

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – JUNE 2026

Thank you to Lake Area Women for donating the flowers and planting around the City. Thank you to Greenwald's Greenhouse for planting the pots on Main Street. Thank you to Farmers Friend 4H Club for planting the flowers at the Tourism Center.

Hydrants will be flushed every third Thursday: 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) is open. 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.

Mosquito Control of Iowa has been approved for the 2026 mosquito treatment. They spray based on weather conditions and larvae testing. They will let us know the day before they plan to service the City. Please contact City Hall (507-267-4708 or lorri@elysianmn.com) to be added to the notification list.

The Kid's Friendly Food Program will again be offered on the third Saturday, June 20th, July 18th, and August 15th. Any child up to the age of 18 years is eligible to participate. The food will be given out curbside. Just pull up in your car, give the number of children and you will be given a bag for each child. The food distributed will be items that a child can make alone, that would not require using a stove. Food will be distributed between 9:00 am and 11:00 am or until all is gone.

Elysian Area America's 250th Birthday Bash sponsored by the Elysian American Legion Post 311 Auxiliary at Lake Francis Beach – Saturday, June 27th from 4:00 to 9:00 pm. Family activities to include: Sand Castle Contest and Bean Bags (sign up begins at 4:00 pm with games starting at 4:30 pm), Obstacle Course for Children, Beach Volleyball, Basketball, and Little League Game. All ages welcome! Food, ice cream, adult beverages, pop, and water for purchase. LJR Band plays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Elysian 4th of July celebration will kick off on the evening of Wednesday, July 1st with the Miss Elysian Pageant and events continuing through July 5th. Fire Fighter's Bingo will be held on Thursday, July 2nd, Fireworks will be on Friday, July 3rd. The Chamber is looking for two people to write clues for the July 4th Medallion Hunt. Contact [507-317-0532](tel:507-317-0532). Also, if someone is interested in volunteering to help in the Beer Garden or to help with the Flea Market, please email elysianareachamber@gmail.com.

Note: Anyone with a golf cart who may like to be out and about during the parade on July 4th please contact Pat Nusbaum at 507-317-0532 or pnusbaum@frontier.com to help shuttle people from the end of the parade route back to their vehicles. We need 3-4 carts. People to be shuttled are members of the military marching units, people whose unit in the parade consists of walking the route, and others as needed. At the end of the parade, there is a need to help elderly people or people with small children. PLEASE CONSIDER IF YOU CAN HELP. You do meet the nicest people.

The Elysian Fire Department is accepting donations for the silent auction. Donations can be dropped off at City Hall or please call Nicole Lamont 507-475-1630.

Bike Build Home 500 Bike Ride Rest Stop will be at the Wayside Rest throughout the day on July 15, 2026. If you would like to volunteer, please contact City Hall.

Please note: The Elysian Tourism Center basement – 100 Third St SW, is a designated storm shelter. The shelter will be open during a severe thunderstorm warning.

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: Please see the enclosed flyer for June/July events. The library is celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. There will be a Declaration of Independence display in the meeting room during the month of July. Learn the history of the Declaration, find out where the Dunlap Broad sides are, finish a line from the Declaration with a feather pen, and more. *Ladies of County* – July 14th at 6:30 pm at Lake Francis Park. TWO EVENTS REQUIRE PRE-REGISTRATION: *Felt Cuties* – July 7th at 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Geared for Teens; *Leather Workshop* – July 13th at 6:00 pm Geared for ages 9-12. You can register for the events at: wasecalesueurlibraries.com/getregistered/ or call 507-267-4411. 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. Please note that the library is closed on June 19th.

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

JUNE 8, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

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

Le Sueur County Commissioner Steve Rohlifing reported on a meeting held last Thursday to discuss the culvert on County Road 11. In attendance were Elysian City Administrator, Elysian Councilmember Hunter, DNR Hydrologist Piepho, Le Sueur County Highway Engineer Tiegs, Le Sueur County Commissioner Rohlifing, and Lake Francis President King. The group discussed whose responsibility it is to clean the culvert when it is plugged. The County Administrator is drafting a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) based on that meeting that will be available for consideration by all involved parties.

The Commissioners are in the process of reviewing ordinances. One ordinance being reviewed is the no wake ordinance. There is currently no enforcement mechanism for the ordinance. Changes may include permanent stakes marking the high-water mark and penalty for violation. Final consideration of the land use plan will be June 23, 2026. Roadway work including shouldering and crack sealing is underway. Westby asked for an update on the Glen's Beach curve. Rohlfing reported that the County Engineer is including that corner in the 10-year safety plan and continues to look for safety improvements.

Public Comment Summary (for complete public comments please see approved Council minutes):

Tina King, 5 Cedar Point Drive, agreed that a good discussion was had on the County Road 11 culvert. The estimated cost to clean out the culvert is \$2,575. Per discussions last week, the County has agreed to provide the permit and the trucking and the City has agreed to provide an area for the sand that is removed. That would reduce the cost down to the excavator only at approximately \$900. King suggested that the City and the Lake Francis Association split that cost, clean the culvert, and continue to monitor from there.

Mark Sybilrud, 514 Lake Avenue NW, expressed his frustration with the culvert not being cleaned out yet. It hasn't been cleaned out since 2022. If we get four inches of rain it is going to flood everyone out and we are going to have a no wake again over the 4th of July. And nobody likes that. He said that it is not a matter of the money, it is who is responsible for it. The lakeshore owners are paying a lot of money in taxes to the City and the County. How many people have had to add rocks to their shoreline? And that is not free.

The Council explained that the purpose of the meetings with Le Sueur County and the other involved parties is to determine and agree on the responsibilities of the parties and to document that in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Wayne Murra, 14 Cedar Point Lane, stated that he supports what has been said and he would like to see the City be a little more engaged and not try to turn this back to the Association and say that everyone should chip in some money. If Lake Francis is not the greatest asset for the City of Elysian, it is at least one of them. And this town would not be this town without Lake Francis.

The Council explained that discussions are ongoing, an MOU is being created which will then be considered by all involved parties. Decisions need to be made at meetings, and it may be August before the MOU is approved and can be acted upon. They will continue to work on this issue.

Approved the Consent Agenda to include minutes of May 11, 2026 Regular Meeting; Bills, Payroll, and Transfers in the amount of \$135,437.66; Soft Drink License Pit Stop 60; Resolution 1002/26 – Accepting a Donation from the American Legion Post #311 to the Elysian Area Chamber 4th of July; Resolution #1003/26 – Accepting a Donation from Doug and Sue Ims to the Fire Department in Appreciation of their Service; Resolution 1004/26 – Accepting a Donation from the Elysian Volunteer Fire Department Charitable Gambling Account toward the purchase of picnic tables and new firefighter gear.

Representatives of the Elysian Area Fire Department provided an update of the calls and current staffing. They requested that the City Council consider a \$200 increase to their annual retirement benefit amount.

Le Sueur County Patrol Sergeant Dan Tousley reported that all has been quiet in the City of Elysian. The Council noted that Sergeant Tousley is retiring and wished him the best.

Approved a Supplemental Letter Agreement dated June 8, 2026 for consultant work on the Project described as: Water Treatment Plant Bidding and Construction Administration in the amount of \$379,682.

Tabled a quote from Midwest Pump Works for a Control Panel for Lift Station A to allow Public Works to obtain quotes for the generator and for the installation of the Control Panel by an electrician.

Approved "no parking" on the north side of Frank Avenue NW between 5th and 6th Streets.

Approved a quote from L&M Masonry in the amount of \$4,800 to remove and replace 30 feet of curb and sidewalk at 309 First Street N subject to staff review of the driveway permit.

Approved Resolution #1005/26 – Establishing Dates for Filing Affidavits of Candidacy (1) Mayor and (2) Councilmember.

Approved a quote for two memorial plaques in the amount of \$558.26 in remembrance of Mike Supalla at the pickleball/basketball court at Lake Francis Park.

Approved to solicit RFPs for IT Services for the City of Elysian.

Accepted the resignation of Martin Erdman as Public Works Maintenance Worker effective May 27, 2026.

Approved a conditional offer of employment for the Public Works Maintenance Worker position to Casey Oorlog.

Approved an Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between Leonard Kline and the City of Elysian, to allow the City to place various telecommunications and other equipment associated with a Water Tower Improvement Project on his property.

Set a workshop meeting for Tuesday, June 16, 2026 to receive information from MVCOG on a proposed vacation schedule, updated salary survey comparison, and a step program for salary increases for full-time employees.

Public Comments: None. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.