

**WISHING YOU A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON  
AND A HEALTHY NEW YEAR!**

**NOTES FROM CITY HALL – DECEMBER 2016**

Thank you to all the volunteers and to all those who attended recent community events and supported the local businesses, food shelf, library, giving tree, Fire Department, and Lake Area Women. The events are only successful because of you! Thank you for making Elysian a great place to live!

Disaster Assistance is now available to individuals who experienced damage due to the September 21-24, 2016 flooding event through FEMA. To register visit: [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or call 800-621-FEMA (3362). You can also visit the LeSueur County Disaster Recovery Center located at Waterville Senior Center, 220 Paquin Street E, Waterville, MN 56096. Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 8AM – 7PM, Saturday 8AM – 5PM, Sunday 12PM – 5PM.

The US Small Business Association is also offering assistance in the form of Disaster Loans to businesses and non-profit organizations. Visit <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela> or call 800-659-2955.

The Salvation Army has provided “Flood Recovery Clean-Up Kits”. Please contact City Hall if you would like one.

Parking Restrictions during Winter Months: Ordinance 70/11 - At three inches of snow accumulation or more, no parking or leaving cars on any street or avenue will be allowed between the hours of 5 AM and 10 AM. Parking in the Central Business District shall be prohibited between the hours of 2 AM and 7 AM between the days of November 15 and April 15.

Mark your calendar: The American Legion Post #311 Annual Ice Fishing Contest will be held on Lake Francis on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Many prizes, good stew. Don't forget to get your tickets from any Legion member or Elysian business.

Check out the Elysian Area Library and Heritage Center Facebook page for upcoming events for children and adults.

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  
DECEMBER 12, 2016 AT 6:00 PM**

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

Approved the minutes of the November 14, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Public Comment: None.

Approved the estimate to replace the pump on Lift Station 1 from Minnesota Pump Works in the amount of \$9,568.50.

Held a Public Hearing and Approved Resolution 547/16 – Wellhead Protection Policy and Approval of Plan (Part 2).

Approved Resolution 553/16 – Directing Modification of Existing Construction Contract 2016 Street and Utility Improvement Project, Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$2,888.75.

Approved Resolution 548/16 – A Resolution Acknowledging a Donation from Ridley USA, Inc. in the amount of \$500 toward the purchase of an inflatable ice boat.

Approved Resolution 549/16 – A Resolution Acknowledging a Donation from Southern MN Initiative Foundation in the amount of \$300 toward the purchase of an inflatable ice boat.

Approved Resolution 550/16 – A Resolution Acknowledging a Donation from Southern MN Initiative Foundation in the amount of \$300 toward the purchase and maintenance of flags on State Hwy 60.

Approved the placement of delinquent utilities in the amount of \$3,994.81 on the 2017 property taxes.

Approved the placement of delinquent auto-read meters in the amount of \$2,640 on the 2017 property taxes.

Approved the list of 2017 liquor and soft drink licenses as presented.

Approved to NOT WAIVE the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes, Section 466.04.

Held a public hearing and approved Resolution 551/16 – A Resolution Adopting the Final 2016 Tax Levy, Payable 2017 in the amount of \$543,443.

Held a public hearing and approved Resolution 552/16 – A Resolution Adopting the 2017 Final Budget.

Scheduled a special year end meeting for Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 6:00 pm to address year-end business.

A request from Region Nine Development Commission for applicants to fill a vacancy on their governing board was presented.

Discussed charging a fee to residents who have the Public Works Department remove their meters in the fall, sanitize and store for winter and then reinstall in the spring. It does take employee time and it does create a liability. This will be discussed at the year-end meeting when the fee schedule updates are addressed.

Approved bills, payroll and transfers in the amount of \$173,194.03.

Public Comment: None.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.