

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL  
EMERGENCY MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2018  
4:00 PM  
TOURISM CENTER**

The Elysian City Council met in emergency session on Friday, September 21, 2018 at the Elysian Tourism Center at 4:00 pm.

Roll Call: Mayor Clinton Stoen; Councilmembers Mary Opsahl and Dennis Schnoor; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Emergency Management Director Jim Tatge; Le Sueur County Deputy Emergency Manager Tammy Stewig; and City Utility Clerk Nicole Lamont. Absent: Councilmembers Robert Houlihan and Tom McBroom.

A high wind storm event occurred in the City on September 20, 2018 at approximately 6:30 pm. This storm event resulted in downed trees, structural damage and a sustained power outage. Due to this damage and prolonged power outage, the City Council determined it necessary to pass a resolution declaring a State of Emergency in the City of Elysian.

On motion by Stoen, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor to approve Resolution #635/18 as follows:

**Resolution #635/18  
Declaring a State of Emergency  
for the City of Elysian**

**WHEREAS** the City of Elysian, Le Sueur/Waseca County, Minnesota, has sustained severe losses of a major proportion, brought on by a high wind storm event on the date of September 20, 2018.

**WHEREAS** the City of Elysian, Le Sueur/Waseca County, is a public entity within the State of Minnesota.

**WHEREAS** the following conditions exist in the City of Elysian, Le Sueur/Waseca County as a result of this disaster: trees down, power outage for an undetermined amount of time and property damage.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mayor Stoen and Council Members Schnoor and Opsahl of the City of Elysian, Le Sueur/Waseca County, acting on behalf of and for the people of Elysian, declares that a State of Emergency exists within the City of Elysian, with all the powers and responsibilities attending thereto as provided by Chapter 12, Minnesota Statue and the City of Elysian.

Duly passed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2018

ATTEST:

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Mayor of Elysian

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City Administrator

Emergency Management Director Tatge reported that minimal structural damage has been reported at this time. Most of the damage has been downed trees. There are some shingles off houses, trees on cars, broken windows, damaged boat lifts and canopies, and yard furniture. Staff will continue to solicit damage reports from residents.

At this point, power has been restored to all Minnesota Valley Electric customers. Xcel Energy has reported that it will be an undetermined amount of time before power is restored to their customers.

The City of Mankato has supplied a generator to fill the City water tower. They will also be sending two crews tomorrow with a wood chipper and skid loader to clean up as much wood debris as possible.

The Salvation Army has been scheduled to supply a hot meal for residents Saturday (tomorrow) morning at 11:00 am. Depending on the anticipated restoration of power, they may be asked to return on Saturday evening and into Sunday as needed.

It was decided that a door hanger should be prepared to notify residents of current updates, and members of the Emergency Management and Fire Department will be paged out to help disburse on a door-to-door basis this evening. The door hanger will contain updates regarding the power, the Salvation Army provided meals, placing debris on the curb, City of Mankato wood chipper being in town, and requesting residents to complete a damage report. A notice will also be sent over the Everbridge System.

The Red Cross will be contacted with any power requests for medical needs. Volunteers going door-to-door will be observant of residents needs and report back to Staff.

It was decided that a curfew was not necessary. However, the Le Sueur County Sheriff will be providing extra patrol in the City tonight from dusk to dawn.

There were no further items to be discussed.

On motion by Stoen, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 pm.

Approved:

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Clinton Stoen, Mayor

Attested:

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator