

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – MAY 2018

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 is going up this week. Thank you to all who participate in helping with this project.

The reconstruction of the Sakatah Trail from Madison Lake (including the parking lot) to Fifth Street in Elysian will begin next week and will last much of the summer.

The Council has approved Mosquito Control of Iowa for 2018 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, text or call list to be notified in advance of date and time of spray. We will also put notice on the City Facebook page.

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.

Hydrants will be flushed every third Thursday as follows: May 24, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, and possibly November 15 (weather permitting).

The City Brush Pile (located at the sanitary sewer pond off County Road 14) is now open. 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.

Elysian Farmers Market – Thursdays, June 14 through October 25 from 2 to 6 pm at the Tourism Center. Please contact City Hall if you would like to participate.

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

The next Park Board Meeting is Tuesday, May 22 at 7:00 pm. The public is invited to attend and provide their ideas!!

Elysian Emergency Management is looking for residents who are interested in joining their team. For more information please call or email Jim Tatge: 507-995-6668 / Jtatge@mankatomn.gov

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.

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.

Check out the Elysian Area Library and Heritage Center Facebook page for upcoming events. Some upcoming events include: Summer reading program - READING ROCKS begins June 2 and runs to July 31. Students receive rewards for reading 10, 20, & 30 days of 20 minutes. Some additional programming includes: Brodini - Comedy Magic Show June 5 @ 10am, Peter Klug - a mix of rock and country guitar June 9 @ 10:30am, Radzoo - a mix of reptile and amphibian animals June 25 @ 10am, Harry Potter Escape Room - July 7 @ 10:30am, Junk Funk - make music using junk June 27 @ 6:30pm, Intro to Belly Dance July 18 @ 10am. + Much more. Call the library 507-267-4411 or email libtle@tds.lib.mn.us with questions.

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 14, 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 April 9, 2018 Regular Meeting and May 7, 2018 Open House Meeting with MnDOT.

Le Sueur County Chief Deputy Nick Greenig stated all is well in the City. He reported that the first meeting of the Le Sueur County TRIAD program went well with approximately 75 people in attendance. The next TRIAD meeting will be held in July in the City of Montgomery.

Jim Tatge, Emergency Management Director introduced himself to the Council. Council welcomed him.

Public Comment: (Full text included in official City Council minutes.)

Kathy and Scott Roemhildt, Rick Childs, Wayne James, and Sue Morsching expressed concern with the MnDOT proposal for Hwy 60 that included medians. Concerns included how it would affect the businesses, questioned if it would actually slow the traffic, access for the fire department.

Dan Engebretson spoke on behalf of the Elysian Planning and Zoning Commission and stated the Commission is in favor of the proposal for Hwy 60 that includes medians as it provides a safe zone for pedestrians, the curbs will reinforce the narrowing of the lanes – thus slowing traffic, and the center island provides a sense that you are entering an urban area – thus reducing speed.

Forrest Hasty, PE, Project Manager, MnDOT District 7, presented the Council with the final two options for the 2020 Hwy 60 project. Option 1 adds turn lanes, narrows lanes, and includes two unmarked crosswalks. Option 2 installs center medians, adds turn lanes, closes the Second Street SE access to the south (while installing G Avenue SE through to provide access) and limits the Second Street SE access to the north to right in/right out only, and it adds a back-age street to the car wash.

After careful consideration and discussion, Council approved Option 1 (to NOT install center medians) for the 2020 Hwy 60 project. Council also approved keeping the access at Fourth Street SW open. Future meetings will be held with MnDOT to discuss right-of-way, lighting and detour issues.

Approved a redesign of the Tourism Center parking lot in conjunction with the 2018 SUIP. Referred consideration of the removal / replacement of sidewalks within the 2018 SUIP to the Park Board.

Approved a quote from Minnesota Pump Works to repair the pump for Lift Station A in the amount of \$2,653.25. Staff will also file claim with the insurance company.

Scheduled a Public Hearing for June 11, 2018 to consider amendment to Ordinance #2: Related to the City Water System, Section 8 and 9.

Received update on 301 Sixth Street NW. The house on the property has been removed. The auction of personal property is scheduled for June 24 at 12:00 noon.

Approved Resolution 615/18 – To approve utilization of the Minnesota Investment Fund State Funded RLF request for One-Time Exception for uncommitted money received from repayment of funds awarded under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J,8731 in the amount of \$50,000.

Approved Resolution 616/18 – Authorizing the Deferral of 2018 SUIP Special Assessment – 202 Third Street NW.

Approved Resolution 617/18 – Authorizing the Deferral of 2018 SUIP Special Assessment – 207 Park Avenue NW.

Approved Resolution 618/18 – Authorizing the Deferral of 2018 SUIP Special Assessment – 205 Third Street NW.

There are remaining funds from the BOWSER grant used to perform the Septic Inventory Project on Lake Francis, Rays, Sakatah and Tetonka. The monies will be split between the City of Elysian and the City of Waterville. Wenck Associates will utilize the funds to perform a Waste Water Capacity Study for the City of Elysian.

Approved the contract for 2018 Mosquito Control with Mosquito Control of Iowa, Inc, in the amount of \$3,250.

Approved Dallas McBroom for the position of 2018 temporary summer employee. Approved Joseph Lattimore for the position of permanent part time public works worker.

Reminder: City-wide Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, May 19 from 8:30 to 11:00 am at the Lake Francis Parking Lot.

Reminder: Council Meeting to Consider a Resolution Approving Issuance of General Obligation Bonds – May 22, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Reminder: Le Sueur County Officials Meeting – Wednesday, May 23, 2018, Little Dandy Sports Bar, Le Center, 6:30 pm social and food, 7:00 pm meeting

Due to weather, the Tuckers Tavern Roll-Ins will not begin until June 6, 2018.

Scheduled a Public Hearing for June 11, 2018 to consider a liquor license application for The Knotty Bar & Grill, 510 West Highway 60.

Approved Resolution 619/18 – Authorizing the sale of PID #16.419.0090 and 16.419.0100 to Henninger Construction LLC.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$141,895.39.

Public Comment: None. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.