

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – NOVEMBER 2018

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

Thank you to all volunteers, businesses, and city staff who contributed to the 2018 Spooky Trail!!

Small Business Saturday in Elysian, November 24th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. A perfect opportunity to get a head start on your Holiday Shopping. See insert for details.

Dad's Belgian Waffles & Silent Auction Fundraiser for the Elysian Area Library & Heritage Center, Sunday, November 25th from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at St Andrew's Church. Silent Auction items needed. Please drop off at Elysian Area Library & Heritage Center.

Shopping with Mrs. Claus, Saturday, December 1st sponsored by the Lake Area Women, held at the Elysian Fire Hall, from 8:30 to 10:30 am with a free breakfast provided by the Elysian Firefighters for all children ages 2 through 3rd grade, their siblings, their parents, and grandparents. Children ages through 3rd grade are invited to shop for gifts for their parents, sisters, brothers, and grandparents. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for pictures. There will be face painting and balloon animals. Thanks to Nu-Chek Prep for their generous donation of goodie bags for each child. A holiday bake sale will also be available. All proceeds from the event go to provide community activities and beautification.

Christmas Sale-A-Thon & Bake Sale, Saturday, December 1st sponsored by St Andrews Church, held at the church hall from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Crafts and vendors. Soup and sandwiches 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Elysian Holidazzle Parade, Saturday, December 1st sponsored by the City of Elysian and the Elysian Horizons Group. Parade starts at 6:30 pm. All units will be lit with holiday lights. Side by sides will be at the front of the parade for collection of food or cash donations for the WE Share Food Shelf. Please put items in the side by sides as they pass by you. Holidazzle benefits the local Food Shelf, the Library, and the Giving Tree. WE STILL NEED UNITS! For more information and registration call Megan James at 507-267-4200.

Fire Department Bingo on Saturday, December 1st at the Elysian Fire Hall immediately following the Holidazzle Parade. Let's help support the local Fire Department.

The Sakatah Trails Sno-Cruisers will be sponsoring Youth Snowmobile Safety Training on Saturday, December 8th at 12:00 noon at the Waterville School cafeteria. Students need to be 12 years old by April 1, 2019 to take the course. The cost is \$15 per student. Pre-registration will be held on Monday, November 26th from 6:00-7:00 pm at the Waterville Elementary Cafeteria. If you are unable to attend registration or have any questions, please contact Chris Lamont at 507-381-8964.

Holiday Lighting Contest. The Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce will again be sponsoring the Residential and Business Holiday Lighting Contest. Judging will be held on December 15th. Contest winners in each category will receive: First Place - \$50; Second Place - \$25; and Third Place - \$10.

Giving Tree – The tree will be located at the Elysian Area Library and Heritage Center and will be accessible during open Library hours. The tree will be up with cards on the tree by November 26th and gifts must be returned to the tree by December 14th. Cards may be picked off the tree, a gift is purchased and then the gift is returned to the tree, unwrapped. Anyone knowing of someone with a need please contact Pat Nusbaum at 507-317-0532. Those purchasing the gifts do not know for whom they are buying and persons receiving the gifts do not know who gave the gift. Gifts will be delivered the week of Christmas. The Giving Tree is sponsored by the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce and is restricted to those in need in the Elysian Community.

The City Brush Pile (located at the sanitary sewer pond off County Road 14) is open. The hours are Wednesdays 3:00 to 5:00 pm and Saturdays 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. The final day the brush pile will be open is December 1st (weather permitting). Open only to citizens of the City of Elysian. Leaves, brush and tree wood allowed – no building materials.

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: *Cook the Book – December 5 at 6:00 pm, Noon Year's Eve Party – December 29 at 11:00 am. 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
NOVEMBER 13, 2018 AT 6:00 PM**

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

Approved the minutes of the October 8, 2018 Regular Meeting.

Approved Resolution 640/18 – Approving Variance Application of Mark and Shelly Hansen, 100 Willow Point Drive to remove their existing structure and build a new home within the required 75 OHW setback from Lake Francis.

Received a report from Chris Cavett, SEH Engineering, regarding watermain break on line that serves Willow Point Drive, and Roemhildt and Cedar Point / Kaplan Additions. Also, the 2018 SUIP is now substantially complete. Final paving should be completed before the 2019 Fourth of July Celebration.

Approved Resolution 641/18 – Granting approval for one day off site lawful gambling American Legion #311 for February 3, 2019 in conjunction with the fishing contest.

Approved Resolution 642/18 – Designating Polling Places for 2019.

Scheduled Budget Workshop for Monday, November 26, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Approved Virgil Engel for permanent part-time public works worker and approved Glen Wanhg for on-call public works worker.

Approved City Hall Office closed Friday, November 23 and Monday, December 24, 2018.

Reminder: Truth in Taxation Hearing will be held Monday, December 10, 2018 at 6:01 pm.

Thank you to West Central Sanitation for donating the temporary dumpsters during the September 20 storm event. Thank you to Tri-County Solid Waste for the disposal of electronics out of the building at 118 E. Main Street.

Le Sueur County Parks Board Meeting, November 20th from 5:00 to 6:00 pm to discuss Ray's Lake Master Plan. Public invited to attend and provide input. LS Cnty Environmental Services Bldg, 515 South Maple Ave. Le Center

Approved Resolution 643/18 – Certifying the Results of the November 6, 2018 Election. Mayor: McBroom – 145, Quiram – 17, Nusbaum – 127, Anderson – 78, Write-Ins 3. Councilmember 4-year term: Houlihan – 162, Suemnick – 163, Westby – 137, Schnoor – 198, Write-Ins – 3.

Mayor Stoen congratulated all who ran and were voted into office for term beginning January 2019.

City Administration evaluation completed October 8, 2018. Administrator meets or exceeds all requirements of the position.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$410,218.80.

Public Comment: None. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.