

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – MAY 2017

Memorial Day Service in Elysian will start with the traditional march to Cedar Hill Cemetery. The parade line up will be in front of the American Legion Post #311 at 9:30 am. In case of inclement weather, the ceremonies will be held in the Post's Social Hall.

The Avenue of Flags will be going up on May 18. Thank you to all who participate in helping with this project.

Hydrants will be flushed every third Thursday as follows: May 18, June 15, July 20, 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.

Wine & Beer Tasting Event will be held at Tucker's Tavern, Thursday, May 18 from 6 to 8 pm. This is a fundraiser for the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce and proceeds will go towards the 4th of July fireworks display costs.

City of Elysian Residential City-wide Clean-Up Day is Saturday, May 20th from 8:30 to 11:00 am. The Clean-Up will be held at the Lake Francis Park parking area. A list of acceptable items and price list is available at City Hall.

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.

The Council has approved Mosquito Control of Iowa for 2017 mosquito treatment. They do not spray on a certain day of the week but determine spray dates based on the weather. 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.

The July 4th Celebration poster is included. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be available at City Hall the week of June 12.

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.

Two community members have volunteered to be on the Elysian Park Board. The Board is looking for one more community member to serve as an at large commissioner for a one-year term through December 31, 2017. If interested, please contact City Hall or nicole@elysiamn.com.

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.

ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY: The Elysian Area Library is in need of some items for this year's summer reading program. The theme this year is "Build a Better World." They are looking for some of the large Tonka Cranes, Bulldozer, Payloader, etc. (They have some trucks already.) The items would need to be in good condition for use in a display. They would not be played with and would be returned to you at the end of summer.

The Library is also looking for some recycled items for use in craft projects (please have items clean and dry): empty paper towel rolls, 20 oz. pop bottles with cap, small cardboard boxes used in

shipping (amazon, etc.), pudding cups, bulk water bottles, small plastic containers with lids (i.e. cream cheese, butter, dips, etc.) Items can be dropped off at the Library.

The Library is also looking for adults and kids interested in a pen pal exchange. Sign up is at the Library and letters would be delivered/picked up there as well. Please contact Library staff if interested or if you have questions about any of the items listed above.

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
MAY 8, 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; City Utility Clerk Nicole Lamont; and City Attorney Jason Moran. Absent: None.

Approved the minutes of the April 10, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Public Comment: None.

Approved a variance request for Donna and Timothy Henninger, 105 Willow Point Drive, to allow a lot coverage of 42% to accommodate construction of a kitchen expansion and future porch addition.

Approved a variance request for Elde and Matt Kretlow, 128 Willow Point Drive, to allow a lot coverage of 50% and to exceed the height and total building area allowed, to accommodate the construction of a 36 foot x 36 foot – 2 story garage.

Le Sueur County Sheriff Brett Mason updated the Council and introduced Chief Deputy Nick Greenig. Mason stated the Sheriff's Department is in transition with a total of eight position changes. The Justice Center project continues to move forward and the Sheriff's Department has been retained to provide a supervisory role for the Montgomery Police Department.

Approved the request of Brad Zimbrich, owner of Tucker's Tavern, to close Main Street West from County Road 11 (First Street North) to Second Street NW from 4:00 to 8:00 pm on Wednesday evenings from May 10 to August 30, 2017 to allow for car, motorcycle and tractor roll-ins. Zimbrich is also planning a wrestling event similar to AWA Wrestling for June 24, 2017 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Approved Resolution 567/17 - 2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project, Ordering Preparation of Report.

Approved the Engineering Service Agreement with SEH for preparation of the feasibility study (Phase 1) for the 2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project.

Approved the hire of Matt Oswald for the summer mowing position.

Approved a \$1.00 per hour increase in wages for Jerry Ellingsworth effective May 8, 2017.

Approved the application of fertilizer/weed killer to the grass at the Lake Francis Park and the Sixth Street Park for an approximate cost of \$1,800.

Directed Public Works to discontinue mowing a non-city owned strip of property between Casey's General Store and Erdy's Carwash and send a letter to the property owner informing them that the city will no longer be mowing the property.

Declined a request for reduction to the utility bill for services at 6 Egret Lane.

Approved Resolution 568/17 – Acknowledging a Donation from Lawrence Marty in the amount of \$430 to the Elysian Fire Department in memory of Phyllis Marty.

Approved Resolution 569/17 – Acknowledging a Donation from Sandra Olson in the amount of \$20 to the Elysian Fire Department in memory of Phyllis Marty.

Approved Resolution 570/17 – Acknowledging a Donation from Richard and Jean Wiechmann in the amount of \$50 to the Elysian Fire Department in memory of Phyllis Marty.

There is a signed purchase agreement for the sale of the EDA-owned lots at 105, 107 and 109 Park Avenue NE. Closing on the lots will be prior to May 19, 2017.

Referred consideration of a zoning ordinance amendment to restrict driveway widths and the requirement to pave driveways as a condition of sale of property to Planning and Zoning Commission.

The City-wide Garage Sales will be held Saturday, May 13 with the City-wide Clean-Up on May 20 from 8:30 to 11:00 am at the Lake Francis Parking Lot.

Sip & Shop will be held at the American Legion Saturday, May 13 from 9 am to 2 pm. Come and support local businesses.

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The Le Sueur County Governmental Official Association Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 24, 2017 in Waterville (location to be announced) – Meal 6:30 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm.

Approved Resolution 571/17 – Request for Lawful Gambling St Andrews Church Bingo/Raffle for August 13, 2017.

Received report of two calls complaining that there is a truck with boat and trailer that has been parking on the corner of Lake Avenue NE and County Road 11 (First Avenue N). This will be reported to the sheriff.

Appointed Becky Kelley and Kris Miller to the Elysian Park Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2017.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$83,572.15

Public Comment:

Mark Sybilrud, 514 Lake Avenue NW, asked who was responsible to spray the park at the school. The Council referred him to Scott Allen, Waterville Elysian Morrystown School.

Sybilrud asked what was being done for the big holes on the road by the ball park? Greenwald stated the holes would be patched but there will not be an overlay or any further repair as this street is included in the 2018 Street and Utility Project.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.