

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – MARCH 2026

Hydrants will be flushed starting March 19, 2026 and every third Thursday thereafter: April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, and November 19.

The City brush pile (located at the sanitary sewer pond off County Road 14) will be open for the season Wednesday, April 1 (weather permitting). The hours are Wednesdays from 4:00 to 7:00 pm and Saturdays from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Open only to citizens of the City of Elysian. Leaves, brush, and tree wood allowed – no building materials.

The City of Elysian Emergency Management team is looking to add some additional team members. If you are interested in joining the Elysian Emergency Management team, please contact Elysian City Hall for more information. 507-267-4708.

Sip Into Spring sponsored by the Elysian Area Community Foundation (+21 event). March 21, 2026 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at The Venue, 117 Main Street East. Fundraiser for the WE Share Food Shelf. Live entertainment and nine tasting stations (drinks & appetizers). Tickets \$40 per person. Tickets available at The Thirsty Beaver, elysianacf@gmail.com, or contacting Board Members Megan 507-380-2689 or Susan 612-910-8403.

Skywarn Training will be held March 30, 2026 at 6:30 pm, Le Sueur County Justice Center. Registration is required.

Water Wise Garden & Landscaping Practices – Le Sueur County Master Gardener Horticulture Day – April 11, 2026 8:30 am to 3:00 pm Le Sueur County 4-H building, 320 South Maple Avenue, Le Center.

Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 13 – 17, 2026. The Tornado Drill Day is Thursday April 16th with drills at 1:45 and 6:45 pm.

The Le Sueur County 2026 Board of Review & Equalization is scheduled for April 14, 2026 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at Le Sueur County Government Center – Open Book.

The Waseca County 2026 Board of Appeal & Equalization is scheduled for April 21, 2026 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, at Waseca County Courthouse – Open Book.

The Annual Elysian Chamber Meeting will be held April 22, 2026. More information will be available soon.

The Elysian Chamber sponsored Citywide Garage Sales will be held May 8th and 9th.

The Elysian Spring Clean Up will be held May 16, 2026 from 8:00 to 11:00 am in the Lake Francis Park parking lot.

The 2026 Fourth of July Celebration will be July 2nd through the 5th. Watch for flyers coming soon.

UPCOMING ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER EVENTS: *Clay Creations* – March 16th at 6:00 pm, *Romp & Rhyme Storytime* – March 17th at 10:00 am, *Books Talk: Read the Book Listen for the Lie by Amy Tintera and join in on the conversation* – March 25th at 10:00 am, *Spotify Bookmark* – March 28th at 10:30 am, *Hazardous Histories* – March 30th at 6:00 pm. The spring book sale is coming up May 8th & 9th. If you have any gently used puzzles, board games, or kid-adult books to donate, please have them donated to the library by April 30th. 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. – The collection trailer is located on north side of Elysian Shop Building. Available 24 hours / 7 days a week.

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 MARCH 9, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

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

Le Sueur County Chief Deputy Nick Greenig reported that there was a structural fire on Park Avenue NE last weekend. The Fire Department did an excellent job of containing the fire and only minor injuries were reported.

Public Comment: None.

Approved the Consent Agenda to include Minutes of February 9, 2026 Regular Meeting and February 25, 2026 Emergency Meeting; Bills, Payroll, and Transfers in the amount of \$125,011.15.

Approved a contract with City Building Inspection Services, LLC. Set a Public Hearing for April 13, 2026 at 6:10 pm for consideration of a proposed fee increase presented by City Building Inspection Services, LLC to increase from the 2019 fixed fee schedule to the 2026 fixed fee schedule.

Approved Resolution #993/26 – Adopting Findings of Fact and Reasons for Approval for Variance Application of Matt Kretlow at 128 Willow Point Drive.

Received a summary of a report from the Lake Francis Lake Association with suggestions to address the rising water levels on Lake Francis. The City will monitor the culvert between Lake Francis and Tustin Lake and request Le Sueur County to clean the culvert when needed.

Approved the purchase of stainless steel guide rails for Lift Station #1 from McNeilus Steel in the amount of \$1,733.52.

Approved a proposal from WW Blacktopping in the amount of \$12,877 for three watermain gravel patches and paving of Lake Avenue NW.

Tabled a repair to pavement heaving in Roemhildt's Addition and sealcoating of the reconstructed streets in the 2023 SUIP for further investigation as the frost comes out of the ground.

The Council reviewed a memorandum prepared by SEH Engineering providing a summary of estimated project costs and current funding sources available to fund the water treatment plant and discussing important deadlines associated with the project and project funding.

The Council discussed the costs of waiting and not moving forward with the construction of the water treatment plant.

- Lose the \$3.5M Grant FY2023 Special Appropriations Funds (General Fund).
- Take a \$536,000 loss of the City funds already invested in the project.
- MDH could start to fine the City for not complying with the MDH Compliance Agreement.
- The cost of the water treatment plant construction will continue to increase with inflation.

The Council discussed the benefits to the City and the residents of moving forward with construction of the water treatment plant.

- All water will be treated with reverse osmosis.
- Water softeners and salt will no longer be needed.
- Expensive filter systems and filters will no longer be needed.
- Magnesium, nitrates, iron, and chloride will all be removed.

The Council then, by unanimous vote, passed a motion to move forward with SEH Engineering to the next steps of the process of construction of the water treatment plant.

Approved a credit for sewer charges in the amount of \$1,829.83 for 108 First Street South due to the fact that the water from the water leak at the clean out connection to the mobile home did not flow into the sanitary sewer system.

Approved the renewal quote with All Traffic Solutions for the App Traffic Suite and Premier Care for the traffic speed sign in the amount of \$3,825.00.

Directed Staff to obtain quotes for 2026 Mosquito Control.

Set a Special Meeting for Water Tower Maintenance Quotes / Presentations for March 16, 2026 at 5:30 pm.

Set a Special Meeting for the 2025 Audit Report for April 13, 2026 at 5:00 pm.

Set a public hearing to consider the request from Pit Stop Liquor, 205 State Highway 60 East, for an off-sale liquor license for April 13, 2026 at 6:20 pm.

Public Comments: None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.