

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – JULY 2024

Thank you to the Elysian Area Chamber, Elysian Area Fire Department, City employees, businesses, volunteers, and sponsors who made this year's July 4th Celebration a success! Thank you to all who attended the events.

The Elysian National Night Out will be held this year on Tuesday, August 6th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Lake Francis City Park. (Inclement weather, event will be held at the Elysian Fire Hall.) The entire community is invited and welcome to attend and to enjoy a free meal consisting of hot dogs, chips, and a drink (prepared and served on site by Fischer's Corner Bar). Scoops will be there with a cold treat for all. There will be door prizes (kids and adults) during the event and a bounce house, face painting, and a balloon artist for the children. The Elysian Area Fire Department, Le Sueur County Sheriff's Posse, North Ambulance, and the Elysian Rescue Squad vehicles will be available to view and talk with the attendants. Bring along your neighbors and your lawn chair if you wish. It is sure to be a fun night!

The Kid's Friendly Food Program will again be offered on the third Saturday, July 20th and August 17th. Any child up to the age of 18 is eligible to participate. The food will be given out curbside. Just pull up in your car and give the number of children and you will be given a bag for each. Food will be distributed between 9:00 and 10:30 am until all is gone. Thank you to the American Legion Post #311 Women's Auxiliary for their donation of 50 boxes of cookies to be given out as part of the kid's food bag.

The Elysian Planning and Zoning Commission will be hosting an Open House on Tuesday, August 7th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm to present the proposed updated Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Please plan to attend and provide feedback.

Included in this month's utility bill is the annual MN Board of Community Water Supply Service Connection Fee in the amount of \$9.72. This is a mandatory annual fee that is charged to each property owner with a water connection. This entire fee goes to the MN State Board of Health.

Main Street seal costing is scheduled to occur between July 17th – 19th. Watch for no parking signs.

The State Highway 60 Pavement Rejuvenation Project is scheduled to start July 22nd. Watch for stopped traffic.

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

The City brush pile (located at the sanitary sewer pond off County Road 14) is open for the season. 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.

Mosquito Control of Iowa has been approved for 2024 mosquito treatment. They determine spray dates based on the weather rather than a weekly schedule. Please call or email City Hall to be added to the notification list.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Wayside Rest will be utilized as the second Rest Stop on Day 3, Wednesday, July 24th between 6:30 am and 11:00 am for MS Ride Across Minnesota 5-day Bike Ride. The anticipated number of riders is 350. Please contact City Hall for more information.

The Elysian Tourism Center basement – 100 Third Street SW, is a designated storm shelter. The shelter will be open during a severe thunderstorm WARNING,

UPCOMING ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER EVENTS: Live Action Oregon Trail geared for teens – July 20th at 10:00 am; CSI Detectives. Explore the Science of Law! Registration required. Ages 7 – 12. – July 23rd at 11:00 am; Pixelated Plants – July 26th at 10:00 am; Whimsical Wandcrafting for Wacky Wizards. Kids will make cool wands and learn how to use them. Registration is required. – July 31st at 10:00 am; Kids, Tweens, and Teens ages 3 – 18 can read and win prizes June 3rd – July 31st. Register at the Library. For questions about events or to register please call 507-267-4411 or email libtle@tds.lib.mn.us

The Elysian Area Foundation is sponsoring Bingo on Friday evenings at the Elysian American Legion Club at 6:30 pm. Please contact Pat Nusbaum if you would like to volunteer – 507-317-0532.

ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY JULY 8, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Tom McBroom, Sr.; Councilmembers Bobby Houlihan, Dennis Schnoor, Bryan Suemnick, and Derek Westby; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Public Works Director Ron Greenwald; City Attorney Jason Moran.
Absent: None.

Approved the minutes of the June 10, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Le Sueur County Captain Bruce Collins reported that the month of June was quiet with several calls for medical, traffic and parking control. Most recently, the water patrol has been busy enforcing the no-wake zone. The Council expressed appreciation for the Sheriff's presence in the City.

Public Comment: (For complete comments please see approved City Council minutes.)

Tom Mutch, 1250 Scenic Hideaway Lane, expressed his concern with the retaining pond on the Meixl property that is flooding his property. He asked that this please be fixed so it does not come onto his property anymore.

Tina King, President of the Lake Francis Association, resident of 5 Cedar Point Drive, presented information on the water level on Lake Francis. King asked what the vision for all of the water is as we continue to develop around the lake, asked for support from the City of the no wake enforcement on the lake, and that the City increase their participation in the Cannon Valley Watershed Study.

Held a public hearing and approved Ordinance #116/24 – An Interim Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale, Testing, Manufacturing, Cultivating, Growing, Transporting, Delivery, and Distribution of Cannabis Products in the City of Elysian (pertaining to THC products containing more than 0.3% Tetrahydrocannabinol).

Received information from representatives of the MN DNR and expressed interest in acquisition of property located between Main Street and State Hwy 60 between 3rd Street SW and 2nd Street SE.

Received a request from the owner of 213 East Main Street to construct a garage in a C-1 zone. Referred to Planning and Zoning Commission.

Pre-Approved W W Blacktopping Inc. Change Order #4 in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 to install drain tile.

Discussed the complaints at 108 First Street South. City Engineer will research.

Received notice that MN DNR has selected the City of Elysian Application for the 2024 Local Trail Connections Program for funding. The grant will fund a trail system in Sunset Park and connect to the Sakatah Trail System. Approved SEH Engineering estimate in the amount of \$5,500 to provide additional information required for approval of the grant.

Approved Resolution #905/24 – Establishing Dates for Filing Affidavits of Candidacy.

Approved Resolution #906/24 – Approving a Request for an Administrative Lot Split for PID#16.440.0720 – 210 Main Street East.

Approved Resolution #907/24 – Accepting a Donation from Alvin and Doris Coon of a three (3) row bleacher system for Lake Francis Park.

Approved Resolution #908/24 – Accepting a Donation from the Waterville Elysian Class of 1985 of a bench in remembrance of Jill Roemhildt for Lake Francis Park.

Approved Resolution #909/24 – Accepting a Donation from Hope and Bryan Suemnick, owners of Suemnick's Final Cut Tree Service LLC of a storage shed for Elysian Little League use and park storage at Lake Francis Park.

Approved the 2024-2025 Maintenance Agreement with Greenview for custodial services at the Wayside Rest building.

Approved the hire of (5) five fire fighters: Madeline Ayers, Brandon Coon, Gage Eastwood, Patrick Ely, Jon Kleven.

Approved the hire of an additional temporary summer employee: Isaiah Berndt.

Approved staff working with MN DNR on the possibility of installing a dock/pier at Lake Francis Park.

Scheduled a budget workshop meeting for July 23rd at 6:00 pm.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$568,189.40.

Public Comment: (For complete comments please see approved City Council minutes.)

Mark Sybilrud, 514 Lake Avenue NW, asked that rules of order be posted at the Pickleball Courts so that players rotate, and everyone gets a turn.

Tom Mutch, 1250 Scenic Hideaway Lane NE, asked why the Meixl pond was not built for filtration, asked that the Council be sent his submitted video, and noted that Mike Schultz, Le Sueur County SWCD will be visiting the site this week.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.