

## NOTES FROM CITY HALL – JANUARY 2019

**NOTICE: The City of Elysian continues to add chlorine to disinfect the water system.** The Minnesota Department of Health will be testing the water again in February. If the water tests clear, the chlorine will be discontinued.

Congratulations to winners of the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Lighting Contest:

Residential:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Mark and Peggy Hecht – 106 Third Street NE (Tie)
- 1<sup>st</sup> - Alvin and Doris Coon – 306 Main Street West (Tie)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Steve and Marnie Schnoor – 205 Third Street NW
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bob and Ruby Cumberland – 47 Egret Lane
- Honorable Mention – Kyle Wesley – 629 Ridge Road
- Honorable Mention - Rick Childs – 105 Highway #60 East
- Honorable Mention – Dan Engebretson – 30 Egret Lane

Commercial District:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Trail Side Trims – 107 Main Street West
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Trostem's Shady Shores Campground – 108 First Street South
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mama's Mercantile – 410 West Highway 60

The Ice Fishing Contest on Lake Francis will be held Sunday, February 3, 2019 from noon to 3 pm. It will have a slightly different format and has been named "Conquer the Lake". It is being held in conjunction with the Mad Bobber Ice Fishing Contest on Madison Lake held February 2, 2019 and is being hosted by the American Legion #311. More information is available at: <https://www.madbobber.com/>

Public Works will be picking up and disposing of live Christmas trees on Mondays through the end of January. Please remove all decorations from the tree and place it at the curb for pick up. This year a local farmer is picking up the trees from the City and feeding them to his goats.

Thank you to Tim Bengtson for donating his time and equipment to install and remove the Christmas lights on Main Street poles.

Dog and cat licenses are required to be renewed on January 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

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.

The Elysian Library has asked that we pass on the following:

- Various Needs: We are always looking for new volunteers for our Friends of the Library group. If you are interested in volunteering at the library in any capacity, please let us know.
- Cash Donations for the following: Newspapers & Magazine Subscriptions (list available at the library)
- Donations toward the following NEW items: folding chairs, round tables for meeting room, vacuum cleaner

- Special Displays: Looking for some special displays for our library case for March & April. Kids or adults, do you have a collection you would want to share with us? Is it cool, different, quirky or just plain awesome? Then contact the library and we can see about displaying it for a month.

UPCOMING ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER EVENTS: *Little Coders – January 23, 30, February 6 at 6 pm, Beginning Crochet – January 26 at 10 am, High Tea – January 28 at 6 pm, 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](mailto: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  
JANUARY 14, 2019 AT 6:00 PM**

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

Approved the minutes of the December 10, 2018 Regular Meeting and December 27, 2018 Special Year End Meeting.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$44,232.63.

The oath of office was administered with Mayor Tom McBroom and Councilmembers Dennis Schnoor and Bryan Suemnick answering.

Roll call with the newly elected officials: Present were: Mayor Tom McBroom; Councilmembers Mary Opsahl, Dennis Schnoor, and Bryan Suemnick; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Public Works Director Ron Greenwald; and City Attorney Jason Moran. Absent: City Utility Clerk Nicole Lamont.

Approved Resolution 654/19 – Declaring a Vacancy on the Council. The 2 year term vacancy shall be filled by appointment at the February 11, 2019 City Council meeting.

The following designations were approved:

- Regular Council meeting date and time: Second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm unless otherwise designated.
- Mayor Pro Tem – Mary Opsahl
- Official Depository – Elysian Bank and Northland Securities
- Official Publication – Elysian Enterprise
- Legal Counsel – Jason Moran, Law Firm of Christian, Keogh, Moran & King – Criminal and Civil
- Auditor – Burkhardt & Burkhardt, Ltd
- Planning and Zoning
  - Member from Council – Mayor Tom McBroom – 1 year term
  - Member from Public – Jeremy Henninger – 2 year term
  - Member from Public – Dan Engebretson – 3 year term
  - Member from Public – Rick Galewski – 3 year term
- Economic Development Authority
  - Member from Council – Mary Opsahl – 1 year term
  - Member from Public – Mack Evans – 6 year term
  - Administrator – Lorri Kopischke – 1 year term
- Park Committee

Member from Council – Dennis Schnoor – 1 year term

Member from Staff – Ron Greenwald – 1 year term

Member from Staff – Nicole Lamont – 1 year term

- WEM Community Education Advisory Board – Tom McBroom – 1 year term
- Representative to the MVCOG General Assembly – Tom McBroom – 1 year term
- Fire Relief Association
  - Member from Council – Dennis Schnoor – 1 year term
  - Member Appointed – City Administrator Lorri Kopischke – 1 year term
- Joint Fire Board Representative – Tom McBroom – 1 year term

The appointment of Emergency Management Director was tabled and will be discussed at the February 11, 2019 City Council Meeting.

The following Fire Department Chief Appointments were approved:

- Chief – Jason James
- First Assistant Chief – Richard Droog
- Second Assistant Chief – Eric Muellerleile

Received a request from the Waseca Hockey Association for a gambling license to operate bingo at Tucker's Tavern. The request was tabled to obtain more information and will be discussed at the February 11, 2019 City Council Meeting.

Le Sueur County Chief Deputy Nick Greenig reported the City has been quiet. There will be a workshop meeting on the no-wake ordinance in January. He will let the public know when the public meetings will be held. The Justice Center will open for staff training the end of June 2019.

Bob Chicos, Crysteel Truck Equipment, was present to answer questions regarding the bid for purchase of a new truck. Councilmember Suemnick, Public Works Director Greenwald, and a representative of Crysteel Truck Equipment will meet and present a final quote for the truck at the February 11, 2019 City Council Meeting.

Approved Resolution 655/19 – Acknowledging and accepting a donation from the Donna and Jerry Remiger Family to be used for a bench to be placed at the park in memory of Donna and Jerry Remiger.

Approved Resolution 656/19 – Acknowledging and accepting a donation from the Elysian Fire Relief Association for Fire Hall Building Improvements to include redoing the meeting room and floors and upgrading to commercial appliances.

Accepted the resignation of Garrett Schmahl from the Elysian Fire Department effective January 1, 2019.

Received report that monies released under the Minnesota Investment Fund Revolving Loan Fund were used toward the clean up and removal of the nuisance / hazard property and renovation of the shed for public use at 301 Sixth Street NW.

Reminder of Le Sueur County Elected Official Meeting January 23, 2019 at 7:00 pm Le Center American Legion.

Announce Conquer the Lake Fishing Contest on Lake Francis hosted by American Legion Post #311 February 3, 2019. For more information visit: <https://www.madbobber.com/>

Public Comment: Full text included in official City Council minutes.

Derek Westby, 117 Shoreview Drive, spoke to the request from Waseca Hockey Association. He asked the Council to consider all the contributions made to the community by the Elysian Fire Relief Association. The establishment in question is the highest earning location for the Relief Association and Westby asked that if a separate gambling license is granted for bingo that is be water tight to not allow the new group to operate other forms of gambling at the site.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.