

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – OCTOBER 2025

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

A seasonal garbage shut off form 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 3:00 to 6:00 pm and Saturdays from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. PLEASE NOTE: Effective November 1st through November 26th the hours will be changed on Wednesdays to 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Open only to citizens of the City of Elysian. Leaves, brush, and tree wood allowed – no building materials.

Hydrants will be flushed on November 20th. This will depend on weather and will be the last flush of the season.

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.

Small Business Saturday will be held November 29th.

Mark your calendar: Holiday Lights Parade and Winter Fun will be Saturday, December 6th.

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: *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; *Level Up: Kano Fandoms geared for age 7-12* - Nov 3rd at 6:00 pm; *Puzzle Derby* – Nov 5th 9:00 am; *Book Talk Cher – The Memoir Part One* – Nov 12th 10:00 am; *Romp & Rhyme Storytime* – Nov 18th at 10:00 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 OCTOBER 13, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

Clerk/Administrator Kopischke administered the oath of office with Councilmember Steve Hoppe answering.

Present: Mayor Dennis Schnoor; Councilmembers Steve Hoppe (arrived at 6:05 pm), Paul Hunter, and Derek Westby; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Public Works Director Ron Greenwald; City Attorney Jason Moran. Absent: Councilmember Bobby Houlihan.

Public Comment: (For complete comments please see approved City Council minutes.) Mark Sybilrud, 514 Lake Avenue NW, thanked all six candidates who participated in the application process for Council and expressed his disappointment in the process. Sybilrud also expressed disappointment that there is not always a full Council and

concern about voting for Fire Department issues when members are missing and so many other members are on the Fire Department. He was also disappointed that Bryan Suemnick knew that he was moving out of the City and still ran for the position and won and it didn't make sense. Sybilrud stated that at the last couple of meetings the Council looks for City Attorney assistance, and he has not been here. The Council should be acting as #1 transparency and #2 best interest of the community.

Approved the Consent Agenda to include: Minutes of the September 8, 2025 Regular Meeting and September 20, 2025 Emerald Ash Borer Workshop Meeting; Bills, Payroll, and Transfers in the amount of \$108,794.87; Resolution #969/25 – Accepting a Donation from the Elysian Volunteer Fire Department Charitable Gambling Account; Resolution #970/25 – Approving a Request for Off Site Lawful Gambling Elysian Fire Relief Association; Approve Request to close streets for Spook Trail October 25, 2025

Approved Resolution #972/25 – Approving a Planned Unit Development (PUD) to allow a twin home to be constructed on the property located at 308 Francis Circle N (PID# 16.457.0150)

Approved Resolution #973/25 – Approving a Planned Unit Development (PUD) to allow a twin home to be constructed on the property located at 312 Francis Circle N (PID# 16.457.0160)

Held a Public Hearing and approved Ordinance #131/25 – Amending Elysian City Code §153.01 – Driveways (H) Surfacing Requirements

Considered an easement vacation request for 121 Willow Point Drive and set a public hearing date for November 10, 2025 at 6:10 pm

Considered a driveway/easement request for PID# 16.410.1020 and PID# 16.410.1025. No action was taken.

Received the results of the Water Tower Assessment Elysian Spheroid Report from SEH Engineering.

Accepted a donation of construction of a pickleball court at the Lake Francis Park.

Received update on the repair to the sanitary sewer main on Third Avenue NE.

Tabled a quote from MN Pump Works to repair a pump for Lift Station #2 to use as backup.

Approved a proposal from Clayton Roemhildt & Sons Concrete to replace concrete sidewalk panels at 109 Main Street East.

Approved to plow snow Willow Point Drive for the 2025-2026 season as the severe potholes have been repaired.

Approved to NOT waive monetary limits on Tort Liability established by MN Statutes §466.04 for LMC Liability coverage.

Approved to close the Wayside Rest from 5:30 pm on October 31st to 8:00 am on November 1st.

Scheduled a workshop meeting for Monday, October 27, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Received Planning and Zoning recommendations for actions within the Comprehensive Land Use Plan for year 2026.

Received report that City Administrator performance review was completed and she did very well.

Received correspondence from DNR re: conveyance of Sakatah Trail properties through the City. Council consensus is to wait to accept the property until after realignment of the trail on the western block.

Approved Resolution #971/25 – Approving Consent Special Assessment PID# 16.435.0020 and PID# 16.435.0060.

Public Comment: (Please see approved minutes for full public comments.) Dennis Schnoor, 308 Maple Avenue SW, stated that he and the City Administrator look at each agenda and make a determination if the City Attorney is required to attend the City Council meeting and the Attorney will take calls during the meeting if needed. Schnoor stated that this Board will make mistakes, they are not perfect. But he and they will try to cut those mistakes if they can. As far as missing a meeting, yes for 20 years he has sat here and missed the October meeting because of work. He will never blame somebody for missing a meeting for work. Family and work. Every one of us that sits in these chairs thinks their job on Council is very important. If they are not here at a meeting something is happening that is more important than this chair. Thank you.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.