a leash and accompanied by a responsible person or accompanied by and under the control and direction of a responsible person, so as to be effectively restrained by command as by leash, shall be permitted in streets or on public land unless the city has posted an area with signs reading “Dogs or Cats Prohibited.”

UPCOMING ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER EVENTS: *Paper Ghosts* – Sept 29th, 30th, and Oct 1st Open Hours; *Puzzle Derby* – Oct 1st at 9:00 am; *Kent Nerburn, Author Event* – Oct 6th at 6:00 pm; *Book Talk: Read Keeper of Lost Causes by Jussi Adler-Olsen and join conversation* – Oct 8th at 10:00 am; *Old MacDonald had a Farm geared for ages 3-6* – Oct 13th at 6:00 pm; *Social Security, Timing is Everything* – Oct 20th at 6:00 pm; *Romp & Rhyme Storytime* – Oct 21st at 10:00 am; *Create Your Own Spellbook geared for teens* – Oct 25th at 10:30 am. For questions about events or to register, call 507-267-4411 or email libtle@tds.lib.mn.us. 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 LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER will be hosting its Fifth Annual Silent Auction November 5th at 6:00 am – November 7th at 6:00 pm. Please consider donating a basket, new item or service to the auction. Your business or group will be advertised with your donated item or service. Baskets and items are needed by October 29th. Items can be dropped off at the library during open hours or contact either Wendy 507-382-0031 or Anna 507-412-1059 for pickup.

The American Legion Post #311 Auxiliary will hold their Omelet Breakfast on the Second Sunday of the month.

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 SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Dennis Schnoor; Councilmembers Bobby Houlihan and Paul Hunter; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Public Works Director Ron Greenwald; Absent: Councilmember Derek Westby and City Attorney Jason Moran.

Le Sueur County Patrol Sergeant Dan Tousley reported 35.75 hours of patrol in the City in the past month.

Public Comment: None.

Approved the Consent Agenda to include: Minutes of the August 11, 2025 Regular Meeting, August 18, 2025 Budget Workshop Meeting, September 3, 2025 Budget Workshop and Council Interview Meeting; Bills, Payroll, and Transfers in

the amount of \$152,692.51; MN House of Representative Terry Stier has been selected by the League of MN Cities as a League of MN Cities Legislator of Distinction for 2025.

Approved Resolution #966/25 – To Appoint Steve Hoppe as Councilmember to the Elysian City Council to fill a vacancy until the special election held on November 3, 2026 with seating for the same occurring at the first Council meeting in January 2027.

Considered Ordinance #131/25 – An Ordinance Amending Elysian City Code §153.01 – Driveways (H) Surfacing Requirements and set public hearing for October 13, 2025 at 6:10 pm.

Approved a Policy concerning the Vacation of Alleys, Streets, or Easements within the Corporate Limits of the City of Elysian.

Approved a Supplemental Letter Agreement with SEH Engineering: 2025 General Engineering Services – Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$5,000.

Approved Public Works to run a tile line and install a yard drain and sump box in the right-of-way to service 1278 Lewis Lane in an amount less than \$3,000.

Approved the quote from Empire Pipe Services for the inline repair to Third Avenue NE sanitary sewer in the amount of \$12,248 and the quote from Steve James Excavating, Inc. for the open cut repair to the Roemhildt's Waters Edge Third Addition sanitary sewer in the amount of \$2,000.

Approved a quote from Minnesota Pump Works for a new pump in the amount of \$12,687.85 and authorized Greenwald to negotiate a price for the rebuilt pump or the loaner pump to purchase as a backup pump for Lift Station #2.

Approved a quote from Minnesota Pump Works for Scheduled Pump Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$1,456 for one year to provide inspection of (4) four lift stations (8) eight pumps.

Approved a quote from Clayton Roemhildt & Sons Concrete in the amount of \$2,500 to repair the concrete curb and approach at Motor Works – 203 Main Street East, due to the force main break.

Approved purchase of a flotation device for use in removal of the pier on Lake Francis in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 and to pursue reimbursement of the cost through the DNR grant.

Discussed repairing potholes on Willow Point Drive with cold patch. Approved sending a letter to the road committee at Willow Point Drive that they need to repair the potholes or the City will not be able to snowplow the road this winter.

Scheduled a workshop to discuss the Emerald Ash Borer (AEB) Infestation Plan for September 20th from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Approved Resolution #967/25 – Adopting the 2026 Proposed Budget for the City of Elysian, Le Sueur and Waseca Counties.

Approved Resolution #968/25 – Adopting Preliminary 2025 Tax Levy, Payable 2026 City of Elysian, Le Sueur and Waseca Counties. The proposed levy is \$967,712 which is an increase of \$42,964 or 4.6%. The main reasons for the increase to the levy are an increase to the Fire Department Budget of \$10,000, a 3% COLA for full-time employees, security and IT, 2026 election year, increase in police protection rate, dangerous tree removal, water tower cleaning, and generator at Lift Station B.

Set the Truth and Taxation Hearing for December 8, 2025 at 6:10 pm at City Hall. Comments will be taken on the 2026 Proposed Budget and the 2025 Tax Levy payable in 2026.

Yearly employee evaluations are underway. Set the City Administrator evaluation for October 13, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

Approved a remembrance tree with a plaque to be planted at Sunset Park in honor of Mayor Tom McBroom, Sr.

Public Comment: (Please see approved minutes for full public comments.)

Michael Jacobs, 120 Willow Point Drive, reported that there is a group of people looking for solutions to the road issues surrounding Willow Point Drive. If the City does not plan to snowplow this winter, that is an issue that needs to be addressed sooner rather than later.

David Arnold, 119 Willow Point Drive, appreciates that the City is looking at a policy to get the easements resolved.

Leo Brown, 117 Willow Point Drive, thought that it would be good courtesy all around to get the potholes on Willow Point fixed to show the residents that the City is willing to work with them. Also, a ring should be installed around the manhole cover of the recent repair on Willow Point Drive at the lift station. There is a 3-4 inch drop.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.