

## NOTES FROM CITY HALL – MARCH 2020

Dog and cat licenses are required to be renewed on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost of the license is \$5.00. Please provide a copy of current rabies vaccination at time of renewal.

Hydrants will be flushed starting March 19 (weather permitting) and every third Thursday thereafter; April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, and possibly November 19.

Post 311 American Legion and Auxiliary Steak and/or Shrimp Fry – Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 5:00 to 7:30 pm. Enjoy Wisties steaks and homemade battered shrimp. \$15 Dinner includes potato, salad, garlic toast and dessert. Tickets sold by Auxiliary members, and are available at the Legion, Cutting Connection and Mama's Mercantile. Ticket sales END Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>.

The City Brush Pile (located at the sanitary sewer pond off County Road 14) will open on April 1<sup>st</sup> (weather permitting). The hours are 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.

WEM's Moving Forward Foundation Bucs Night Out 2020, Morristown Community Center, Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:00 to 11:30 pm. \$20 Admission or \$400 VIP table (seats 8). Dueling Pianos 8:30 to 10:30 pm. Silent Auction, Raffles, Appetizers. Proceeds benefit the local community.

Farmers Friends and Willing Worker 4H Clubs along with the Lake Area Women will be sponsoring the Kid's Easter Party at the Elysian Area Learning Center on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 10:30 am for children through grade 3. There will be face painting, games, door prizes and live bunnies.

The Board of Review and Equalization Open Book Meeting for Le Sueur County is April 14, 2020 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Le Sueur County Courthouse. The Board of Review and Equalization Open Book Meeting for Waseca County is April 13, 2020 from 9:00 am to noon at the Waseca County Courthouse.

Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 13-17. State-wide tornado drills will be April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting – Knotty Bar & Grill, April 15<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm meeting, 6:00 to 8:00 pm Complimentary Wine/Beer tasting with appetizers. Music by JamBoyz! Honoring Business and Volunteer of the Year. RSVP by April 8<sup>th</sup>: [chamber56028@gmail.com](mailto:chamber56028@gmail.com) or call 507-267-4045.

The 2020 City-wide garage sales will be held May 8<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>. Elysian City-wide Spring Clean Up Day is May 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 11:00 am. The Clean-up will be held at the Lake Francis Park parking area. This will be the only City-wide Clean-up event in 2020.

It may seem early, but the Farmers Market will be opening in less than 3 months – on June 4!! New vendors are always welcome. Let's make this the best season yet!

Minnesota needs 7,500 census workers this year. Are you one of them? The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring for a range of temporary, flexible jobs that make a difference in every community. The 2020 Census determines how more than a trillion dollars are spent locally for schools, roads, hospitals, and much more. That means you could earn extra income while shaping your community's future. Pay starts at \$20 per hour in Le Sueur County. Learn more and apply at: [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs).

UPCOMING ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER EVENTS: *Accordion Photo Album – March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am; Paper Plane Science – March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm; DIY A Rain Barrel - March 28 at 10:00 and 11:00 am; Mother Daughter Book Club – April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am; Cook the Book – April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Library events are free and open to the public. To register for events please call 507-267-4411 or email: [libtle@tds.lib.mn.us](mailto:libtle@tds.lib.mn.us)*

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

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY  
MARCH 9, 2020 AT 6:00 PM**

Present were: Mayor Pro Tem Mary Opsahl; Councilmembers Bobby Houlihan, Bryan Suemnick; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Public Works Director Ron Greenwald; Absent: Mayor Tom McBroom; Councilmember Dennis Schnoor; City Attorney Jason Moran.

Approved the minutes of the February 10, 2020 Regular Meeting and February 25, 2020 Workshop with MnDOT.

Scheduled a Public Hearing to consider the request of Jacob and Ellie James, property owners of 43999 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and 211 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Street, to vacate that portion of Maple Avenue that runs east / west between 5<sup>th</sup> Street SW and 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW in the City of Elysian for April 13, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Approved the request of Terry and Kate Gulbrandson, to relocate the water hydrant at 5 Lynae Circle as per submitted plans subject to the conditions set forth by Chris Cavett, SEH Engineering in email of March 3, 2020.

Considered a quote summary for a 2020 John Deere Z920M ZTrak. Public Works will do more research and provide further information at the April Council Meeting.

Received report that the overhead door at shop is not working properly. Quote will be provided at the April Council Meeting.

Approved the proposal from Timm's Trucking and Excavating for cleaning and removal of buildup on the outlet/inlet of the culvert between Lake Francis and Lake Tustin.

Approved to advertise for summer mowing position at a rate of \$10.50 per hour.

Authorized Public Works to obtain bids to repair a portion of Frank Ave NE, Lake Ave NE, Park Ave NE, First St S, Maple Ave, and Third St NE and to request the City Engineer begin discussions with the County Engineer for an overlay to Main Street and County Road #11.

Scheduled a Special Meeting to receive the Audit Report for Monday, April 13, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Approved to update the codified ordinance book through American Legal Publishing on a biennial basis and to post the updated or new ordinances of 2019 on the website under the pdf of the codified ordinance until that update.

Approved the 2020 Mosquito Control of Iowa contract in the amount of \$3,345.

Received a report from MN DNR that the rehabilitation of Sakatah Trail is scheduled for the summer of 2020.

League of MN Workers Compensation Insurance Premium increased to \$22,479 in 2020.

Reminder of Le Sueur County Elected Officials Meeting March 25 at 6:30 pm at Niesen's Sport Bar, St. Peter.

Reminder Incident Command Training April 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:00 am to noon at South Central College, Mankato.

Le Sueur County Sheriff Brett Mason reported all is calm in the City. He stated current administrative issues include legalized recreational use of marijuana, mental health in the jails, Second Amendment Rights, and the coronavirus. Le Sueur County is monitoring flooding and continues to study the high-water levels on the lakes and discuss the criteria for establishing no wake zones.

Houlihan suggested that instead of waiting for high water and then establishing no wake zones, it may make more sense to place buoys in the narrow areas and post year-round as no wake zones. Mason stated this is an option that should be considered. Mason acknowledged there is a no wake rule 150 feet from shoreline. The legislature is currently looking to expand that rule. However, homeowners are not allowed to place buoys to mark that no wake zone. If there is an issue, homeowners should contact the Sheriff's office to evaluate.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$101,670.17

Public Comment: Tina King, 5 Cedar Point Drive, reported that she and Dennis Byron, on behalf of the Lake Francis Lake Association, had met with Todd Kolander of the DNR to discuss concern with lake levels on Lake Francis. Options discussed include the cleaning of the culvert between Lake Francis and Lake Tustin, an additional outlet from Lake Francis, and adding gauges to Lake Tustin and Lake Francis.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.