ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2025

The Elysian City Council held a workshop meeting on Monday, October 27, 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 Steve Hoppe, Bobby Houlihan, Paul Hunter, and Derek Westby; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke. Absent: None.

The Council reviewed the proposed employee health insurance benefits. The only increase was to single and family medical premiums.

The Council reviewed a draft Minnesota Paid Leave Policy provided by Minnesota Council of Governments. A formal policy will be presented for consideration at the November 10, 2025 Council meeting.

The Council reviewed a draft Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Policy provided by Minnesota Council of Governments. It is recommended that this policy be adopted and incorporated into the City Personnel Policy.

The Council reviewed the 2026 Proposed Budget and noted that the projected water fund expenses are $43,497 higher than the projected revenues. There was Council consensus to reduce line item 601-49400-402 by $7,500 and consider an increase to the water rates. The Council noted that the projected sewer fund expenses are $67,407 higher than projected revenues. There was Council consensus to reduce line item 602-49450-502 by $43,000, to fund the generator for Lift Station A with reserves, and to consider an increase to the sewer rates.

The Council reviewed the water, sewer, and environmental utility fund rates. There was Council consensus to increase the water utility base rate to $21.00 and the usage rate to $11.00 per 1,000 gallons. There was Council consensus to increase the sewer base rate to $21.00 and the usage rate to $7.50 per 1,000 gallons. This will be discussed further at an upcoming Council meeting.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm.

Approved:

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Dennis Schnoor, Mayor

Attested:

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator