

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – AUGUST 2018

THANK YOU TO ALL RESIDENTS for your patience during the current street and utility project!!

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who made the 15th Annual Elysian National Night Out Event a success. The food was terrific, and the weather cooperated this year. There were family fun activities and the ice cream was an added treat. Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce, City employees, Elysian Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Le Sueur County Sheriff's Office and Posse, North Ambulance, Fischer's Bar, Scoops Elysian, and Megan James family for your support and donations.

Elysian Farmers Market – The Farmers Market has reopened and will be available at the Tourism Center on Thursdays from 2:00 to 6:00 PM through October 27th. Please contact City Hall if you would like to participate.

Elysian Citywide Garage Sale sponsored by the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce – August 24th and 25th. Entry forms are available at City Hall and Pit Stop. Please return by August 20th.

American Legion Auxiliary Open House: Monday, September 10th 6:30 PM Social, 7:15 PM Speaker. Mothers, granddaughters, sisters and gal pals – come and see what we are about.

Thrifty White Flu Shot Clinic at the Elysian Tourism Center, 100 SW 3rd Street, Thursday, September 27th from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. Most private and public insurance plans accepted. Any questions contact City Hall.

Hydrants will be flushed every third Thursday as follows: September 20, October 18, and possibly November 15 (weather permitting).

The City Brush Pile (located at the sanitary sewer pond off County Road 14) is now open. 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.

Following a storm event, the Public Works Department will pick up branches that have been blown down for a period of one week after the event. Please place the branches near the edge of your property for pick up.

The reconstruction of the Sakatah Trail from Madison Lake (including the parking lot) to Fifth Street in Elysian is underway and will last much of the summer.

Reminder: Pets are not allowed in the Lake Francis Park Area. You can exercise pets on a leash in the parking lot area and in the grassy area at the end of the parking lot. Please pick up after your pets that are in the allowed area.

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.

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.

Mowing season is here! Per City Ordinance #16, please keep your grass mowed to less than (6) inches in height. Please mow your lawn AWAY from the street so your grass clippings do not end up in the city's storm sewers.

UPCOMING ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER EVENTS: *Romp & Rhyme Story Time – August 23 & 30 at 10:00 AM; 3Doodling for Adults – August 20 at 6:00 PM (registration required); Painting with Marlene – August 22 at 6:00 PM Age 13 to adult (registration required); Lego Club – September 8 at 10:30 AM; Cook the Book – September 12 at 6:00 PM (register by picking out a recipe). Library events are free and open to the public. To register for events please call 507-267-4411 or email: libtle@tds.lib.mn.us*

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
AUGUST 13, 2018 AT 6:00 PM**

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

Approved the minutes of the July 9, 2018 Regular Meeting, July 26, 2018 Special Meeting, and August 8, 2018 Budget Workshop Meeting.

Approved the City Building Inspection Services, LLC contract and increase to the 1997 UBC Fee Schedule and increase to fixed fees as proposed. (Voting on the motion: Aye: Houlihan, Opsahl, Stoen. Naye: Schnoor)

Approved the proposal for 20' by 38' concession stand and restroom building helical pier foundation system installation proposal from Granby Construction in the amount of \$12,596.

Approved Resolution 629/18 – Directing Modification of Existing Construction Contract 2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project, Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$43,132.50.

Approved quote from Suemnick's Final Cut Tree Service LLC in the amount of \$1,100 for removal of a large cottonwood tree at the Tourism Center.

Approved Resolution 628/18 – Approving a Lawful Charitable Gambling License for the Elysian Firemen Relief Organization to be conducted at the Knotty Bar & Grill, 510 State Highway 60 West.

Scheduled a Budget Workshop Meeting for Thursday, August 30, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Thanked the Chamber of Commerce, City employees, and volunteers for an enjoyable National Night Out Event at Lake Francis Park.

Accepted the results of the Facebook poll for the name of the Sixth Street Park and will approve by resolution at the September 10, 2018 meeting. The two names included in the poll were "Sunset Park" and "Elysian Fields Park". The name "Sunset Park" received 54 percent of the votes. "Elysian Fields Park" received 46 percent of the vote. The name "Sunset Park" was presented by Kiya Glende and Jaelyn Greenwald.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$512,997.64.

Le Sueur County Deputy Matt Shoulder stated all is quiet in the City.

Public Comment: None.

The meeting was adjourned to closed session to discuss attorney client matters at 6:25 pm.

The meeting was reopened at 6:32 pm.

Approved to accept the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) determination of assessment for the 2018 Street and Utility Project in the amount of \$28,650 and that the MN DNR assume full responsibility for all costs associated with the State Trail/Street intersection improvements, under the terms of the July 20, 2018 Cooperative Agreement between the City and the State.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.