

## NOTES FROM CITY HALL – APRIL 2018

Dog and cat licenses are required to be renewed on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost of the license is \$3.00. Please provide a copy of current rabies vaccination at time of renewal.

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.

**DUE TO THE WEATHER:** Hydrants will not be flushed April 19 and they WILL be flushed on the first Thursday of May - May 3 and then again on May 24. They will then be flushed every third Thursday thereafter: 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) will open on May 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 City-wide Garage Sales sponsored by the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up forms are available at City Hall, [www.elysianmn.com](http://www.elysianmn.com), and Pit Stop. The Chamber is encouraging residents to participate in a curbside project which will include placing any items left from the garage sale or anyone with items which they want to give away, on the curb to allow the public to go through items and take what they want. This year the curbside pickup will start on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and go through the week to Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Unwanted items can then be brought to the City-wide Clean-Up which will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Since Monday is the regular garbage pickup day, if you have placed anything on the curb, please place it a distance from the regular area in which you place your garbage.

The Residential City-wide Clean-Up Day is Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 11:00 am. The Clean-Up will be held at the Lake Francis Park parking area. This will be the only City-wide clean-up event in 2018.

Annual Water Quality Report. The 2016 Annual Water Quality Report for the City of Elysian Drinking Water is now available. Please go to: <http://www.elysianmn.com/assets/Consumer%20Confidence%20Report%202017.pdf> to view your 2017 annual water quality report and learn more about your drinking water. To speak with someone about the report please call 507-267-4708. If you would like a paper copy of the Report please stop by City Hall to pick up a paper copy or call 507-267-4708 and we will mail you a copy of the report.

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, April 24 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](mailto: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.

Check out the Elysian Area Library and Heritage Center Facebook page for upcoming events for children and adults. Some upcoming events include: Photography Basics with Jay Schneider April 28 at 10:30 am, Light Show April 30 at 6 pm, What's Happening in Nature May 1 at 9 am, and Harry Potter Yoga May 7 at 6 pm.

**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  
APRIL 9, 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; City Utility Clerk Nicole Lamont; and City Attorney Jason Moran. Absent: None.

Approved the minutes of the March 12, 2018 Regular Meeting and March 27, 2018 Workshop Meeting with MnDOT.

Le Sueur County Sheriff Brett Mason reported that the City has been quiet this past month. He noted the Toward Zero Death Campaign is being initiated and there will be a lot of extra patrol on Highway 60. Also, the Le Sueur County TRIAD will be implemented with the kick off meeting being held at Little Dandy Sports Bar on May 8, 2018 at 10:30 am. TRIAD is a partnership of law enforcement, senior citizens and community groups with a goal to reduce crime against the elderly and to reduce the fear of crime that seniors often experience. The group will meet every other month at various locations in the county. Mason also reported the Justice Center is progressing nicely.

Council expressed appreciation to the Sheriff's Office for the speed sign on Highway 60.

Public Comment: None.

Held a Public Hearing and approved Resolution No. 611/18 – Adopting Assessment for 2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project. There was objection to the assessment for property located at R16.450.0170. The assessment for that property was pulled and will be evaluated with a recommendation brought to the May Council meeting.

Louise Hager, American Legion Unit 311 Poppy Chairman, explained the symbolism of the Shepperd's Poppy. Mayor Stoen then presented a Proclamation declaring the Month of May 2018 as Poppy Month.

Approved the closing of Main Street from County Road 11 to Second Street NW on Wednesday nights from 5 to 8 pm from May 2 through September 5, 2018 to allow for Roll-Ins at Tuckers Tavern.

Approved a Debt Management Policy.

Set a Special Council Meeting for May 22, 2018 at 6:00 to award the bond sale for the 2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project.

Approved Resolution No 612/18 – Accepting Bids for the 2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project and awarding the bid to the lowest bidder James Bros. Construction of Elysian, Minnesota, for the construction in the amount of \$1,529,502.35 for the Base Bid and Alternate No. 2 and No 3.

Awarded the material testing services contract to American Engineering Testing.

Directed SEH Engineering to look at options and prepare preliminary designs and cost estimates to improve the parking lot at 100 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SW.

Received a report from SEH Engineering that MnDOT may not allow an open cut replacement of the watermain in conjunction with the 2020 Highway 60 project and it may need to be installed via subsurface drilling with the 2018 SUIP.

Received and opened sealed bids to demolish, remove and dispose the house and its foundation and remove and properly dispose of the fuel tank buried on the property and filling in, grading and providing a rough landscape of the property located at 301 Sixth Street NW. The bid was awarded to the low bid of Timm's Trucking & Excavating in the amount of \$12,275. The rough landscape must be in place by June 1, 2018. There was Council consensus to include the garage in the demolition rather than expend the funds to save the garage.

Approved the contract with Daly Realty & Auction Service to provide auction services for the personal property items located at 301 Sixth Street NW. The auction will be held in June.

Approved the purchase of a 2015 John Deere Z970R mower in the amount of \$10,900 from Kibble Equipment.

Scheduled a MnDOT Open House for the 2020 Highway 60 Improvement Project for Monday, May 7, 2018 from 5 to 7 pm.

Approved Randy Tuma for the position of 2018 Watercraft Inspector on Lake Francis.

Approved advertisement for a permanent part-time Public Works Worker for 30 hours per week at \$13.50 per hour with a benefit of two (2) hours of vacation per month (subject to MVCOG approval).

Received information regarding MIF State Fund RLF EDA Funds program.

Approved the following for 2018 Fourth of July Celebration:

1. Resolution #613/18 – Approving Off-Site Gambling for Fire Relief Association – June 29<sup>th</sup>
2. Provide Police Protection and Porta-Pots in an amount up to \$3,000.
3. Resolution #614/18 – Approving Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce to hold 2018 July 4<sup>th</sup> Raffle.
4. Approval of Temporary 6-day Liquor License for Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce for June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup>.
5. Approval to Close Certain Streets.

Approved purchase of ADA Hi/Lo drinking fountain to be located next to the bleachers at the Lake Francis Park from St Croix Recreation Fun Playgrounds INC in the amount of \$4,278.20.

Approved the purchase of the 27-foot NRS ADA Series 5 row bleachers with Chainlink Guardrail from EPIC Sports in the amount of \$7,502.19.

Approved the porta-pots needed for the summer at the Lake Francis Park from Rent N'Save.

A park donation & memorial program form was presented as well as an idea for naming the park on Sixth Street.

A quote was presented for a shower on the new concession building. The contractor will be contacted to obtain a quote for this to be built as part of the building rather than purchasing and installing.

Quotes were presented to upgrade the fencing from the backstop to the first base dugout at the ballpark. Additional quotes will be obtained for a "Netting system" as well as for the cost of repair to the backstop.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$122,720.42.

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

Larry Hohnstadt, owner of property located at the intersection of Park Avenue NE and First Avenue N, commented on the large amount of dog feces at the Lake Francis Park. He asked to keep reminding people in the newsletter and to possibly put signs at the beach that say clean up after your dogs when using the beach.

Mark Sybilrud, 514 Lake Avenue NW, addressed the MnDOT Highway 60 project. He questioned how wide Highway 60 would be, how many people actually know what is going on, if it is worth spending the state dollars, and if it might be worth trying signage on both sides of the road first to see if that might help before changing the landscape to such a degree.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.