

## NOTES FROM CITY HALL – JANUARY 2018

The American Legion Post #311 Annual Ice Fishing Contest will be held on Lake Francis on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Many prizes, good stew. Don't forget to get your tickets from any Legion member or Elysian business.

Winners of the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Lighting Contest are as follows:

### Residential:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Mark and Peggy Hecht – 106 Third Street NE (Tie)
- 1<sup>st</sup> - Alvin and Doris Coon – 306 Main Street West (Tie)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Steve and Marnie Schnoor – 205 Third Street NW
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Rick Childs – 105 Highway #60 East

### Commercial District:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Thrifty Chix – 130 Main Street East
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Trail Side Trims – 107 Main Street West
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Elysian Library & Heritage Center – 132 Main Street East

Public Works will be picking up and disposing of Christmas trees through the end of January. Please be sure to remove all ornaments/garland/etc. from the tree and place it at the curb for pick up.

Thanks to Tim Bengtson, Bengtson Construction, for again donating his time and equipment to install and remove the Christmas lights on the Main Street poles.

Dog and cat licenses are required to be renewed on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost of the license is \$3.00. Please provide a copy of current rabies vaccination at time of renewal.

Parking Restrictions during Winter Months: Ordinance 70/11 - At three inches of snow accumulation or more, no parking or leaving cars on any street or avenue will be allowed between the hours of 5 AM and 10 AM. Parking in the Central Business District shall be prohibited between the hours of 2 AM and 7 AM between the days of November 15 and April 15.

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 to the environment.

Check out the Elysian Area Library and Heritage Center Facebook page for upcoming events for children and adults.

BINGO – Sponsored by Horizons. Every Friday night, 6:30 pm at the Elysian American Legion Post #311. Proceeds go to community endeavors.

## ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY JANUARY 8, 2018 AT 6:00 PM

Present were: Mayor Clinton Stoen; Councilmembers Robert Houlihan, Tom McBroom, Mary Opsahl, and Dennis Schnoor; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Public Works Director Ron Greenwald; and City Attorney Jason Moran. Absent: City Utility Clerk Nicole Lamont.

Approved the minutes of the December 11, 2017 Regular Meeting and December 26, 2017 Special Year-End Meeting.

Public Comment – None.

Considered a request from Wilbur Preston and Mark O'Malley to clean the property at 301 Sixth Street NW. Council will be discussing the property in the near future and will consider their proposal.

2018 Designations / Appointments / Assignments were approved as follows:

Regular Council meetings will be held the second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm unless otherwise designated.

1. Mayor Pro Tem – Mary Opsahl
2. Official Depository – Elysian Bank and Northland Securities
3. Official Publication – Elysian Enterprise
4. Legal Counsel – Jason Moran, Law Firm of Christian, Keogh, Moran & King – Criminal and Civil
5. Auditor – Burkhardt & Burkhardt, Ltd
6. Planning and Zoning
  - a. Member from Council – Mayor Clinton Stoen – 1 year term
  - b. Member from Public – Gary Buchschacher - 3 year term
7. EDA
  - a. Member from Council – Mary Opsahl – 1 year term
  - b. Member from Council – Tom McBroom – 1 year term
  - c. Member from Public – No Open Seats
  - d. Administrator – Lorri Kopischke – 1 year term
8. Park Committee
  - a. Member from Council – Bobby Houlihan - 1 year term
  - b. Member from Council – Dennis Schnoor - 1 year term
  - c. Member from Staff – Ron Greenwald - 1 year term
  - d. Member from Staff – Nicole Lamont – 1 year term
9. WEM Community Education Advisory Board – Tom McBroom - 1 year term
10. Representative to the MVCOG General Assembly – Clinton Stoen - 1 year term
11. Fire Relief Association
  - a. Member from Council – Dennis Schnoor – 1 year term
  - b. Member Appointed – City Administrator Lorri Kopischke – 1 year term
12. Joint Fire Board Representative - Clinton Stoen
13. Emergency Management Director – To be advertised
14. Fire Department Chief Appointments
  - a. Chief – Jason James
  - b. First Assistant Chief – Richard Droog
  - c. Second Assistant Chief – Eric Muellerleile

Discussed electrical power and lighting needs for the shed located at 301 Sixth Street NW. Quotes will be provided at the February meeting

Approved Resolution 605/18 – Acknowledging and accepting a donation from the Elysian Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$7,000 toward the purchase of SCBA Air Tanks.

Approved the Yearly Maintenance Agreement for Elections with Le Sueur County.

Approved the Agreement for Codification Services with the League of MN Cities and American Legal Publishing.

Received notice from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency that the petroleum tank release site file for Casey's General Store, 111 W Hwy 60 has been closed.

Reminder: Stakeholder Meeting with MnDOT re: 2020 State Hwy 60 Improvement will be held January 16, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Reminder: Le Sueur County Elected Officials Meeting January 24, 2018 at 6:30 pm in Waterville.

Approved Ordinance No. 88-18: An Ordinance Amending the Cable Television Franchise to Extend the Term for 90 days to allow for further negotiations.

Set a public hearing for consideration of Ordinance 89-18: An Ordinance to Enact a New Chapter, Chapter 84-19 of the Code of Ordinances to administer and regulate the public right of ways in the public interest for February 13, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$292,709.72.

Public Comment:

Mark O'Malley, 504 Frank Avenue NW, stated the quality of internet service in the City is poor. He would like to see Charter Communications available in Elysian.

O'Malley asked if there could be patrol at the intersection of Frank Avenue NW and Fifth Street NW. There is a 4-way stop at the intersection, but few vehicles stop, and most are going faster than the posted speed limit. This occurs mostly in the mornings and evenings when residents are coming from and going to work. There are a lot of kids playing in this area. Le Sueur County Deputy Moon was present at the meeting and he stated he would report this to the Sheriff.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.