

## **NOTES FROM CITY HALL – OCTOBER 2017**

Elysian Farmers Market – Thursdays, June 1<sup>st</sup> through October 26<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 6:00 pm at the Tourism Center.

City-Wide Fall Clean-up will be October 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 to 11:00 am at Lake Francis City Park. Stop by City Hall or check the website for a list of accepted items and their fees.

Trick or Treat for our area WE Share Food Shelf – Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-6:00 pm. Youth from the Evangelical United Methodist Church, Farmer's Friends 4-H Club, Girl Scouts, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, St Andrew's Catholic Church, and the Trinity Lutheran Church will be trick or treating door-to-door for donations. Drop off donations will be accepted at the Methodist Church (319 Main St E, Waterville) from 10:00-10:30 am & 3:30-6:00 pm on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Financial donations will be accepted and allow the food shelf to provide for needs when other donations are low or special situations arise. There are donation containers at many local businesses. Checks can be made out to the 'WE Share Food Shelf'. Every \$1 donated = \$3 of value at the food bank!

American Legion Post 311 SAL Omelet Breakfast – Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 12 noon.

Elysian's Spook Night – October 31<sup>st</sup>. Spooky Trick-or-Treating Trail 5:30 to 7:30 pm Sakatah Trail & Main Street. Complimentary hot dog, chips & beverage 5:30 pm until gone at the Elysian Fire Hall. Volunteers wanted 507-317-0532. Bags of candy & monetary donations needed – drop off at Pit Stop or City Hall. Event is sponsored by Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce.

Dad's Belgian Waffles & Silent Auction Fundraiser for the Elysian Area Library & Heritage Center, Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at St Andrew's Church. Silent Auction items needed. Please drop off at Elysian Area Library & Heritage Center.

American Legion Auxiliary Christmas Garage Sale, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Door prize drawing entry with your purchase. Many bargains. Coffee, rolls, and lunch are available.

Small Business Saturday in Elysian at the Fire Hall, November 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. A perfect opportunity to get a head start on your Holiday Shopping. There will be some awesome crafts and vendors.

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

The City Brush Pile (located at the sanitary sewer pond off County Road 14) is open on Wednesdays 3:00 to 6:00 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.

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.

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 OCTOBER 9, 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.

Held a Public Hearing and approved Ordinance #65/09A – An Ordinance Amending Elysian Ordinance #65/09 relating to the Operation of Motorized Golf Carts on Public Street and Roadways within the City of Elysian.

Approved the minutes of the September 11, 2017 Regular Meeting and September 26, 2017 Workshop Meeting with MnDOT.

Le Sueur County Deputy Richard Droog asked the Council if they had any concerns. He stated the speed on Hwy 60 and County Road 11 has slowed down since they have been patrolling.

Le Sueur County Commissioner Rohlfing reported the Preliminary County Levy has been set at an 8% increase. There will be an open house on October 18, 2017 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm, in the 4H Building at the Le Sueur County Fairgrounds, to showcase the new Justice Center. The County is working on Phase 1 of the Cannon River 1 Watershed, 1 Plan. Rohlfing reported that the County Administrator/Engineer position was being split into two positions with Darrell Pettis appointed to the County Administrator position and Dave Tiegs appointed to the County Engineer position.

Public Comment – None.

Approved the closing of Main Street from Third Street NW to the Fire Hall on October 31, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm to accommodate the Spooky Trick-or-Treating Trail.

Voted unanimously to “not change” the requirements on a variance request for Larry & Sherri Knutson regarding the trees and patio at 6 Cedar Point Drive NW.

Approved Resolution 589/17 – Revoking the Deferral of Special Assessment 205 Fourth Street NW.

Approved Resolution 590/17 – Receiving Draft Feasibility Report and Calling Hearing on Improvement 2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project. The Public Hearing will be held November 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Approved Resolution 588/17 – Acknowledging and Accepting a Donation from Cannon Valley Communications Foundation in the amount of \$7,500 toward the purchase of Grass Fire Rig Equipment.

Discussed City of Elysian Ordinance #2 Amended, Section 8 regarding the responsibility for the curb stop. There was Council consensus that the intent of the Ordinance is that the consumer or owner is responsible for installation and maintenance of all equipment from the main to the house.

Set a Workshop Meeting with MNDOT Representatives regarding State Hwy 60 for October 16, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

All yearly employee evaluations are complete. All employees met or exceeded performance expectations for their position.

Approved advertising for on-call public works worker for up to 25 hours per week at \$13.50 per hour.

Thrifty White will hold a Flu Shot Clinic at the Tourism Center on Wednesday, October 18 - 3:00 to 7:00 pm

Received information in the packet explaining NRG Community Solar.

Approved a three-week extension for the removal of personal property from 301 Sixth Street NW and that no trash, junk or waste be thrown on the lawn and no trash or personal property be left outside for more than 24 hours.

City Attorney noted that the rezone issue voted on at the September Council meeting had not required a super majority vote as he had previously advised and offered an opportunity for councilmembers to change their vote on that issue. There was no change in votes.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$113,925.62.

Public Comment: None.

The meeting adjourned to closed session to perform employee evaluation of City Administrator at 7:43 pm.