

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2026**

The Elysian City Council held a workshop meeting on Monday, June 8, 2026 at City Hall at 5:00 pm.

Roll Call: Mayor Dennis Schnoor; Councilmembers Bobby Houlihan and Derek Westby; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke. Absent: Councilmembers Steve Hoppe and Paul Hunter.

Also present: West Central Sanitation representatives Taylor Williamson, Jeff Bertram, and James Handt.

The City of Elysian contract with West Central Sanitation is set to expire on September 30, 2026.

The Council discussed positive and negative experiences with the sanitation services over the last three years. Overall, the service has been good. Staff have found representatives of West Central to be friendly, responsive, and easy to work with.

Taylor Williamson noted that West Central has not raised their prices with the City of Elysian for the past three years. The cost to bring all Elysian waste to Minnesota Waste Processing Center (MWPC) in Mankato has risen from \$109/ton in 2023 to \$119/ton today. West Central has received about a 9% increase in their rates over 10 years. Since the beginning of their services in 2016, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) has increased by 35.86%. A proposed contract would request an increase of 20%. The monthly impact of this increase, for most residents, would be \$2.68 per month. Additionally, West Central has been providing free service for additional recycling carts. A proposed contract would apply the normal recycling rate for these additional carts.

The Council asked if West Central could provide pricing on a dumpster to be used as a drop site for residents for cardboard only. It seems to be one thing that is overflowing on recycling day, and it may be a nice service to provide for residents.

The Council thanked the representatives of West Central for providing excellent service and requested that they submit a proposed contract for consideration at the July Council meeting.

On motion by Westby, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Approved:

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Dennis Schnoor, Mayor

Attested:

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator