

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – JANUARY 2017

The American Legion Post #311 Annual Ice Fishing Contest will be held on Lake Francis on Sunday, February 5th 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.

Winners of the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Lighting Contest are as follows:

Residential Winners:

- 1st – Doris and Alvin Coon – 306 Main Street West
- 2nd – Steve and Marnie Schnoor – 205 Third Street NW
- 3rd – Dan and Nancy Engebretson – 30 Egret Lane
- Honorable Mention - Ron and Nancy Simonson – 107 Frank Avenue NE
- Honorable Mention – Lee and Cheryl Daschner – 208 Lakeview Court
- Honorable Mention – Wayne and Shirley Roemhildt – 412 First Street North
- Honorable Mention – Don and Mindy Kelley – 305 Park Avenue NW

Commercial Winners:

- 1st – Of the Earth – 107 Main Street West
- 2nd – Mama's Mercantile / EllieGail's Bakery, Deli and Catering – 410 West Highway 60
- 3rd – Century 21 / Lake Region Realty – 106 North Shore Drive

Public Works will be picking up and disposing of Christmas trees on Mondays through the end of January. Please be sure to remove all ornaments/garland/etc. from the tree and place it on the curb for pick-up.

Thanks to Tim Bengtson, Bengtson Construction, for again donating his time and equipment to install and remove the Christmas lights on the Main Street poles.

Please find enclosed a West Central garbage / recycling schedule for 2017.

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.

The deadline to register for Disaster Assistance is January 30th. Assistance is available to individuals who experienced damage due to the September 21-24, 2016 flooding event through FEMA. To register visit: www.DisasterAssistance.gov or call 800-621-FEMA (3362). The US Small Business Association is also offering assistance to homeowners, renters, businesses, and non-profit organizations. Visit <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela> or call 800-659-2955.

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.

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
JANUARY 9, 2017 AT 6:00 PM**

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

Approved the minutes of the December 12, 2016 Regular Meeting and December 28, 2016 Special Meeting.

Public Comment: None.

Le Sueur County Commissioner Rohlfing reported the Le Sueur County 2017 Levy has been approved with a 4.5% increase. He attributed the increase to payments for bond indebtedness, increased insurance and employee costs, and the new law enforcement center. He stated the County is involved in a septic system survey of properties on area lakes. The inspection will be free of charge and the owners will have until 2022 to make any required repairs. Rohlfing complimented the appearance of Elysian and thanked the Council for keeping the community strong.

Le Sueur County Sheriff Tietz thanked the Council for all they do. He noted there had been some speeding issues on State Highway 60. The speed trailer was located on the highway and several traffic stops were made. Tietz reported on new hire Thelemann, a successful drug arrest in the county by Minnesota River Valley Drug Task Force, and the progress on the new law enforcement center. Lastly, the County is working on aquatic invasive species enforcement funding for the upcoming season. Council questioned the possibility of installation of permanent solar blinking speed signs on Highway 60. Sheriff Tietz will report back on this item. Council also asked about a prescription “drop box”. Tietz reported he had checked on this and it is not feasible here at City Hall as the “drop box” has to be manned 24/7.

2017 Designations / Appointments / Assignments were approved as follows:

Regular Council meetings will be held the second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm unless otherwise designated.

1. Mayor Pro Tem – Mary Opsahl
2. Official Depository – Elysian Bank and Northland Securities
3. Official Publication – Elysian Enterprise
4. Legal Counsel – Jason Moran, Law Firm of Christian, Keogh, Moran & King – Criminal and Civil
5. Planning and Zoning
 - Member from Council – Mayor Clinton Stoen – 1 year term
 - Member from Public – Shawn Anderson – 3 year term
6. EDA
 - Member from Council – Mary Opsahl – 1 year term
 - Member from Council – Tom McBroom – 1 year term
 - Member from Public – Steve Ritchison – 6 year term
 - Administrator – Lorri Kopischke – 1 year term
7. Park Committee
 - Member from Council – Robert Houlihan – 1 year term
 - Member from Council – Dennis Schnoor – 1 year term
 - Member from Staff – Ron Greenwald – 1 year term
 - Member from Staff – Nicole Lamont – 1 year term

8. WEM Community Education Advisory Board – Tom McBroom – 1 year term
9. Elysian Representative to the MVCOG General Assembly – Clinton Stoen – 1 year term
10. Fire Relief Association
 - Member from Council – Dennis Schnoor – 1 year term
 - Member Appointed – City Administrator Lorri Kopischke – 1 year term
11. Joint Fire Board Representative – Clinton Stoen
12. Fire Department Chief Appointments
 - Chief – Jason James
 - First Assistant Chief – Mark Muellerleile
 - Second Assistant Chief – Eric Muellerleile

Approved the tabling of a payment to Hydro Klean in the amount of \$5,400 dependent on successful completion of the work as quoted.

Approved Resolution 558/17 – A Resolution Acknowledging a Donation from the Elysian Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$3,000 toward a sound system to be used for community events and accessories for the new truck.

Scheduled a public hearing for Monday, February 13, 2017 at 6:15 pm to consider an amendment to Ordinance #2 – An Ordinance Relating to the City of Elysian Water System, Regulating Use and the Manner of Use of the City Waterworks, and Regulating Excavations in Public Street for Water Connections and for any Other Purposes.

Acknowledged a thank you from the Lake Francis Association for all the help in the 2016 year with Watercraft Inspections on Lake Francis. The Association also thanked Heather Hering and Randy Tuma who worked as the Level 1 Watercraft Inspectors. There was no evidence of any new infestation on Lake Francis in 2016.

Approved bills, payroll and transfers in the amount of \$38,660.16.

Public Comment: None.

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.