

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – JULY 2017

The Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the City of Elysian, wishes to thank all of the volunteers who spent numerous hours working on the 4th of July celebration. Thank you to all who participated in any way including those who attended the events and purchased raffle tickets.

Included in this month's utility billing is the annual MN Board of Health Community Water Supply Service Connection fee in the amount of \$6.36. This is a mandatory annual fee that is charged to each property owner with a water connection. This entire fee goes to the MN State Board of Health.

The 14th Annual Elysian National Night Out will be held this year on Tuesday, August 1 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Lake Francis City Park. The entire community is invited and welcome to attend and to enjoy a free meal consisting of hot dogs, chips, and a drink (prepared and served on site by Fischer's Corner Bar). There will be door prizes during the event and a bounce house, face painting, and a balloon artist for the children. The Elysian Fire Department, Le Sueur County Sheriff's Posse, North Ambulance, and Elysian Rescue Squad vehicles will be available to view and to talk with the attendants. Bring along your neighbors and your lawn chair, if you wish. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at the Elysian American Legion Club Rooms.

Mark your calendar for the 2nd Annual Bash sponsored by the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce to be held at the Lake Francis City Park on Saturday, September 2. Teams are needed for a Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament as part of the Bash. Contact City Hall if interested.

Elysian Farmers Market – Thursdays, June 1 through October 26 from 2 to 6 pm at the Tourism Center. Please contact City Hall if you would like to participate.

Hydrants will be flushed every third Thursday as follows: August 17, September 21, October 19, and possibly November 16.

The City Brush Pile (located at the sanitary sewer pond off County Road 14) is open on Wednesdays 4:00 to 7:00 pm and Saturdays 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.

Following a storm event, the Public Works Department will pick up branches that have been blown down for a period of one week after the event. Please place the branches near the edge of your property for pick up.

The Council has approved Mosquito Control of Iowa for 2017 mosquito treatment. Please contact City Hall if you would like to be on an email or call list to be notified in advance of date and time of spray. We will also put notice on the City Facebook page.

Mowing season is here! Per City Ordinance #16, please keep your grass mowed to less than (6) inches in height. Please mow your lawn AWAY from the street so your grass clippings do not end up in the city's storm sewers.

Looking for residents who are interested in volunteering at the Tourism Center this Summer. Please contact City Hall if you have a couple extra hours a week to welcome visitors at the Center.

When walking pets in the city, please be sure to clean up their feces. It is a violation of city ordinance to deposit animal feces on public or other's private property.

MESSAGE FROM THE ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY: *A special thank you to all who patronized our annual Friends of the Library book sale! The proceeds will go towards programming and building maintenance and upkeep. Your support of our Library & Heritage Center is greatly appreciated!! Thank you as well to all the volunteers who helped with the book sale and made it a great success. We couldn't do it without you!*

We are in need of LEGOs for various programs and are asking if there is anyone looking to get rid of their LEGO stash, would they consider donating them to the Elysian Library. We are also accepting cash

donations in order to purchase LEGOs as well. Please contact the staff at the Elysian Library with questions, 507-267-4411 or elysianpublib@gmail.com.

Thank you to all who contributed their recycled items for our Upcycle Programs this summer! The items were greatly appreciated!

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

The Elysian Tourism Center basement, 100 Third Street SW, is a designated storm shelter. The shelter will be open during the time of a severe weather warning.

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY
JULY 10, 2017 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 June 12, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Public Comment: None.

Approved the request of the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce to hold the “Bash” event at Lake Francis Park on Saturday, September 2, 2017 and a Temporary 1-day Liquor License for the event.

Received a request from R.A.W. Construction for a reduction in retainage for payment for the 2016 Street and Utility Project from 5% to 2%. City Council did not approve the request. Retainage will remain at 5% until more items are completed satisfactorily.

Approved Maguire Iron, Inc. to pressure wash the exterior of the water tower at a cost of \$4,500.

Approved Scheurer’s Tree Service to cut (5) five trees at a cost of \$700.

Approved the Le Sueur County 2017 Municipal Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$7,736.77.

Approved Resolution 576/17 – Accepting a donation from Crystal Valley in the amount of \$1,000 toward the purchase of a Sliding Unit for the Grass Rig.

Approved Resolution 577/17 – Accepting a donation from Land O’Lakes, Inc. Foundation in the amount of \$1,000 toward the purchase of a Sliding Unit for the Grass Rig.

Acknowledged Representative Tony Cornish, who represents Elysian at the state legislature, on being selected as a League of Minnesota Cities Legislator of Distinction for 2017.

Set a Budget Workshop for Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Appreciation was expressed to the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce, the City of Elysian Employees, and all the volunteers who made this an outstanding Fourth of July celebration.

Le Sueur County Sergeant Jeff Thelemann updated the Council. He reported that the Fourth of July festivities were relatively calm. The Council noted the speeding on County Road 11 near the Lake Francis boat access. Thelemann will request added enforcement in that location.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$205,705.64.

Public Comment: None.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.