

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 13, 2019**

The Elysian City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 13, 2019 at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

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

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor, to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2019 Special Meeting and the April 8, 2019 Regular Meeting as presented.

On motion by Opsahl, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, to approve the agenda of the May 13, 2019 Regular Meeting with the following additions:

1. Update on Watercraft Inspector
2. Cable and Telephone Company

Le Sueur County Chief Deputy Nick Greenig reported the County Engineer has not heard back from the MnDOT Regional Engineer regarding the speed limit on County Road 14. Greenig stated that work continues to establish a legitimate lake high water level to require a no wake posting on the county lakes. He will keep the Council updated on progress.

Public Comment: None.

Kayla Bronk, Abby Crosby, and Illyana Kelley, representing Fifth Grade Girl Scout Troop #44869, presented their Movie in the Park Event Proposal. The goal is to earn their Bronze Award by hosting a community building event. They hope to have the event around the 4th of July at the Elysian Baseball Field and show the movie "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World". The event would be free to attend, and they would sell concessions such as bottled water and soda, candy and chips. They will also ask Alley Scoops to come and sell ice cream. The cost for hosting the event is \$677 – Movie Licensing Fee \$435, 300-inch outdoor projector screen \$178, and PVC pipe frame for projector screen \$64. The troop will be contacting local organizations and businesses to request donations. They asked the City Council to contribute toward the projector screen and the PVC pipe frame. It was noted that if the City co-sponsors the event, it will be covered under the City's liability insurance.

In response to Council questions, the girls stated the money raised selling concessions will be used to cover any costs not covered by donations and for their big trip to Georgia next summer. They will use flyers to advertise the event and in the case of inclement weather they will reschedule the event to a different date.

On motion by Opsahl, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to co-sponsor the Troop #44860 Movie in the Park Event and to provide \$350 in funding (\$178 toward the projector screen, \$64 toward the PVC pipe frame for the screen and \$108 toward the movie licensing fee).

Sharon Brandt, President, American Legion #311 Auxiliary, was present on behalf of the American Legion and the Auxiliary. She provided a diagram of a Veteran's Memorial which has been proposed to the City of Elysian Park Board to be erected at the Sunset Park. The Memorial would be 20 feet wide by 25 feet long. Vetter Stone drew the diagram and the Legion is hopeful they will

be providing some type of discount. The Memorial will contain benches and the American flag, the family flags of the American Legion, and the five military as well as the POW flag. It will start out modest with the bottom being filled with smaller river rock and pebbles. The Legion will sell pavers that can be bought in honor of loved ones and it is anticipated that it will fill quickly. There will be solar lighting with the anticipation of permanent lighting in the future as the park develops.

Brandt stated they would like to place this on the natural berm at the center point of Sunset Park. This location would provide an easy grade for the elderly. A crushed rock path would be installed with the anticipation of a paved pathway in the future. The Legion will be raising money and soliciting donations from Legion members and will also be looking and asking that the City look for grants to pay for the project.

With that, Brandt stated they would like to have the Memorial completed by Memorial Day 2020 and asked the Council for the permission to go ahead with the project.

Councilmember Schnoor reported that the Park Board would discourage the proposed location. The park is still in the design stage and if placed on the berm the Veteran's Memorial would be the main attraction of the park. The proposed location is a long distance for a handicapped or elderly person. The Park Board would prefer to place it off to the side and closer to the road.

Brandt stated the Legion and Auxiliary would like to see it on the berm as it would be more visible from the DNR trail. There is more potential for vandalism if it is closer to the road and the berm would then obliterate the view. If you go to other areas, the Veterans Memorials are the center attraction of the parks. Brandt asked if the trees would still be moved this year and if the City would be expending funds to improve Sunset Park in the near future.

Greenwald stated the trees would be moved into the park this year. Schnoor stated the City has a certain amount of dollars to spend each year and it is divided between all three parks as recommended by the Park Board and approved by the City Council.

There was Council consensus to have a Joint Meeting with the Park Board at Sunset Park on May 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

A survey of the DNR property between State Hwy 60 and the businesses on Main Street was discussed. The area is currently used as an alleyway. Several of the businesses are encroaching on the property. At the March Council meeting, representatives of the MN DNR asked the City's interest in acquiring that property. The first step in that process is for the City to send an inquiry to the DNR expressing interest in the property.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Opsahl, all voting in favor, to authorize the City Administrator to send a letter to the MN DNR expressing the City's interest in acquiring the property located between State Hwy 60 and the businesses on Main Street.

Chris Cavett, SEH Engineering, discussed the storm sewer at the DNR culvert crossing located under State Hwy 60 east of Second Street SE. The water runs through a buried pipe, through a DNR historical limestone culvert and into a MnDOT culvert and discharges on the other side of State Hwy 60. This is a problem as there is no straight (flow) line. Two options were looked at in 2016: Plan A: Extend the pipe, bypass the limestone culvert and connect to the MnDOT culvert. The City would have to remove or bury the limestone culvert., or Plan B: Develop a small pond system in the low area of the back of the two properties. The benefit of Plan B is the installation of a smaller pipe to regulate and slow the flow of the water.

Cavett noted that with the MN DNR reconstruction of the trail and the upcoming MnDOT State Hwy 60 project, this is the time for the City to work with those entities to make an improvement. Resolution of this issue would provide a long-term benefit to the City and would benefit the water flowing into Lake Elysian. Cavett requested authorization to work with the involved entities to determine a mutually beneficial solution and come back to the Council with a scope of work. He anticipated this would be 10-20 hours of his services.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to authorize Chris Cavett, SEH Engineering, up to 20 hours to discuss with MnDOT and the MN DNR and to develop the best resolution for the storm water flow under State Hwy 60 east of Second Street SE.

Cavett reported the contractor is working on the punch list items of the 2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project. The paving is scheduled for the end of May – first of June. Completion of the project is scheduled for the end of June. Cavett stated he did not anticipate any issues.

Schnoor stated he was displeased with the saw and seal in the curbs. He also stated that he was concerned that with the raised iron there was no tack used on the edges.

Public Works Director Greenwald reported that the large pavilion at the Lake Francis Park needs painting. The small pavilion is not as bad, but the dugouts need some attention as well. He asked if a volunteer group could be asked to do the painting and also if the Council would like to change colors possibly to match the new concession stand. There was Council consensus to refer this item to the Park Board.

Greenwald presented a quote from Hawkins for a chemical pump in the amount of \$574.97. He requested approval for the purchase of two of these pumps so he can resume the fluoride treatment. Hawkins will install the pumps at no charge. There may be a small cost for connection to the main.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Opsahl, all voting in favor, to approve the purchase of two (2) Stenner 10 gpd pumps in the amount of \$574.97 each from Hawkins.

Greenwald reported the MN DNR is requiring a specific seed mix to reseed the area disturbed due to the 2018 watermain break between Roots Beach and Shoreview Drive. He provided a quote from Shooting Star Native Seeds in the amount of \$135 per pound. Greenwald stated he will also have to add some blue grass seed for a cost of \$150.

The Council then considered quotes for sealcoating the streets included in the 2016 Street and Utility Improvement Project. Pearson Bros., Inc. provided a quote for traditional type seal coating in the amount of \$25,277.03. Barga Incorporated provided a quote for a different type of seal coating called RePlay Procedure in the amount of #1: Rate .020 for \$29,500 and #2: Rate .025 for \$31,995.

Cavett explained the RePlay Procedure is a soy-based product that penetrates one (1) inch into the surface and fills the voids. Several cities are using this product and reporting success. One complaint is that when it is completely hardened you cannot see it on the surface. The street looks the same. There are no rocks used so it is a nice application. Cavett stated that initially he thought this was going to be a lot less expensive than the traditional seal coating, but it is not. Cavett felt more research needed to be done and as the cost was the same or even more than traditional seal coating, he would recommend the Council approve the quote from Pearson Bros., Inc. for the traditional seal coating.

Greenwald reported that the City of Elysian had been one of the first cities to test the RePlay. It was used in 2013 in the Sakatah Addition at the .020 rate. There are very few cracks and that has not been seal coated. It was also used on the bike trail there which is a very thin layer of bituminous and that has held up very well.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Opsahl, all voting in favor, to approve the specifications and estimate for seal coating the streets included in the 2016 Street and Utility Improvement Project in the amount of \$25,277.03 to Pearson Bros., Inc.

Greenwald presented a list of streets that need immediate repair or repair within the next one to two years. Most of these streets are included in the next phase of street improvements but a timeline has not been determined for a future street project. The proposals to mill and overlay the streets included on the list were as follows: WW Blacktopping \$60,198 and Crane Creek Asphalt \$55,800. Crane Creek would do the mill and overlay when they were in town installing the second layer of asphalt for the 2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project.

The Council discussed the funds available and asked which streets were in the worst condition. Greenwald stated that G Avenue, Third Street SW, and Second Street NE needed immediate repair. From the quotes provided it appeared those three (3) streets would cost approximately \$27,306.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, to accept the proposal from Crane Creek to provide an overlay to G Avenue, Second Street NE, and Third St SW and to discuss in work session how to proceed with the remaining streets on the list in need of repair.

On motion by Opsahl, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, to approve Allison Rients for hire as the 2019 temporary summer employee.

Reminder of Wine & Beer Tasting Event at the Thirsty Beaver Bar on May 16th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. This is a fundraiser for the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce and proceeds will go toward the 4th of July Celebration / Fireworks.

City-wide Clean Up is May 18th from 8:30 to 11:00 am at Lake Francis Park.

Councilmember Schnoor introduced the resolution and was seconded by Mayor McBroom.

CITY OF ELYSIAN
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 664/19
RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR ONE-DAY OFF SITE
LAWFUL GAMBLING LICENSE

WHEREAS; The Elysian City Council was presented with a request from the Elysian Fire Department Relief Association for one day off site lawful gambling on July 5, 2019,

WHEREAS; State Laws of Minnesota require approval be granted by the local governing body, thus the City of Elysian,

WHEREAS; the request was made at a regular meeting of the Elysian City Council,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; The Elysian City Council granted approval for a one day off site lawful gambling license to the Elysian Fire Department Relief Association on July 5, 2019 in conjunction with the July 4th Celebration.

Upon vote being taken:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: McBroom, Opsahl, Schnoor, Suemnick

Council Members voting in the negative: None.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 13th day of May, 2019.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Opsahl, all voting in favor, to provide Police Protection and Porta-Pots for the 4th of July Celebration in an amount of \$3,000.

Councilmember Schnoor introduced the resolution and was seconded by Mayor McBroom.

CITY OF ELYSIAN
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 665/19
REQUEST FOR LAWFUL GAMBLING
ELYSIAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RAFFLE

WHEREAS, the Elysian City Council was presented with a request from Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce for a lawful gambling event: raffle, in conjunction with the 2019 4th of July Community Celebration.

WHEREAS, State Laws of Minnesota require approval be granted by the local governing body, thus the City of Elysian.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA THAT: The Elysian City Council grants approval to the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce for a lawful gambling event: raffle, in conjunction with the 2019 4th of July Community Celebration.

Upon vote being taken:

Councilmembers voting in the affirmative: McBroom, Opsahl, Schnoor, Suemnick.

Councilmembers voting in the negative: None.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 13th day of May 2019.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

Mayor McBroom introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Opsahl.

CITY OF ELYSIAN
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 666/19
ELYSIAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY 6-DAY LIQUOR LICENSE

WHEREAS, the Elysian City Council was presented with a request from Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce for a temporary 6-day Liquor License, in conjunction with the 2019 4th of July Community Celebration.

WHEREAS, State Laws of Minnesota require approval be granted by the local governing body, thus the City of Elysian.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA THAT: The Elysian City Council grants approval to the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce for a temporary 6-day Liquor License in conjunction with the 2019 4th of July Community Celebration.

Upon vote being taken:

Councilmembers voting in the affirmative: McBroom, Opsahl, Schnoor, Suemnick.

Councilmembers voting in the negative: None.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 13th day of May 2019.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

On motion by Opsahl, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, to close streets for the 4th of July Celebration as per list and to approve the vendor policy.

July 1st – July 8th

Second Street NE from Main Street to the alley between Main and Park Ave NE (location of tent).

Wednesday July 3rd

Second Street SW (in front of bank) from alley to Main Street – 3:00 pm to after dance (Police park vehicles in this area).

Main Street from County Road 11 to Fire Hall from 6:00 pm to end of the Firefighters dance.

Thursday July 4th

Second Street SW – in front of bank from alley to Main Street – from 6:00 am until 6:00 pm.

From Third Street NE and Main Street E, west on Main Street to State Hwy #60 until after the parade – From County Road 11 west to State Hwy #60 will be open at approximately 4:00 pm.

Detour signs will be placed on County Road 11 at Lake Ave NE for incoming traffic from the north to Frank Ave NE to Third Street NE to Lake Tustin Road. (This is due to Le Sueur County Sheriff Department wanting County Road 11 at the intersection of Main Street and First Street to be closed during the parade.)

After parade – Main Street from County Road 11 to past Fire Hall.

Friday July 5th

No streets will be blocked off.

Saturday July 6th

Second Street SW – in front of bank from alley to Main Street – from 12:00 noon until after Johnny Holm Dance.

Main Street from County Road 11 to just past Fire Hall from 7:00 pm to after Johnny Holm Dance.

Sunday July 7th

Main Street closed from County Road 11 to just past the Clubhouse and Main Street from County Road 11 west to Second Street NW from 6:00 am to after car show.

Main Street closed from County Road 11 east to just past Clubhouse, and west from County Road 11 to Second Street NW from 6:00 am to 3:00 pm (car show).

Due to activities being sponsored by the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the City of Elysian during all July 4th celebration activities, the following has been approved: local Main Street businesses may not allow a vendor, other than their business, or a non-profit organization, to set up on their property; independent vendors will not be allowed to set up and do business during the celebration on any street in Elysian or in front of any business with the exception of Flea Market, unless prior approval of the 4th of July Committee.

Council noted that the previously approved Watercraft Inspector will no longer be available for the position. On motion by Opsahl, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to approve Heather Hering as part-time 2019 Watercraft Inspector.

On motion by Opsahl, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to approve the estimate from St. Croix Recreation in the amount of \$707.64 for a memorial bench with plaque – Remiger.

The Council discussed the possibility of an additional cable provider in the City. Staff will follow up with options.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor, bills, payroll, and transfers were approved in the amount of \$147,553.37.

Public Comment: None.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Opsahl, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator