

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2017**

The Elysian City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 9, 2017, at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

City Attorney Moran gave the oath of office with Mayor Clinton Stoen and Council Persons Robert Houlihan, Tom McBroom, and Mary Opsahl answering.

Roll Call: Mayor Clinton Stoen; Councilmembers Mary Opsahl, Robert Houlihan, Dennis Schnoor, and Tom McBroom; Public Works Director Ron Greenwald; and City Attorney Jason Moran.

Absent: City Administrator Lorri Kopischke and City Utility Clerk Nicole Lamont.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2016 Regular Meeting and the December 28, 2016 Special Meeting as presented.

On motion by Stoen, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to approve the agenda of the January 9, 2017 meeting with the following additions/changes:

1. Add: LeSueur County Sheriff David Tietz
2. Add: LeSueur County Commissioner Steven Rohlfig
3. Mayor Stoen will present Administrative Update.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Rohlfig reported the LeSueur County 2017 Levy has been approved with a 4.5% increase. He attributed the increase to payments for bond indebtedness, increased insurance and employee costs, and the new law enforcement center. He stated the County is involved in a septic system survey of properties on area lakes. The inspection will be free of charge and the owners will have until 2022 to make any required repairs. Rohlfig complimented the appearance of Elysian and thanked the Council for keeping the community strong.

Sheriff Tietz thanked the Council for all they do. He noted there had been some speeding issues on State Highway 60. The speed trailer was located on the highway and several traffic stops were made. Tietz reported on new hire Thelemann, a successful drug arrest in the county by Minnesota River Valley Drug Task Force, and the progress on the new law enforcement center. Lastly, the County is working on aquatic invasive species enforcement funding for the upcoming season.

Council asked if it would be possible to get a permanent solar blinking speed sign on State Highway 60. Tietz stated he would check with the Minnesota DOT on this and report back to the Council.

Council asked about placing a prescription disposal box at City Hall. Tietz reported he had checked into this extensively for the City but there are strict restrictions and the City was not approved because the container would not be monitored 24/7.

On motion by Stoen, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor, the following designation was approved:

- Regular Council meeting date and time: Second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm unless otherwise designated.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, the following designations were approved:

- Mayor Pro Tem – Mary Opsahl
- Official Depository – Elysian Bank and Northland Securities

- Official Publication – Elysian Enterprise
- Legal Counsel – Jason Moran, Law Firm of Christian, Keogh, Moran & King – Criminal and Civil
- Auditor – Burkhardt & Burkhardt, Ltd.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, the following designations were approved:

- Planning and Zoning  
Member from Council – Mayor Clinton Stoen – 1 year term  
Member from Public – Shawn Anderson – 3 year term
- EDA  
Member from Council – Mary Opsahl – 1 year term  
Member from Council – Tom McBroom – 1 year term  
Member from Public – Steve Ritchison – 6 year term  
Administrator – Lorri Kopischke – 1 year term
- Park Committee  
Member from Council – Robert Houlihan – 1 year term  
Member from Council – Dennis Schnoor – 1 year term  
Member from Staff – Ron Greenwald – 1 year term  
Member from Staff – Nicole Lamont – 1 year term

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, the following designations were approved:

- WEM Community Education Advisory Board – Tom McBroom – 1 year term
- Elysian Representative to the MVCOG General Assembly – Clinton Stoen – 1 year term
- Fire Relief Association  
Member from Council – Dennis Schnoor – 1 year term  
Member Appointed – City Administrator Lorri Kopischke – 1 year term
- Joint Fire Board Representative – Clinton Stoen

On motion by Stoen, seconded by McBroom, to appoint Richard Droog as Emergency Management Director. Voting on the motion: Aye: McBroom, Stoen. Nay: Houlihan, Opsahl, Schnoor. Motion failed.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Stoen, all voting in favor, the following Fire Department Chief appointments were approved:

- Chief – Jason James
- First Assistant Chief – Mark Muellerleile
- Second Assistant Chief – Eric Muellerleile

Public Works Director Ron Greenwald presented a bill from Hydro Klean in the amount of \$5,400 for sealing seven (7) defective/leaking manholes and one (1) lift station in the City. He reported that Hydro Klean had sealed them but 50% of them were not sealed enough and are leaking. City Engineer Cavett has suggested an amount of \$2,400 be paid and the remainder withheld until such time as the work is performed to City standards. Hydro Klean has agreed to return in the spring and complete the work.

There was Council consensus that the bill should not be paid until the work done is satisfactory and as promised. On motion Stoen, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, to table payment to Hydro Klean in the amount of \$5,400 dependent on successful completion of the job.

Councilmember Schnoor introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Opsahl.

**CITY OF ELYSIAN  
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA  
RESOLUTION 558/17  
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING A DONATION FROM  
ELYSIAN FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Elysian has received a donation in the amount of \$3,000.00 from the Elysian Fire Relief Association - \$1,790.00 for purchase of a Sound System and \$1,210.00 for Accessories (lights, sirens) for the new trucks;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA THAT:** the City Council of the City of Elysian acknowledges and accepts a donation from the Elysian Fire Relief Association - \$1,790.00 for purchase of a Sound System and \$1,210.00 for Accessories (lights, sirens) for the new trucks.

Upon vote being taken:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Houlihan, McBroom, Opsahl, Schnoor, Stoen.

Council Members voting in the negative: None.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

Approved:

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Clinton Stoen, Mayor

Attested:

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

City Attorney Jason Moran stated that Ordinance #2 – An Ordinance Relating to the City of Elysian Water System, Regulating Use and the Manner of Use of the City Waterworks, and Regulating Excavations in Public Street for Water Connections and for any Other Purposes, is archaic and highly difficult to implement. Moran will be working with staff to revise the Ordinance and he asked the Council to set a public hearing to consider an amendment to Ordinance #2 for a meeting in February.

On motion by Stoen, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to set a public hearing for Monday, February 13, 2017 at 6:15 pm to consider an amendment to Ordinance #2 – An Ordinance Relating to the City of Elysian Water System, Regulating Use and the Manner of Use of the City Waterworks, and Regulating Excavations in Public Street for Water Connections and for any Other Purposes.

Councilmembers will be contacted regarding a date for a goal setting work session.

The Council acknowledged a thank you from the Lake Francis Association for all the help in the 2016 year with Watercraft Inspections on Lake Francis. They also thanked Heather Hering and

Randy Tuma who worked as the Level 1 Watercraft Inspectors. The Association reported that there was no evidence of a new infestation on Lake Francis in 2016.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, bills, payroll and transfers were approved in the amount of \$38,660.16.

Public Comment: None.

On motion by Stoen, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, meeting adjourned to closed session to discuss employee labor negotiations and purchase of property at 6:26 pm.

On motion by Stoen, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to reopen the meeting at 6:48 pm.

Stoen stated that during the closed session there was Council consensus to authorize the City Administrator to negotiate a purchase price for the sale of land and report back to the Council. Also, there was Council consensus to talk to the individuals being considered for appointment as Emergency Management Director and invite them to the discuss the appointment in closed session at the February 13, 2017 City Council Meeting.

On motion by Stoen, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 pm.

Approved:

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Clinton Stoen, Mayor

Attested:

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator