

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2019**

The Elysian City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 14, 2019 at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Mayor Clinton Stoen; Councilmembers Robert Houlihan, Tom McBroom, Mary Opsahl, and Dennis Schnoor; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Public Works Director Ron Greenwald; City Attorney Jason Moran. Absent: City Utility Clerk Nicole Lamont.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2018 Regular Meeting and December 27, 2018 Special Year-End Meeting as presented.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, bills, payroll, and transfers were approved in the amount of \$44,232.63.

Councilmember McBroom presented Mayor Stoen with a certificate of appreciation from the City Council and City staff for his service to the Elysian community as a City Councilmember and Mayor since 2009, and an engraved gavel commemorating his time of service as Mayor. McBroom thanked Stoen for his years of service and stated that he will be missed.

City Clerk/Administrator Kopischke administered the oath of office with Mayor Tom McBroom and Council Persons Dennis Schnoor and Bryan Suemnick answering.

Roll Call: Mayor Tom McBroom; Councilmembers Mary Opsahl, Dennis Schnoor, and Bryan Suemnick; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Public Works Director Ron Greenwald; City Attorney Jason Moran. Absent: City Utility Clerk Nicole Lamont.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Opsahl, all voting in favor, to approve the agenda of the January 14, 2019 Regular Meeting as presented.

Public Comment: None.

As McBroom was elected to the position of Mayor at the November 6, 2018 election while he was serving as a councilmember for a term that expires in January 2021, there now exists a vacancy on the Council. Resolution No, 654/19 declares that vacancy and states that the Council will fill the vacancy by appointment at the February 11, 2019 Council Meeting. The appointment is for a two (2) year term and will expire January 2021.

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

CITY OF ELYSIAN
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 654/19
A RESOLUTION DECLARING A VACANCY

WHEREAS, a General Election was held on November 6, 2018 for the seats of Mayor and Councilmember in the City of Elysian;

WHEREAS, Thomas McBroom was duly elected to the position of Mayor of the City of Elysian by a majority vote all the while he was in the process of completing a term of Councilmember;

WHEREAS, Thomas McBroom will accept the position of Mayor on January 14, 2019 which will leave his current seat as Councilmember vacant;

WHEREAS, Thomas McBroom's current seat on the City Council expires in January, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City Council hereby accepts the results of the November 6, 2018 General Election; and
2. That Thomas McBroom has been elected to serve as the Mayor of the City of Elysian and the City Council herein declares that a vacancy now exists on the Elysian City Council for his vacated council seat with an effective date of January 14, 2019; and
3. That the vacancy created herein shall be filled by appointment by the City Council pursuant to Minnesota State Statute §412.02 Subd. 2a. The City Council shall vote to make the appointment at the February 11, 2019 City Council Meeting. The appointed person shall fill the vacancy until the special election held on November 3, 2020 with seating for the same occurring at the first council meeting in January 2021.

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 14th of January, 2019.

Approved:

Thomas McBroom, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

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

- Regular Council meeting date and time: Second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm unless otherwise designated.
- 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 Opsahl, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor, the following designations were approved:

- Planning and Zoning
 - Member from Council – Mayor Tom McBroom – 1 year term
 - Member from Public – Jeremy Henninger – 2 year term
 - Member from Public – Dan Engebretson – 3 year term
 - Member from Public – Rick Galewski – 3 year term
- Economic Development Authority
 - Member from Council – Mary Opsahl – 1 year term
 - Member from Public – Mack Evans – 6 year term
 - Administrator – Lorri Kopischke – 1 year term
- Park Committee
 - Member from Council – Dennis Schnoor – 1 year term
 - Member from Staff – Ron Greenwald – 1 year term
 - Member from Staff – Nicole Lamont – 1 year term

The Council then considered the remaining appointments. Opsahl asked why Jim Tatge, the current Emergency Management Director, was not being appointed to that position. McBroom stated he was looking for fresh blood, fresh faces, and new ideas.

Schnoor noted all the resources Director Tatge had provided during the September 2018 storm event. He recruited generators to keep the water tower running and crews from Mankato to run the chippers. The City couldn't ask for a better Emergency Management Director. He has done a great job with the required paperwork. This makes no sense. McBroom stated these are all good points.

Opsahl stated the 2018 Emergency Management Director did a good job. Westby has a lot of knowledge and would go a good job but there is a benefit in keeping appointments steady.

On motion by Opsahl, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, the following designations were approved:

- WEM Community Education Advisory Board – Tom McBroom – 1 year term
- Representative to the MVCOG General Assembly – Tom McBroom – 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 – Tom McBroom – 1 year term

The Council then discussed the Emergency Management Director appointment again. City Attorney Moran noted that this is a Mayoral appointment per State Statute.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Opsahl, all voting in favor, to table the appointment of the Emergency Management Director to the February 11, 2019 City Council Meeting to give time for the Mayor to meet with Tatge and discuss the appointment.

On motion by Opsahl, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, the Fire Department Chief Appointments were approved as follows:

- Chief – Jason James

- First Assistant Chief – Richard Droog
- Second Assistant Chief – Eric Muellerleile

Josh Lynch, Gambling Manager, Waseca Hockey Association, stated he was present at the request of Tucker's Tavern. He stated the Association represents and serves the Waseca area. There are over 30 children from the Waterville Elysian Morristown (WEM) area who are supported through the donations of the Association. The Association donates \$1,250 per child which pays for all ice time, and some tournaments and coaching, etc. This is over \$30,000 that is being spent for the WEM area to keep the kid's fees super low. The Association also supports children from Janesville Waldorf Pemberton and New Richland Heartland Geneva for which they have zero gambling sites in those communities. They also support other non-profits and one of the 2018 scholarship winners was a WEM senior. When Tucker's Tavern approached the Association for an opportunity in Elysian, they were ecstatic about the idea as they had talked of branching out into this area.

City Attorney Moran asked if the Association had any sites in Le Sueur County. Lynch stated they do in Lexington and in Kilkenny. The Association does not have an agreement for a percentage to give back with Lexington, and with Kilkenny the agreement is to give back 10%. Moran inquired as to the arrangement with the City of Waseca. Lynch stated they are not required to give an amount back but 70% of the profits are required to stay within the City.

Moran asked if the Elysian Fire Relief held the current gambling license at Tucker's Tavern and if notice had been given to them. Lynch replied that the Fire Relief did hold the license and he did not know if notice had been given.

Schnoor asked Lynch exactly what gambling activities the Waseca Hockey Association was interested in operating at Tucker's Tavern. Lynch stated he had only come here to request bingo, but the Association would be interested in whatever would be available. They will schedule the bingo around other activities in the City as not to interfere with other organizations. He noted there could be more than one gambling license at a premise and suggested this might work at Tucker's Tavern.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to table the consideration of a request from the Waseca Hockey Association for a Lawful Charitable Gambling License to operate at Tucker's Tavern to the February 11, 2019 City Council meeting. The City Attorney will follow up with Lynch and more information will be provided to the Council for consideration.

Le Sueur County Chief Deputy Nick Greenig reported it has been quiet in the City this past month. He has received inquiries on the County no-wake ordinance. There will be a workshop meeting on this item on January 16, 2019 and he will let the public know when the public hearing will be held. Greenig stated the Justice Center is progressing and they will begin training staff there the end of June 2019.

Bob Chicos, Crysteel Truck Equipment, was present to answer questions on the State of Minnesota Cooperative Purchase Contract for the new truck. The truck as quoted is a Ford 550 with an 11 foot dump box. It will include a hoist with a hydraulic package. It will have strobe lights for added safety and running boards. It will have a harder floor and the sides fold down to haul larger items. It will have a 10 foot steel Vee plow. The truck as currently quoted is \$36,428.27 and they are offering a trade in value for the current F-550 truck of \$10,500.

Councilmember Suemnick, Public Works Director Greenwald, and a Crysteel Truck Equipment representative will meet prior to the February 11, 2019 City Council Meeting to discuss and develop a final quote for the truck.

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

CITY OF ELYSIAN
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 655/19

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING A PARK MEMORIAL DONATION
FROM THE DONNA AND JERRY REMIGER FAMILY

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has received a donation to the Park Donation and Memorial Program in the amount of \$750.00 from the Donna and Jerry Remiger Family to be used for a bench to be placed at the park in memory of Donna and Jerry Remiger;

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 to the Park Donation and Memorial Program in the amount of \$750.00 from the Donna and Jerry Remiger Family to be used for a bench to be placed at the park in memory of Donna and Jerry Remiger.

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 14th day of January, 2019.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

The Council considered Resolution No. 656/19 acknowledging a donation from the Elysian Fire Relief Association. The donation is for Fire Hall building improvements which are to redo the meeting room and the floors, and changing to commercial appliances.

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

CITY OF ELYSIAN
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 656/19

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING A DONATION FROM
ELYSIAN FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has received a donation in the amount of \$7,000.00 from the Elysian Fire Relief Association to be used toward Fire Hall Building Improvements;

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 in the amount of \$7,000.00 to be used toward Fire Hall Building Improvements.

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 14th day of January, 2019.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Opsahl, all voting in favor, to acknowledge and accept the resignation of Garrett Schmahl from the Elysian Fire Department effective January 1, 2019. The Council expressed appreciation for Schmahl's 29 years of service to the Elysian Community.

The City of Elysian participated in the Minnesota Investment Fund Revolving Loan Fund One-Time Exception in 2018. By returning \$10,000 of restricted EDA funds to the State of Minnesota, the EDA was allowed to release \$40,000 of restricted funds to the general fund for use for any lawful government expenditure. The financial reporting is now due, and it will be reported that the funds were utilized toward the clean up and removal of the nuisance / hazard property and renovation of the shed for public use at 301 Sixth Street NW.

Reminder of Le Sueur County Elected Official Meeting, Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the American Legion in Le Center.

The Ice Fishing Contest on Lake Francis will be held Sunday, February 3, 2019 from noon to 3 pm. It will have a slightly different format and has been named "Conquer the Lake". It is being held in conjunction with the Mad Bobber Ice Fishing Contest on Madison Lake held February 2, 2019 and is being hosted by the American Legion #311. More information is available at:

<https://www.madbobber.com/>

Public Comment:

Derek Westby, 117 Shoreview Drive, stated he wanted to speak to the request from Waseca Hockey Association for a gambling license at Tucker's Tavern. He asked that the Council consider what the Elysian Fire Relief Association gives back to the community. They sponsor many community events including the children's fishing contest and the Shopping with Mrs. Claus breakfast. They donate tax relief money toward equipment and trucks. This past year they started a program to give Christmas to two families in need within the community. He asked the Council to strongly consider how much the Fire Relief does for the City. It did not sound to him like the Waseca Hockey Association will be

giving much back to the City. Westby noted that the location being discussed is the highest earning location for gambling for the Fire Relief Association. If the Waseca group wants to do bingo only, just make sure there is a water tight contract in place for that. Thank you.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 pm.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator