

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 27, 2026**

The Elysian City Council met in special session on Monday, April 27, 2026 at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Mayor Pro-Tem Bobby Houlihan; Councilmembers Steve Hoppe, Paul Hunter, and Derek Westby; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Public Works Director Ron Greenwald. Absent: Mayor Dennis Schnoor.

Staff reported that Joe Koehn, Central Tank Coatings, Inc., has confirmed that their company will haul away the sand and will provide and install a new climb system on the ladder.

Staff has initiated a conversation with Verizon inquiring about the process of removing the antennas from the water tower. A representative has been assigned to manage the project, and it appears to be a standard procedure to have the antennas removed for tower painting.

The City Attorney has not commented on the Central Tank Coating, Inc, contract.

On motion by Hunter, seconded by Hoppe, all voting in favor, to award the contract for a 10 year water tower maintenance service agreement to Central Tank Coating, Inc. in the amount of \$323,000 subject to City Attorney review of the contract.

The Council has requested Minnesota Valley Council of Governments (MVCOG) to provide a compensation and vacation survey and analysis for the full-time employees of the City of Elysian. The survey numbers have been received. Fifty-one cities responded to the survey. MVCOG has compiled the information and would like guidance on how to structure the compensation plan. She asked if the Council would like a minimum – maximum range with steps or a minimum – maximum range with performance-based increases.

The Council discussed the pros and cons to both methods. There was Council consensus to request a compensation plan based on a minimum – maximum range with performance-based increases.

The Council discussed progress on the exploration of a City / Chamber event on August 15, 2026 to spotlight the Elysian businesses. It was noted that the Committee has not yet met with the businesses to gauge their interest in participating in an event. The work session that is scheduled for August 29, 2026 was intended to bring the businesses together with the City and the Chamber to discuss more in-depth details. Since the businesses have not yet been approached, there was Council consensus to cancel the August 29th work session and meet after the committee polls the businesses.

On motion by Hunter, seconded by Hoppe, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 pm.

Approved:

Bobby Houlihan, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator