

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – FEBRUARY 2019

NOTICE: The City of Elysian WILL BE continuing to add chlorine to disinfect the water system. The Minnesota Department of Health will be testing the water again in March. If the water tests clear, the chlorine will be discontinued.

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

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.

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 the environment.

Hydrants will be flushed starting March 21 (weather permitting) and every third Thursday thereafter; April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, and possibly November 21.

The Elysian Economic Development Authority (EDA) is considering options for the building at 118 East Main Street (between the Post Office and the Thirsty Beaver). The EDA would welcome resident input as to saving the building or ideas for use of the lot if the building were to be removed. The EDA will be opening the building for tours in the Spring.

UPCOMING ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER EVENTS: *Sphero Dance Party - February 25 at 4 pm, Minnesota's Rich Agriculture Heritage Farm Equipment of Yesterday – March 18 at 6 pm, Elysian Phenology Club Spring – March 19 at 9 am, and the Book Blizzard Challenge now through February 28. 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 FEBRUARY 11, 2019 AT 6:00 PM

Present were: Mayor Tom McBroom; Councilmembers Bobby Houlihan (6:05 pm) and Mary Opsahl; City Administrator Lorri Kopschke; Public Works Worker Don Doehling; and City Attorney Jason Moran. Absent: Councilmembers Dennis Schnoor and Bryan Suemnick; Public Works Director Ron Greenwald.

Approved the minutes of the January 14, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Le Sueur County Chief Deputy Nick Greenig reported the City has been quiet except for some weather-related incidents.

Approved Resolution 657/19 – Appointing Bobby Houlihan as Councilmember to the Elysian City Council to fill vacancy until the special election held on November 3, 2020 with seating to occur at the first Council Meeting in January 2021.

The oath of office was administered with Councilmember Bobby Houlihan answering.

June Rezac, Elysian Area Library, presented the "Leaders are Readers Challenge" and invited Councilmembers and the Mayor to participate.

The following designations were approved:

- EDA – Member from Council – Bobby Houlihan – 1 year term
- Park Committee – Member from Council – Bobby Houlihan – 1 year term
- Emergency Management – Director Jim Tatge, Assistant Director Derek Westby

Approved Resolution 658/19 – Approval of Variance Application of Jeremy Henninger to build a 60 x 80 foot outbuilding with a 30 x 40 foot entertaining room on the front on his property at 182 Ridge Road NE.

Accepted and approved a quote from Crysteel Truck Equipment for Cooperative Purchase of Equipment from State of Minnesota for Plow Truck for a net amount of \$26,802.93 after trade in allowance of used 2006 One Ton Chassis with Equipment.

Awarded the bid for land lease of approximately 12 acres of land (PID#16.999.0310, 16.999.0300, 16.999.0490) for the term of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021 to the high bidder of Richard Fischer in the amount of \$190 per acre.

Approved Resolution 659/19 – Allowing wire/automated bank transfers/payments.

Scheduled the 2019 City-wide Spring Clean up for Saturday, May 18, 2019.

Reminder of Le Sueur County Elected Official Meeting February 27, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Praha Village in New Prague.

City Attorney Moran reported on discussions with Josh Lynch, Waseca Hockey Association. Lynch is working on a plan to blend with other charitable gambling in Elysian but has nothing to present to Council at this time.

Approved Resolution 660/19 – Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Elysian on behalf of its City Attorney and Sheriff's Office.

Discussed a Tobacco 21 Ordinance. Moran will present a draft ordinance at the March 2019 Council meeting.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$346,476.91.

Public Comment: None.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.