

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – MAY 2019

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

The Memorial Day Service in Elysian will start with the traditional march to Cedar Hill Cemetery. The parade line up will be in front of the American Legion Post #311 at 9:30 am. In case of inclement weather, the ceremonies will be held in the Post Social Hall.

Elysian Farmer's Market – Thursdays, June 20 – October 24th from 2:00 to 6:00 pm at the Tourism Center. Please contact City Hall if you would like to participate as a vendor.

The July 4th Celebration will kick off on July 2nd with the Annual Miss Elysian and Princess of the Lakes Pageant. Festivities will continue through July 7th. Watch for posters coming out soon!

The Council has approved Mosquito Control of Iowa for the 2019 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.

Hydrants will be flushed every third Thursday: June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, and possibly November 21.

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

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.

Looking for residents who are interested in volunteering at the Tourism Center this Spring / Summer. Please contact City Hall if you have a couple extra hours a week to welcome visitors at the Center.

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 AREA LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER is looking for various crafting supplies for summer reading. Please stop by the Library for a list if interested in donating. The Library is currently taking gently used books for the library book sale. If you have done some spring cleaning and have some books to donate, now is the time. The funds are used to support the building and programming costs incurred throughout the year. Book sale will be under the tent during the July 4th celebration flea market. Your donations toward the sale are greatly appreciated. Lastly, the Library is still looking for cash donations towards the magazine collection. The magazines are posted in the foyer of the Library with the cost of each subscription. Pick a book off the tree with the donation of your choice and give to our Library staff. Thank you to those who have already contributed.

Elysian Annual 4th of July Boat & Pontoon Parade – Big changes and Big prize money being sponsored by the Big Dog Bar & Café of North Mankato: Any ELYSIAN or Lake Francis residents may participate. Boat Division: 1st place \$500, 2nd place \$300, 3rd place \$100. Pontoon Division: 1st place \$500, 2nd place \$300, 3rd place \$100. Plaques will also be awarded. The parade is scheduled to start at 10:00 am beginning near the east boat landing proceeding counterclockwise around the lake and finishing at the beach/park. Elysian residents are encouraged to come down to the beach area to watch the finish around 11:00 am. Or watch the parade from your dock on Lake Francis. Participants must compete the whole route to be eligible for prize money and awards. Units will be judged on creative decorating and enthusiasm on board. Each unit must display their number/letter (given to them at the start) on the right side. The judges who will be waving bright green signs or displaying a flag, will use the number/letter as identification. Plaques and prizes will be given out at the conclusion of the parade near the starting point on the east end of the lake. Questions: Mark Sybilrud at 507-267-4045.

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
MAY 13, 2019 AT 6:00 PM

Present were: Mayor Tom McBroom; Councilmembers Mary Opsahl, Dennis Schnoor and Bryan Suemnick; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Public Works Director Ron Greenwald; City Attorney Jason Moran. Absent: Councilmember Bobby Houlihan.

Approved the minutes of the April 8, 2019 Special and Regular Meeting.

Le Sueur County Chief Deputy Nick Greenig reported the County Engineer has not yet heard back from the MnDOT Regional Engineer regarding the speed limit on County Road 14. Greenig stated that work continues to establish the criteria for a no wake zone policy for countywide lakes.

Approved to co-sponsor Troop #44869 Movie in the Park Event and to provide \$350 in funding.

Sharon Brandt, American Legion Auxiliary, presented a diagram of a Veteran's Memorial to be constructed at Sunset Park. The City Council and Park Board will meet at Sunset Park on May 21 at 7:00 pm to discuss possible locations for the Memorial.

Authorized a letter be drafted to the MN DNR expressing the City's interest in acquiring the property located between State Hwy 60 and the businesses on Main Street East.

Authorized Chris Cavett, SEH Engineering, up to 20 hours to discuss with MnDOT and MN DNR and to develop the best resolution for the storm water flow under State Hwy 60 east of Second Street SE.

Cavett reported the contractor is working on the punch list items of the 2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project. The paving is scheduled for the end of May – first of June. Completion of the project is scheduled for the end of June.

Referred discussion on painting buildings at Lake Francis Park to the Park Board.

Approved the purchase of two chemical pumps in the amount of \$574.97 each from Hawkins.

Acknowledged the type and cost of seed for restoration of DNR right-of-way disturbed with last year's watermain break between Root Beach and Shoreview Drive.

Approved the sealcoating for streets included in the 2016 Street and Utility Improvement Project to Pearson Bros., Inc. in the amount of \$25,277.03.

Approved a mill and overlay by Crane Creek of G Avenue, Second Street NE, and Third St SW. A work session will be scheduled to determine a schedule and funding to address the remaining streets needing repair.

Approved Allison Rients as 2019 temporary summer employee.

Approved Resolution 664/19 – Granting Approval for One-Day Off Site Lawful Gambling License to Elysian Fire Relief Association for July 5, 2019 in conjunction with 4th of July Celebration.

Approved \$3,000 toward Police Protection and Porta-Pots for 4th of July celebration.

Approved Resolution 665/19 – Granting Approval for Lawful Gambling to the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce for Raffle in conjunction with 4th of July Celebration.

Approved Resolution 666/19 – Granting Approval for Temporary 6-Day Liquor License to the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with 4th of July celebration.

Approved closing of streets and vendor policy as submitted by the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with 4th of July Celebration.

Approved Heather Hering as part-time 2019 Watercraft Inspector.

Approved estimate from St. Croix Recreation in the amount of \$707.64 for a memorial bench with plaque – Remiger.

Discussed the possibility of an additional cable provider in the City. Staff to follow up.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$147,553.37.

Public Comment: None. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.