

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL
EMERALD ASH BORER WORKSHOP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2025**

The Elysian City Council held a workshop meeting on Saturday, September 20, 2025 at City Hall at 10:00 am to discuss a plan to address the Emerald Ash Borer Infestation in the City.

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

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

Public Works Director Ron Greenwald discussed items needed for the completion of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources 2025 Community Tree Planting Grant.

Items of Council consensus for the tree replacement programs include:

1. The standard size for tree replacement will be (1) one inch potted or ball and burlap.
2. Trees will be replaced on a 2-1 basis.
3. Replacement trees will be allowed to be replaced in the boulevards. The City Attorney will be consulted as the current ordinance addressing boulevard trees may need to be amended.
4. Ash trees located on public property will be prioritized for replacement with grant monies.

Other business discussed included:

1. Damage to sewer force main by Empire while trying to remove roots and make repair on Third Street NE.
2. Consideration of use of Rapid Radios for City Staff and Emergency Management.
3. Preliminary levy increase amounts for nearby cities.
4. Update on Willow Point potholes.
5. The Thirsty Beaver Bar has been removed from the State of Minnesota Tax Delinquency List.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 11:34 am.

Approved:

Dennis Schnoor, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator