

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – OCTOBER 2026

A seasonal garbage shut off form is posted on the City website page. Please complete and return the form if you will be away this winter. Please complete a form EVEN if you submitted one for last year. Thanks!

The water tower project is near completion. It is anticipated that hydrants will be flushed on Friday, October 16th and again on November 19th (weather permitting). Thank you to everyone for your patience during this project.

The City brush pile (located at the sanitary sewer pond off County Road 14) is open. The hours are Wednesdays from 3:00 to 6:00 pm and Saturdays from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. PLEASE NOTE: Effective November 1st through November 25th the hours will be changed on Wednesdays to 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Open only to citizens of the City of Elysian. Leaves, brush, and tree wood allowed – no building materials.

The contract for garbage and recycling services with West Central Sanitation, Inc. was approved for renewal. The Contract does include an increase in pricing for monthly service. West Central will no longer be providing a second recycling cart free of charge. The second recycling cart will be charged at the same rate as the first recycling cart. The rate for each recycling cart (effective October 1, 2026) will be \$5.52 per month regardless of the size of the cart. Please contact City Hall at 507-267-4708 or nicole@elysianmn.com if you wish to have your second recycling cart removed.

The Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the “Spook Trail” on Saturday, October 31st from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Sakatah Singing Hills Trail will be decorated from the intersection of the Elysian Bank to the intersection of Main Street and Third Avenue SW. Businesses are encouraged to decorate as well. Candy will be given out along Main Street and on the trail. The Elysian Area Fire Department will be providing complimentary hot dog, chips, and drinks - 5:00 pm until gone at the Elysian Fire Hall. The Chamber needs volunteers to help set up the trail on the morning of the 31st, during the event that evening handing out candy, and help cleaning up later in the evening. To volunteer, please call 507-995-3146 or leave your name/phone number at City Hall. Monetary donations may be mailed to Elysian Area Chamber, P.O. Box 95, Elysian, or candy/monetary donations can be dropped off at City Hall. All is appreciated.

There will be a Craft and Bake Sale at the Tourism Center, Saturday, November 7th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Elysian Methodist Church Community Gathering will be held at Tuckers Restaurant November 11th and December 9th at 11:30 am. All are invited to attend.

Small Business Saturday will be held Saturday, November 28th. Contact Tasha Hering (507-267-4420) if you would like to participate.

Mark your calendar: Holiday Lights Parade and Winter Fun will be Saturday, December 5th.

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: *Book Talk: read the book, join the conversation. The book “A Flicker in the Dark” by Stacy Willingham is available for checkout at the Elysian Area Library – October 21st at 10:00 am (geared for adults); Fall Nature Prints – October 27th at 10:00 am (geared for ages 4-7); Gift Tag Workshop – October 28th at 6:00 pm (geared for adults). You can register for the events at: wasecalesueurlibraries.com/getregistered/ or call 507-267-4411.*

ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY’S Sixth Annual Silent Auction: Please consider donating a basket, new item, or service to the auction. Your business or group will be advertised with your donated item or service. Baskets and items are appreciated by October 28th. Contact either Wendy at 507-382-0091 weatherton55@gmail.com or Anna at 507-412-1058 apsjohanson@gmail.com for pickup or if you have questions. Bidding will be November 11th from 6:00 am to November 13th at 6:00 pm. Pickup will be November 14th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Thank you for your support. There is also a Library 50/50 Raffle Drawing: Tickets \$5. Drawing is November 28th (Small Business Saturday). Tickets are available now.

The American Legion Auxiliary will be hosting the following events: *Omelette Bar Breakfast* – the second Sunday of every month from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm; *Bar Bingo and Band* – October 31st, *Races/Meat Raffles* – November 7th, *Turkey Trot Bingo/Pulled Pork Supper* - November 21st.

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
OCTOBER 12, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

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

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

Leilani Maiden, 201 Frank Avenue NE, reported that the snowplow had cut off the blacktop ridge on her driveway and water from the street and the water tower area was flowing into her driveway and garage. Public Works had put some cold patch on the edge and that is not staying. She asked for a more permanent solution. The Council directed Public Works to install another ridge of cold patch, and it will be looked at next spring in conjunction with other blacktopping projects.

Tina Lamont, 200 Frank Avenue NE, reported significant damage to their vehicles, white vinyl railing on the decking, and a custom boat cover from the sandblasting and painting of the tower. She stated that she has been in contact with the contractor's insurance company but has not received a timely response. She asked if there has been discussion as to how the damage would be handled from a City standpoint?

Le Sueur County Captain Matt Shouler stated that all is quiet in the City of Elysian. He had nothing to report.

Le Sueur County Commissioner Steven Rohlfing reported that the County had met with MNDOT to discuss the Safety Plan. Mitigation for the Glen's Beach curve on County Road 12 will be included in that plan. The Commissioners are working on ordinance revisions with plans to complete by year end. There are staff positions open in the highway department and the jail. The County is finishing repairs to potholes, tree trimming and getting ready for the winter. The City will cold patch the blacktop on the east side of County Road #11 and Lake Avenue NE, and the west side curb and gutter will be repaired next spring, and then the County will blacktop the entire intersection.

Approved the Consent Agenda to include minutes of the September 14, 2026 Regular Meeting; Bills, Payroll, and Transfers in the amount of \$129,891.46; Resolution #1016/26 – Accepting a Donation from Elysian Volunteer Fire Department Charitable Gambling Account for New Helmets and Fire Suits; Resolution #1017/26 – Elysian Fire Relief Association Request for One-Day Off Site Lawful Gambling (BINGO) on December 5, 2026.

Held a public hearing and approved Resolution #1018/26 – Revising the City's 2026 Fee Schedule to reflect an increase in garbage and recycling fees.

Approved an estimate from NEXGEN Home Services in the amount of \$6,294.11 for removal and replacement of the furnace and thermostat at the Wayside Rest building.

Received report of the water and sewer line connection at 206-1/2 Frank Avenue NE and directed staff to speak with the owner of the adjoining property and to obtain quotes to extend the water and sewer service lines to the main lines for discussion at the November meeting.

Approved the removal of the paved path that is located in the City right-of-way at 304 Tustin Circle N and replacing said path with grass and landscaping. All related costs will be the responsibility of the property owner.

Approved to NOT waive the statutory tort monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minn. Stat. § 466.04 for year 2027.

Approved closure of streets for the Spook Trail October 31, 2026 – Main Street from just east of the Fire Hall to Third Street NW and Second Street SE from Main Street south to State Highway 60.

Approved closing of the Wayside Rest building on October 31, 2026 at dusk and reopen November 1, 2026 at 9:00 am.

Scheduled a budget workshop meeting for October 26, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Approved closing City Hall Office on November 27, 2026. Employees choosing not to work will be required to use vacation or comp time.

SEH Engineering provided a report indicating that the EPA submittal for federal funding for the water treatment plant will be submitted shortly. The MN Department of Health (MDH) is requiring a resubmittal of the plan review prior to construction. SEH is using this opportunity to perform a final review and update as required. They are nearing the end of this review process as well. Bidding of the project is still planned for this fall.

Public Comments: None. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.