

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 8, 2024**

The Elysian City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 8, 2024 at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag.

Roll Call: Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Schnoor; Councilmembers Bryan Suemnick and Derek Westby; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Public Works Director Ron Greenwald (arrived at 6:03 pm).
Absent: Mayor Tom McBroom, Sr.; Councilmember Bobby Houlihan; City Attorney Jason Moran.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2024 Regular Meeting and March 13, 2024 Joint Work Session as presented.

On motion by Westby, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to approve the agenda of the April 8, 2024 Regular Meeting as presented.

Le Sueur County Captain Bruce Collins reported that all has been good in the City. With springtime there are more traffic related issues. The buoys will be put in the lake soon. The Council thanked Captain Collins for the increased presence within the City. They asked that the speed on County Road 11 by the Roemhildts Development be patrolled.

Public Works Director Greenwald arrived at 6:03 pm.

John and Janice Manning presented the 2024 City of Elysian – Employment Geese Control for consideration. The Mannings reported that there are no changes to the contract. The 2023 goose harvest was successful with over one hundred birds being harvested. There is a struggle with Sunset Park as that area does not allow for harvest. The program has had a positive impact on Lake Tustin Park and Lake Francis Beach and Park.

Greenwald suggested there be a change to the hours of harvesting this fall. City Staff needs to access the ponds on the weekends in the fall to perform discharge and testing.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to approve the 2024 City of Elysian – Employment Agreement Geese Control.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to close the Regular Meeting and open the Public Hearing at 6:06 pm.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public input on the request of KRO Bar, Inc. dba the Thirsty Beaver Bar, 114 Main Street East, Elysian, MN 56028 for an On Sale, Off Sale, and Sunday Intoxicating Liquor License.

All required paperwork for issuance of the On Sale, Off Sale, and Sunday Intoxicating Liquor License has been received. The Le Sueur County Sheriff and Le Sueur County Attorney have approved the application. The applicant is present to address any questions from the Council.

There were no public comments.

There were no written comments.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Westby, all voting in favor, to close the Public Hearing and open the Regular Meeting at 6:08 pm.

Public Comment: None.

Councilmember Schnoor introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Suemnick.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF LE SUEUR
CITY OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 892/24

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE LIQUOR LICENSE
APPLICATION FROM KRO BAR, INC dba THE THIRSTY BEAVER BAR

THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the On Sale, Off Sale, and Sunday Intoxicating Liquor License is for the term of one (1) year from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, and;

WHEREAS, this application is for the following area: Main bar area, lower bar area, exterior enclosed patio, and enclosed parking lot area of the Thirsty Beaver Bar located at 114 Main Street East, Elysian, Minnesota in the County of Le Sueur, Minnesota, and;

WHEREAS, the application will result in the one (1) year license for the remainder of 2024 with renewal required January 1, 2025, and;

WHEREAS, the cost of the On Sale Liquor License is \$1,500.00, Off Sale Liquor License is \$100.00, and the Sunday Liquor License is \$200.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ELYSIAN, LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA, to accept and approve the Liquor License Application from KRO Bar, Inc. dba the Thirsty Beaver Bar.

Upon vote being taken:

Councilmembers voting in the affirmative: Schnoor, Suemnick, Westby

Councilmembers voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council for the City of Elysian, Minnesota this 8th day of April, 2024.

Approved:

Thomas McBroom, Sr., Mayor

Attest:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

Kyle Short, Elysian Little League, discussed the repair of the dugouts at the ballfield at Lake Francis Park. Green tin would be installed from the ground up (4) four feet. The remaining (3) three feet would be painted white. The roof would be black shingles. The parents will help. The work will all be done by volunteers. Green, white and black are the Waterville Elysian Morrystown School colors.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to approve the repair of the dugouts with the green, white, and black color scheme with the City paying for any needed building permits.

Dennis Schnoor, Civil Defense Director, reported the members had met at the Tourism Center. The new television is up on the wall and hook up is pending MIDCO updating the connection. Civil Defense needs new batteries for their (3) three radios. The batteries are approximately \$250 each.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, for Civil Defense to purchase (3) three batteries for radios at approximately \$250 each.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Westby, all voting in favor, to close the Regular Meeting and open the Public Hearing at 6:15 pm.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public input on proposed Ordinance No. 113/24 – An Ordinance Regulating Native Plantings consistent with MSA §412.95 in the City of Elysian, Le Sueur County, Minnesota.

During the 2023 Legislative Session, MSA §412.95 was passed to require cities to allow the plantings and maintenance of landscaping, native landscapes, or garden treatments. The same legislation allows cities to regulate the plantings.

Ordinance No. 113/24 sets definitions, regulates where the plantings are allowed and the size, maintenance standards, allows for abatement, and requires a permit for the plantings. There is no associated permit fee.

There were no public comments.

There were no written comments.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to close the Public Hearing and open the Regular Meeting at 6:19 pm.

On motion by Westby, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to adopt Ordinance No. 113/24 – An Ordinance Regulating Native Plantings consistent with MSA §412.95 in the City of Elysian, Le Sueur County, Minnesota.

Richard Parr, Senior Professional Engineer II, Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc., presented a partial set of plans for the Water Treatment Plant Final Layout (60%) Design Review. The schedule is to have the final design by May 3, 2024 and submit the final plans to the Minnesota Department of Health by July 1, 2024.

The plan sheets include the water main installation, hook up to the water treatment plant, installation of hydrants versus air release valves, and connection to well #2. Also included were the details of the water treatment plan itself, specifically the floor plan, the exterior detail, and the site plan.

The Council questioned the reasoning for the driveway and access doors to be located on the north side of the building. The Council did not want the access to be located on the north side of the building. That side abuts the residential area, and it is not prudent to have a north side facing access in Minnesota with the snow and ice. The Council requested the building be turned 180 degrees and pushed back to the north side of the lot.

Parr then continued discussing the water treatment plant with the sheets for the upper floor plan, the flow schematic, the process equipment, the heaters, air circulation, sinks, bathroom, sanitary waste

and vent, electrical, and lighting. He stated the SCADA should be set up to communicate with both wells.

Parr stated the current estimated cost is \$7,947,595. This includes costs for Well #2, Well #3, and Water Tower restoration.

The Council asked Parr to contact Hawk Alarm Systems, who currently is coordinating the installation of security systems in the City, to discuss the SCADA installation.

Greenwald presented estimates for lawnmowers.

Traxler Power & Equipment, Inc.: Toro 60 inch mower - \$11,111.33 + \$789.99 per tweeel less trade in of 60 inch John Deere \$6,750. Toro 72 inch mower - \$11,841.33 + \$899.99 per tweeel less trade in of 60 inch John Deere \$6,750. Gently used Cub Cadet 72 inch mower \$9,650 less trade in of 60 inch John Deere \$7,000.

Manke's Outdoor Equipment: Toro 60 inch mower - \$10,887 + \$850 per tweeel. No trade in on John Deere mower.

Kibble Equipment: John Deere 60 inch mower with tweels - \$16,100 less trade in of 60 inch John Deere \$6,100. John Deere 72 inch mower with tweels - \$16,600 less trade in of 60 inch John Deere \$6,100.

Greenwald stated there are a few areas to mow that a 60 inch mower is needed but those areas could be weed whipped. A 72 inch mower would work in most areas.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to approve the purchase of the John Deere Z970R ZTrak 72 inch mower with tweels less the trade in of the 2020 John Deere Z970R 60 inch mower in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to table consideration of the window tinting of City Hall windows to the May 13, 2024 City Council meeting.

Lee Istvanovich, Graduate Engineer, SEH Engineering, provided an update on the 2023 Street and Utility Improvement Project. The Spring warranty walk through is in progress. Concrete work will be performed in early May. It is too early to determine the turf establishment. Frontier has not cleaned up the mess they left last Fall with their lines. Xcel Energy still needs to replace the streetlight at Maple Avenue SW and Third Street SW.

Schnoor asked if the fire hydrant at 308 Maple Avenue SW will be lowered.

The Council acknowledged and congratulated the Elysian Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator and staff for earning the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Certificate of Commendation Wastewater Treatment Facility Operational Award.

Councilmember Westby introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Suemnick.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF LE SUEUR
CITY OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 893/24

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR MINOR SUBDIVISION AT 300 THIRD STREET NE
AND 204 THIRD STREET NE

WHEREAS, Clark and Kathleen Fell have submitted an application for a Lot Line Rearrangement/Minor Subdivision of the properties located at 300 Third Street NE and 204 Third Street NE, and;

WHEREAS, Mary Lou Kaderlik, the owner of the property at 204 Third Street NE has agreed to sell approximately 3,300 square feet of land to Clark and Kathleen Fell, and;

WHEREAS, Clark and Kathleen wish to purchase the land that is directly adjacent to their property, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed lot line rearrangement will not result in any new lots being created but will rearrange the existing lot lines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ELYSIAN, LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA, that it does hereby approve the request of Clark and Kathleen Fell for a Minor Subdivision as described in City of Elysian Zoning Ordinance §155.028. The City Council's Findings are as follows:

- The minor subdivision and combination will not negatively affect the physical characteristics of the lots or the neighborhood.
- The proposed minor subdivision conforms to the City's comprehensive plan.
- The minor subdivision does not create any new lots, and no new structures or intensity are proposed as part of this request.
- The minor subdivision will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety or general welfare of the city, its residents, or the existing neighborhood.

Upon vote being taken:

Councilmembers voting in the affirmative: Schnoor, Suemnick, Westby

Councilmembers voting in the negative: None

Approved:

Tom McBroom Sr., Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

Councilmember Westby introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Suemnick.

CITY OF ELYSIAN
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 894/24
RESOLUTION SETTING ENVIRONMENTAL

UTILITY FUND RATES FOR 2024 TO INCLUDE
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE COMMERCIAL FEE

WHEREAS, the City is required to establish utility rates such that revenues generated are sufficient to offset the cost of improvements and make provision for debt repayment, and

WHEREAS, the City has undertaken storm sewer utility projects that require additional storm sewer system debt repayment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELYSIAN: that the environmental utility rates for 2024 are set as follows:

Residential	\$12.50 per month
Base Rate	\$37.50 per month
Commercial	(Fee = REF x Acreage x Rate)
Maximum Allowable Commercial	\$175.00 per month

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that these rates will become effective on March 1, 2024.

Upon vote being taken:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Schnoor, Suemnick, Westby

Councilmembers voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 8th day of April, 2024.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Sr., Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

Councilmember Schnoor introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Suemnick.

CITY OF ELYSIAN
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 895/24
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING
A DONATION FROM BRAD AND KATHY BROZIK

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has received a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Brad and Kathy Brozik for the Sunset Park Sports Courts renovation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA THAT: the City Council of the City of Elysian acknowledges and accepts a donation from Brad and Kathy Brozik in the amount of \$500.00 for the Sunset Park Sports Courts renovation.

Upon vote being taken:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Schnoor, Suemnick, Westby

Council Members voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 8th day of April, 2024.

Approved:

Tom McBroom Sr., Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

Councilmember Schnoor introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Suemnick.

CITY OF ELYSIAN
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 896/24
RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR ONE-DAY OFF SITE
LAWFUL GAMBLING LICENSE

WHEREAS, The Elysian City Council was presented with a request from the Elysian Fire Department Relief Association for one day off site lawful gambling (bingo and raffle) on July 5, 2024, and;

WHEREAS; State Laws of Minnesota require approval be granted by the local governing body, thus the City of Elysian, and;

WHEREAS; the request was made at a regular meeting of the Elysian City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; The Elysian City Council granted approval for a one day off site lawful gambling license (bingo and raffle) to the Elysian Fire Department Relief Association on July 5, 2024 in conjunction with the July 4th Celebration.

Upon vote being taken:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Schnoor, Suemnick, Westby

Council Members voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 8th day of April, 2024.

Approved:

Tom McBroom, Sr., Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Westby, all voting in favor, to schedule a public hearing for consideration of Ordinance No. 114/24 – An Ordinance Establishing Salaries for the Mayor and City Council for the City of Elysian, Le Sueur / Waseca County, Minnesota for May 13, 2024 at 6:05 pm.

On motion by Suemnick, seconded by Westby, all voting in favor, to accept the resignation of Shelly Ims from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Reminder of Joint Meeting with City Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, and Economic Development Authority on April 11, 2024 at 6:00 pm to discuss the Update to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 8-12, 2024. Tornado Drill Day is Thursday, April 11th with sirens at 1:45 and 6:45 pm.

The Le Sueur County 2024 Board of Review & Equalization is scheduled for April 9, 2024 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at Le Sueur County Government Center (Courthouse) – Open Book.

The Waseca County 2024 Board of Review & Equalization is scheduled for April 23, 2024 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Waseca County Courthouse – Open Book.

Skywarn Training will be held April 10, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the Le Sueur County Justice Center.

ISG's Second Annual Future of Southern Minnesota Lakes Conference will be held April 12-13, 2024 at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center, Mankato.

The Elysian City-wide Garage Sales will be May 10 and 11, 2024 with the Spring Clean Up date set for Saturday, May 18, 2024. More details to come.

On motion by Westby, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, bills, payroll, and transfers were approved in the amount of \$181,480.76.

Public Comment: None.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm.

Approved:

Dennis Schnoor, Mayor Pro Tem

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator