

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – AUGUST 2020

Free Food Distribution for all Le Sueur County Residents – August 26th from 4:00 to 5:30 pm (or while supplies last) at the Le Sueur County Fairgrounds. Each household will receive (1) box of produce, (1) box of mixed dairy, and (1) box of meat. (Have vehicle including trunk cleaned out so the boxes will fit.)

Fall City-wide Clean Up will be October 3, 2020 from 8:30 to 11:00 am at Lake Frances Park. More details in the September 2020 newsletter.

Le Sueur County has a phone line set up for Essential Needs Requests 507-357-8396. The phone line is open Monday – Friday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm for needs that cannot be met through friends/family/neighbors.

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

Hydrants will be flushed every third Thursday: September 17, October 15, and possibly November 19.

The Farmers Market located on the Tourism Center's grounds is open. Hours are 2:00 to 6:00 pm. Social distancing measures are in place. The Market is still looking for more vendors. Come have a taste!

The Council has approved Mosquito Control of Iowa for the 2020 mosquito treatment. They determine spray dates based on the weather rather than a weekly schedule. Please contact City Hall to be added to an email, text, or call list to be notified in advance of date of spray. Notice will also be on the City Facebook page.

We are not sure about a Flu Shot Clinic at the Elysian Tourism Center this year but will provide an update in the next newsletter. Thrifty White stated that if we do have one in 2020, it will be mid to late October.

Have you completed your 2020 Census form? You can respond online: <https://2020census.gov>, by phone: 844-330-2020, or by mail. The results are used to determine how much funding local communities receive for key public services and how many seats each state gets in Congress and representation at the Minnesota Legislature level. The current self-response rate for the City of Elysian is 63.6%. You can self-respond until September 30th. If you have a question on how to get started, you can text questions to 662020.

The General Election in Minnesota is November 3rd. If you are not comfortable going out to vote, consider applying for an absentee ballot. Absentee ballot applications are available at City Hall or you can follow the online application process at: <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/ABRegistration/ABRegistrationStep1.aspx>.

The Elysian Tourism Center basement – 100 Third Street SW, is a designated storm shelter. The shelter will be open during the time of a severe weather warning.

The Elysian Area Library & Heritage Center is now open for browsing (15 min) and computer (30 min) appointments. Curbside pickup is available anytime during normal business hours. Call 267-4411 to make an appointment or to place an order for curbside pickup. You can also visit their Facebook page or email the librarian: libtle@tds.lib.mn.us

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.

The MnDOT project on Highway 60 is scheduled for 2021. You can find more information regarding the project here: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d7/projects/hwy60madisonlake/> Highway 60 from junction with Highway 14 east of Mankato to Junction with Highway 13 at Waterville is included in the project.

BINGO – Sponsored by Elysian Area Foundation has been suspended until further notice.

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY
AUGUST 10, 2020 AT 6:00 PM**

Present were: Mayor Tom McBroom; Councilmembers Bobby Houlihan, Mary Opsahl, Dennis Schnoor, Bryan Suemnick; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Public Works Director Ron Greenwald; Utility Clerk Nicole Lamont; City Attorney Jason Moran. Absent: None.

Approved the minutes of the July 13, 2020 Regular Meeting and July 27, 2020 Budget Workshop.

Held a public hearing and approved Ordinance #99/20 – Granting a Franchise to Jaguar Communications, Inc. to Maintain a Cable Communications System in the City of Elysian, Minnesota.

Le Sueur County Chief Deputy Nick Greenig reported all is good in the City.

Public Comment: Joyce Bohlen, 109 Park Ave NE, asked if the alley behind her property would be blacktopped. It was noted that the alley belongs to the adjacent property owners. City Attorney stated it would be up to the individual homeowners to blacktop the alley. (Full text is included in the approved City Council Minutes.)

Authorized the City Attorney to draft a Hold Harmless, Indemnification, Responsibility, and Rental Agreement and City Administrator to enter into the agreement with the City of Madison Lake for rental of the radar speed sign.

COVID-19 updates were discussed. Approved Resolution #714/20 to extend the City's Disaster Declaration Resolution until February 1, 2021, approved COVID-19 Preparedness Plan – Amendment 1 in regard to face coverings in the workplace and discussed the use of Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund (CARES) Act Funding.

Jason Draeger, Minnesota Pump Works, discussed the functions and benefits of a duplex painted steel control panel with VFDs to operate 2 – 17.4 hp pumps in Lift Station #2 located at the Pit Stop on State Highway 60. This item is under consideration for the 2020 Budget Payable 2021.

Discussed rain event drainage in the Lewis Lane area. No action was taken.

Approved a revised quote from Pearson Bros, Inc. for sealcoating the streets included in the 2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project. The revised quote is \$23,199.39 and includes 2nd Street NE in front of City shop and 2nd Street SE turn around area.

Discussed the results of research on Ordinance 73/12A (currently codified as §153.15-22). There may be areas in the City where the right-of-way line and the property line are not the same or where the street is not in the correct location and those situations will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Approved the 2020 Municipal Maintenance Agreement between Le Sueur County and the City of Elysian in the amount of \$8,463.70.

Scheduled the City-wide Fall Clean Up for October 3, 2020 from 8:00 to 11:30 am at Lake Frances Park.

Referred City Code §92.01 Park Ordinance to Planning and Zoning Commission for revision to consider making Lake Tustin a “dog-friendly” park.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$124,908.

Public Comment: None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.