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Welcome to the New Year. The city's annual appointments were made for the upcoming year. To familiarize everyone with who your city representatives are, is as follows:

Robert Jordan,	Mayor	448-6093
Ralph Hanson,	Councilmember	448-5013
Skip Low,	Councilmember	448-4637
Woodrow Swanson,	Councilmember	448-2003
Ricki Schultz,	Councilmember	448-5126

Patricia Plekkenpol is the city's clerk/treasurer. Office hours have not been definitely established for routine operating schedule. Attempts will be made to have someone present as previously established on Thursday afternoons. The Chaska Herald has been designated as official newspaper; depository being Carver County State Bank; attorney, Nicklaus, Fahey and Monroe; building inspector, Tom Griep; weed and tree inspector, and civil defense director, Ken Frey; street commissioners, Woody Swanson and Skip Low; hall manager, Woody Swanson; health officers, Ralph Hanson and Ricki Schultz, Dr. Russell, with Dr. David Dragotis as backup; acting mayor, Ralph Hanson.

Local organizations that are city orientated, also have council representation on their committees. Community Education will be represented by Robert Jordan; Planning Commission Ralph Hanson, alternate Skip Low; Heritage Commission, Ricki Schultz; Park & Recreation, Skip Low, alternate Woody Swanson.

Sixth Street & Ash Street bridges were topic of discussion again. Conclusion tended to lean towards restoration and repair of these bridges versus demolition and reconstruction. Discussion to take place again at February regular council meeting.

Sanitation pick up for city deposits were placed under sealed bid award procedure this year for the first time. Mark's Sanitation was granted this year's patronage.

Scott Knudson, Executive Director of HRA was present to request a city resolution and cooperation agreement with the city for the Small Cities Development Grant Program, for essential community development and housing rehabilitation assistance activities. Scott also requested city's cooperation with rent assistance program. The three resolutions to participate with HRA were accepted.

Candidates for the Planning Commission for three year terms will be interviewed at the February 6th meeting.

A resolution to contract with the county assessor was accepted.

City Labor Maintenance contract bid was opened for the council's review. Discussion to continue at a later meeting. The council was informed that if the salaried labor system is to be kept, a new truck should be purchased, at \$ 40,000. Decision was postponed.

The architectural students from the U of M made their final presentation to a sizeable audience. They'd looked into Carver's history: historical sights, tourism and advantages Carver possessed through it's river, natural habitat, baseball fields and core city's businesses. Historical value was deemed as highest priority. One attempt was to make one feel as though they'd "wished they'd stepped back into time." They felt Carver could draw people from the Minnesota Valley Trail into the core city. The empty lot on 3rd & Broadway was felt to be a prime interest advantage. Broadway needed STRONG impact to succeed in drawing people to the downtown area. From a tot lot on that lot at 3rd & Broadway could be two pulls- a historcial viewpoint trail and open walk trail. From the ball park to proceeding to a floating walkway through natural habitat of marshland, then onto the levy for a scenic view of the river was proposed. Broadway, with tree planting to enhance the naturalness and collar-rousing desire, should make visitors want to pursue and see further. Lighting fixtures should be changed to be of historical value and also rouse a desire to look further on. Historical walk or open walk to the Lion's Park for an overlook of the city and to capture a beautiful view, should be developed.

A Sewer Use/Pate Ordinance will be reviewed and acted on. Soil boring results were to be ready on January 10th. There will be a public hearing in February. It was explained that the estimated cost per household of grant eligible part of the system would be \$ 800; \$ 2,750 per household with extended scope of project. Per household if project is extended to the Lenzen and Skyview areas. The extended scope of the project rationale being that it would be cheaper now versus in the future.

At a later meeting the sewer, use and sewer rate ordinance was accepted by the council. A discussion was held whether or not meters should be installed to monitor sewage flow in commercial and industrial areas. If water is accepted as a part of the city utilities, meters will be mandatory. Estimated sewage output is gauged at 75 gallons per person, per household, per day. Summarized version of the two ordinances, above, will be published in the Chaska Herald.

Preliminary reports on the lagoon site were reported but not specifically detailed. The present site is suitable to support a lagoon but the lagoon will require a liner. Dikes will have to be sloped. There has not been a detailed report of the drillings in town. Fifty sites were drilled, 12 of those reported measurable water.

Preliminary discussion regarding approximate cost distribution took place. Figures will be changing again. As shown to the council on January 16th, per John Stewart, project engineer, of approximate cost distribution are as follows:

<u>Area</u>	<u># Served</u>	<u>Est. Cost/User</u> <u>All Equally Assessed</u>	<u>Assessing to Area-</u> <u>Non Eligible</u>
Central & Co. Rd. # 40	198	\$ 1,035	\$ 1,035
Skyview	13	2,230	11,000
Lenzen	62	2,470	5,060
Skyview & Lenzen	75	2,875	6,090

Two Hundred and twenty-eight houses will be served with present design of the lagoon. According to the engineer and mayor, the system will need upgrading, expansion has not been considered.

Property owner questioned anticipated reaction of his building a 12-plex on land and the feelings of sewer project complications.

Lawcon/LCMR Grant for the ball park area. Robert Jordan and Jeff Hanson will be meeting to draw up application for the park grant. It was questioned whether or not a public hearing was required for this park development plans. Also questioned were park generating revenue, maintenance and upkeep, as well as protection for campers. Do the people want such a park area was asked. Discussion of locked gates to protect city property and campers if campground plans are feasible. Road improvements have to be looked into, as well as addressing protection and requirement of an employee. John Stewart will be working on the designs as well as the application.

Snow Parking Ordinance was discussed. Mayor preferred 1" limit versus 3" snowfall to permit plowing of city streets with no parking on any city streets. He will be responsible for the drafting of the ordinance for February meeting.

At a later meeting the snow parking ordinance drafting was discussed. Preliminary wording proposed, 1" snowfall, will prohibit any parking on any city streets or alleys between 5A.M. - 9A.M. Arguments to such wordage stated that some individuals have no where else to park. After the discussion, the mayor will return with another draft at next meeting. Since I am your representative, I am requesting your opinions.

Skating rink update for all you skaters: Due to weather conditions, Carver's skating rink located in the Lion's Park is not a skating rink. Ground is apparently unfrozen and will not hold water to freeze to make the rink useable or existable. Weather will be the controlling factor as to whether success or failure will allow skaters a rink to use this winter.

The Lion's requested more information on city's desire to beautify the levy. Discussion has been briefly touched upon as far as requesting ideas, donation and time to beautify with natural habitats versus an unsightly pile of dirt separating properties.

Dog Ordinance was topic of discussion. Enforcement of present ordinance is required due to numerous dogs running at large again. It was aired as to whether or not the city should consider rehiring of previous dog catcher.

Question was posed if Carver-On-The-Minnesota, Inc. was still an existing organization. City is interested in obtaining the corner lot on 3rd & Broadway. Mr. Jordan stated that Ann Doerr was interested in swapping that lot for the tree removal bill. In speaking with Ann she had the following to say; " Carver-On-The-Minnesota is interested in anything that would promote the historical development of Carver. In reference to the statement that the Carver-On-The-Minnesota was interested in swapping lot for tree removal bill was not correctly stated."

Robert Jordan also proposed that the city discuss with Carver-On-The-Minnesota regarding city's obtaining the old church for city use such as meetings. His estimated cost to winterize the building would be \$ 10,000. Carver-On-The-Minnesota requested retaining the library and the office space for their organization.

Councilman Hanson questioned future plans regarding the city administrator status. He wondered if replacement was in order or if the city is to continue functioning without one. It was stated that the Metropolitan Council possesses enough expertise to aid the city. Mayor stated that he's had several people apply for the position and he's still talking with the Young America mayor to work out a feasible solution for these two city's. Jordan is anticipating hope of being able to apply Young America's updated ordinances in Carver. It was felt though that the talents and resources of a city administrator were needed and an administrator should be kept on staff.

The Fire Department has requested truck fund money to purchase a '73' International truck. They anticipated selling the old Dodge. Fundraiser monies collected by the fire department will be maintained financially internally. Other monies are to be controlled by the city. Council was invited to the Fire Department's meeting, January 26th to hear the reports and familiarize themselves with details.

Discussion regarding the construction of a home on County Road # 40 took place. Clarification is required and requested.

Aid Association for Lutherans granted permission for the Trinity Lutheran Church to organize a benefit for Roger Duawalter. Trinity Lutheran Church has requested use of the city hall to rent for benefit on February 19th, 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. for a Chili Feed. Branches involved are Aid Association for Lutherans: Carver, Chaska, Cologne and Chanhassen. Proceeds will be matched by the Aid Association for Lutherans.

#### HERITAGE COMMISSION NEWS:

Suzanne Theisfeld

The commission is an advisor to the city council on subjects of historical value. Also, it provides education helping to inform the community of local history and significant architecture. The commission needs new members. All interested people are invited to the next meeting at the Village Hall on January 31st, 1984 at 7:00 P.M.

There is new ownership at the Carver Dairy located on East 3rd Street. Paul's cashier, *PAM* has purchased the store. New name is as follows: P. J.' S Market. Hours are: Monday through Saturday, 8:30A.M. to 7:00 P.M.; Sunday 8:00 A.M. to Noon. Welcome aboard!

Steamboat Committee held a meeting January 17th to discuss Steamboat Days. Anticipated dates for '84' Steamboat Jubilee will be the second weekend in September, the 8th and 9th.

Added pick up spot for "Carver Gazette" will be Riverside Cafe, along with P.J.' S Market and Post Office. Enjoy.....

January 16 - Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.  
January 25 - Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30 P.M.  
January 26 - Fire Department Meeting, 8:00 P.M.  
February 6 - Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.  
February 16 - Public Hearing, 7:00 P.M.

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P. J. S Market  
Carver-On-The-Minnesota