

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL END OF YEAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 29, 2025**

The Elysian City Council met in special session on Monday, December 29, 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, Paul Hunter, and Derek Westby; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Absent: Councilmember Bobby Houlihan.

On motion by Westby, seconded by Hoppe, all voting in favor, to approve the agenda of the December 29, 2025 Special Meeting as presented.

It was noted that the leak at 153 Shoreview Drive was in the water service line and appeared to be the result of electrolysis. SEH Engineering is looking into this.

There was a blockage in the sanitary sewer system in Roemhildt's Water's Edge Third Addition. Tree roots grew through the joint on the other end of the same section of pipe that was compromised earlier this year. The pipe has been jetted, and it will be fixed when the weather improves. Public Works will continue to monitor the pipe.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Hoppe, all voting in favor, to adjust off the unpaid balances of two uncollectible accounts in the Banyon software system – Account #00-623 in the amount of \$317.35 and Account #00-295 in the amount of \$693.90.

Councilmember Hunter introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Hoppe.

**CITY OF ELYSIAN  
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
RESOLUTION NO. 982/25  
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND ACCEPTING  
A DONATION TO THE ELYSIAN AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has received a donation in the amount of \$1,500.00 from John and Cindy Miller for the Fire Department to use as needed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA THAT: the City Council of the City of Elysian acknowledges and accepts a donation from John and Cindy Miller in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the Elysian Area Fire Department for use as needed.

Upon vote being taken:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Hoppe, Hunter, Schnoor, Westby

Council Members voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.

Approved:

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Dennis Schnoor, Mayor

Attested:

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

Councilmember Hoppe introduced the resolution and was seconded by Mayor Schnoor.

CITY OF ELYSIAN  
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
RESOLUTION NO. 983/25  
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND ACCEPTING  
A DONATION FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT RESCUE

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has received a donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 from John and Cindy Miller for the Elysian Fire Rescue to use as needed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA THAT: the City Council of the City of Elysian acknowledges and accepts a donation from John and Cindy Miller in the amount of \$2,000.00 to the Elysian Area Fire Department Rescue for use as needed.

Upon vote being taken:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Hoppe, Hunter, Schnoor, Westby

Council Members voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

Approved:

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Dennis Schnoor, Mayor

Attested:

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

Councilmember Hoppe introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Westby.

CITY OF ELYSIAN  
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
RESOLUTION NO. 984/25  
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND ACCEPTING  
A DONATION FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has received a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Loretta Johnson for the Elysian Fire Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA THAT: the City Council of the City of Elysian acknowledges and accepts a donation from Loretta Johnson in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Elysian Area Fire Department.

Upon vote being taken:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Hoppe, Hunter, Schnoor, Westby

Council Members voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

Approved:

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Dennis Schnoor, Mayor

Attested:

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

Councilmember Hoppe introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Westby.

CITY OF ELYSIAN  
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
RESOLUTION NO. 985/25  
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND ACCEPTING  
A DONATION FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has received a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Cannon Valley Communications Foundation to be used toward Fire Department equipment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA THAT: the City Council of the City of Elysian acknowledges and accepts a donation from Cannon Valley Communications Foundation in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be used for equipment for the Elysian Area Fire Department.

Upon vote being taken:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Hoppe, Hunter, Schnoor, Westby

Council Members voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

Approved:

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Dennis Schnoor, Mayor

Attested:

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

Councilmember Hunter introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Hoppe.

CITY OF ELYSIAN  
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
RESOLUTION NO. 986/25  
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING A DONATION FROM  
ELYSIAN AMERICAN LEGION POST #311

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has received a donation in the amount of \$4,814.70 from the Elysian American Legion Post #311, for tax relief for the purpose of funding toward Lake Francis Park Improvements – Basketball / Pickleball Court.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA THAT: the City Council of the City of Elysian acknowledges and accepts the donation from the Elysian American Legion Post #311 in the amount of \$4,814.70 for the purpose of funding toward Lake Francis Park Improvements – Basketball / Pickleball Court.

Upon vote being taken:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Hoppe, Hunter, Schnoor, Westby

Council Members voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

Approved:

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Dennis Schnoor, Mayor

Attested:

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

Councilmember Westby introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Hoppe.

CITY OF ELYSIAN  
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
RESOLUTION NO. 987/25  
RESOLUTION SETTING WATER AND SEWER  
UTILITY RATES FOR 2026

WHEREAS, the City is required to establish utility rates such that revenues generated are sufficient to offset the cost of operations and make provision for debt repayment, and

WHEREAS, the City has undertaken water and sewer utility projects that require additional water and sewer system debt repayment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELYSIAN: that the water and sewer utility rates for 2026 are set as follows:

Water Utility Rates

Service Base Charge:	\$21.00 per month
User Charge:	\$11.00 per 1,000 gallons

Sewer Utility Rates

Service Base Charge:	\$21.00 per month
User Charge:	\$ 7.50 per 1,000 gallons

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that these rates will become effective on January 1, 2026.

Upon vote being taken:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Hoppe, Hunter, Schnoor, Westby

Councilmembers voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

Approved:

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Dennis Schnoor, Mayor

Attested:

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

Councilmember Westby introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Hunter.

CITY OF ELYSIAN  
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
RESOLUTION NO. 988/25  
RESOLUTION SETTING ENVIRONMENTAL  
UTILITY FUND RATES FOR 2026

WHEREAS, the City is required to establish utility rates such that revenues generated are sufficient to offset the cost of improvements and make provision for debt repayment, and

WHEREAS, the City has undertaken storm sewer utility projects that require additional storm sewer system debt repayment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELYSIAN: that the environmental utility rates for 2026 are set as follows:

Residential	\$12.50 per month
Base Rate	\$37.50 per month
Commercial	(Fee = REF x Acreage x Rate)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that these rates will become effective on January 1, 2026.

Upon vote being taken:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Hoppe, Hunter, Schnoor, Westby

Councilmembers voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

Approved:

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Dennis Schnoor, Mayor

Attested:

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

Councilmember Hunter introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Hoppe.

CITY OF ELYSIAN  
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
RESOLUTION NO. 989/25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DONATION TO THE ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY

WHEREAS, the Elysian Area Library is located within the corporate limits of the City of Elysian, and

WHEREAS, the Elysian Area Library is a valuable asset to the City of Elysian; and

WHEREAS, the Elysian Area Library provides educational enrichment opportunities to the residents of the City of Elysian; and

WHEREAS, the Elysian Area Library enhances the general welfare of the City of Elysian and provides a valuable public benefit and public purpose to the City and its residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELYSIAN, that the City of Elysian shall, in calendar year 2025, donate a sum of \$6,000 to the Elysian Area Library (\$4,000 in March and \$2,000 in December) and the City Administrator is empowered to implement the terms of this Resolution.

Upon vote being taken:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Hoppe, Hunter, Schnoor, Westby

Councilmembers voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

Approved:

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Dennis Schnoor, Mayor

Attested:

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

On motion by Hoppe, seconded by Westby, all voting in favor, to approve the amount of \$176,721.32 to include year-end bills as presented and year end transfers as follows:

2025 End of Year Transfers to Savings

Fund	Amount	Purpose
General	\$ 5,000	Truck (Maintenance Equip) Budget Item
Snow	\$ 3,000	Truck (Maintenance Equip) Budget Item
Water	\$ 3,000	Truck (Maintenance Equip) Budget Item
Sewer	\$ 5,000	Truck (Maintenance Equip) Budget Item
General - Street Repairs	\$ 32,000	Budget Exceeds Expense
General (Storm Sewer)	\$ 8,555	Budget Exceeds Expense

EDA	\$ 3,857	Revenue Exceed Expenditure
Water	\$ 50,000	Revenue Exceed Expenditure
Sewer	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	Revenue Exceed Expenditure
Total Transfers to Savings:	\$135,412	

2025 End of Year Transfers from Savings

Fund	Amount	Purpose
General (Civil Defense)	\$ 773	Expenditures Exceed Budget
Total Transfers from Savings:	\$ 773	

The applications for Planning and Zoning Commission were discussed. Two of the three applicants were interviewed for the recent City Council seat that was available. Based on those interviews, there was Council consensus to appoint David Schlueter as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. That appointment will be made at the January 12, 2026 Council Meeting.

Kristy Sybilrud was the only applicant for the Park Board. There was consensus to appoint Kristy Sybilrud as a member of the Park Board. That appointment will be made at the January 12, 2026 Council Meeting.

There was discussion of the desire to continue with paperless City Council packets and if so, what equipment should be provided to the City Council for that purpose.

On motion by Westby, seconded by Hoppe, all voting in favor, to purchase (4) four laptops in an amount not to exceed \$500 each, and to purchase a subscription to Office 365 for each laptop. Hoppe will continue to receive his packet in paper form.

There was no further business to come before the Council.

On motion by Westby, seconded by Hoppe, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Approved:

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Dennis Schnoor, Mayor

Attested:

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator