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City Council News:

Ken Frey, city employee informed the council that the river had crested at 27.3 feet. Ken also reported back to the council about the air balloons for the culverts. Ken prefers to have gates made versus the expensive balloons. Councilman Low is making efforts to obtain a pump for the city. Ken reported that he could get some used culverts from the county for half price. The mayor requested authorization to purchase a pump, hose, culvert and gate valves for flood control. Motion made and carried to buy a pump and culvert. Ken will get quotes on valves and report back to the council. Ken informed the council at a later meeting that he'd gotten fifteen inch culverts from the county for \$3.00 per foot. Ken was also told of some streets that need patching. Councilman Low has purchased the pump that was discussed.

Bob also told the council that Congressman Bill Frenzel would be in Carver on July 5th to discuss flooding in town and other topics.

Ken Frey requested a letter of intent be sent to the railroad concerning debris dumped while the river was high. The mayor informed the council that the railroad company is filing suit against various cities and counties because the railroad company feels they are being unduly taxed.

A bill was submitted by Mike Fahey for services rendered regarding the ballroom lease agreement that was pursued earlier by Mayor Jordan. Several councilmembers felt that the bill was not the responsibility of the city's and a motion not to pay that claim was made and carried with three ayes and one nay.

A bill was presented for council approval by Robert Jordan for reimbursement of meals bought for volunteers who cut trees in the city. Motion made and carried to reimburse the mayor.

The Fire Department requested the money received from townships for fire protection from the city. General consensus of councilmembers present was to pay the fire department the money received from the townships, less \$1,800, which is to be put into the departments equipment fund.

Question was again raised whether the city should be handling the fire department's books or not. The subject is to be checked into further and to be discussed at the July 16th meeting.

Councilman Hanson informed the council that the fire department could handle their Fire Relief monies, but if they paid their own bills and handled their

own budget that there could be a potential problem because they are public funds. Since the city is paying for many items directly and the fire department gets a set amount of money for regulated use such as equipment from the city, it was felt that there is little problem at this time.

There was some discussion regarding "NO Parking" signs at the end of Broadway Street at the dike area. Ken was directed to put the signs back up. Mark's Sanitation will be asked to remove his dumpsters from that area.

Dave Niesche appeared before the council a third time in regard to whether or not he could place a mobile home on his property on Mt Hope Road. Mike Fahey, city attorney, told the mayor that the city couldn't refuse placement of a mobile home as long as the state requirements were met. Motion was made and carried to approve Dave Niesche's request.

Creek improvement was again tackled. Some citizens were displeased with the loss of a number of trees on their properties. Councilman Hanson asked for an alternative from the citizens. They felt the creek should be left alone. Councilman Hanson remarked about one homeowner's continual loss caused by the erosion. Some people present felt that just that area could be repaired without disrupting the remainder of properties. Councilman Low commented that the proposed moving of the creek would put it back where the creekbed used to be years ago. Adjacent property owner took opposition to that statement. The mayor remarked that there were three locations of concern about erosion. One person suggested retaining walls by affected property owners. The mayor stated that the council was looking at that alternative, as well as rip rap. One homeowner felt his property value would be decreased with the loss of so many trees and there had been no mention of reimbursement. Another citizen inquired about which law allowed tampering with natural waterway. Another homeowner stated that corrections should be made and work to make those corrections should be started as soon as possible. The most effected homeowner felt he would have to begin restoration immediately or suffer the loss of his garage. Councilman Low questioned property owners about their feelings on the city pursuing corrective measures and repair of Hartley's property. One homeowner felt that the trees lying in the creek should be removed. Councilman Low inquired about removal of the livebox and taking part of the island to put into the hill at Hartley's. One homeowner remarked that the creek was not a public waterway but spring fed and snow runoff.

Easiest access was discussed. One homeowner offered removal of two cottonwood trees on his property so the city could access through that route. Mr Hartley inquired about what would happen if he went ahead on his own to begin filling in to save his structure tetering on the edge. He would also like to construct a retaining wall. Council foresaw no problem with his pursuing such proposal.

Nothing was decided. The mayor informed the citizens that the council would discuss the matter further and make some decision of what actions to pursue. No discussions have followed.

Lyle Hanna presented proposal of request to vacate part of Ash Street. A public hearing would be set up for the earliest possible date. One public hearing would be all that would be required. The planning commission approved the vacation.

A citizen questioned the city's decision and legality of allowing the placement of a mobile home in the city. Explanation and interpretation of the state law was given by Councilman Hanson. Written opinion of the city attorney and the written law was requested.

A citizen inquired about the city's ordinance regarding parking in residential zones. Various problems were arising with commercial vehicles being parked in residential areas. Corrective measures were taken by the council.

Septic overflow was also brought to the city's attention. Action will be taken to correct that situation, also.

Mrs Mark Johnson representing Mark's Sanitation was present at the council meeting regarding the parking of a commercial vehicle in a residential zone. She was informed that pickups would be allowed to park beside their home if they were sealed and empty. The larger trucks were the problem. City maintenance employee commented that during the summer months, the large trucks do damage to the asphalt. Mrs Johnson was told of the problem with transferring loads from pickups to the larger vehicle late at night. She was informed about the city ordinance prohibiting the running of power equipment before 7 AM and after 7PM.

There was discussion of pending assessments and special assessments in regard to city projects of sewer and water. Councilman Hanson questioned if the escrow money would be taken out of the selling price of a home before improvements are put into the ground. The answer was yes. There was a remark made that some citizens do not want city sewer in the subdivisions. Only in the core city but the city council is not listening to them. Argument pursued

that not all councilmembers were in favor of sewerage the entire city. One citizen announced that he would be filing a complaint against the city of Carver to the attorney general's office in regard to the city engineer and federal monies.

Terry Mauer presented a revised permit for the council's review for citizens to sign for connection and utilization of community wastewater collection facility. Mr Mauer did not foresee any objections from citizen on a city agent checking and/or maintaining the system on their property. Councilman Low asked if the permit would grant permission for a truck to go up to the system. The answer was yes. Councilmember Schultz felt that reasonable access should be more defined. Mr Mauer said that the permit did not give permission to destroy anything, only access to maintain the system. The mayor asked if the council would rather go back to an individual easement process versus the permit.

Mr Mauer explained the differences between permits and easements. Easements were more expensive, and complicated and even with an easement, a permit may be required later. If there is no signed easement or permit from a property owner, sewer cannot be hooked up with grant funds. However, within 90 days, a homeowner would be required to hook up at their own expense. The mayor called for a motion to accept the permit. Motion was made and carried with four ayes, and one nay.

The lawn application for grant funds for proposal of park by the ballroom was discussed. Recreational vehicle sites were questioned. Campsites are still in the proposal but the recreational vehicle sites are not.

The army corps permits were discussed. General consensus was to sign the permits. No motions were made. The contract was discussed with the city attorney. The mayor talked with Ed Crozier about the agreement between the U. S. Fish and Wildlife and the City of Carver. The mayor was told that the city should forward a letter stating their concerns with the agreement.

No bids were received for the Fourth Street bridge/sidewalk work. The specifications were discussed. Since no bids were received, it was decided to rerun the ad and discuss the matter further at the August 6th meeting.

Insurance costs were discussed and evaluated between Lenzen Agency and the League of Minnesota Cities. Some councilmembers preferred availability of the insurance agent. Motion was made and carried to retain Lenzen Agency for the city insurance coverage.

Punch Card voting machines were discussed. Motion was made to purchase four voting booths, one demo machine and one carrying case for the voting system.

Complaint was brought to the council's attention by a citizen concerning the city not having a police contract. One councilmember felt the sheriff should be contacted to discuss figures and present updated cost figures.

The mayor informed the council that there problems at the Lion's Park because no curfew signs were posted. The council discussed Midwest Patrol service but no decisions were made.

The council discussed the Fireman's Softball Tournament. Councilman Low was concerned about patrol services. The general consensus of the council was to contract services with Midwest Patrol for the evening of July 13th. Councilman Low was to ask the Fire Department if they would pay that cost.

A motion was made to pay John Stewart of Paier Steart and Associates \$50,000. of his submitted bill for engineering services on the sewer project. Motion carried with three ayes, one nay and one absent. There was opposition for paying for services for work done for plans for sewer in the Skyview and Lenzen Additions.

Caroline Drude of Ehlers & Associates was at the meeting for the opening of bids for the sale of \$1,185,000. General Obligation Grant Anticipation Bonds. Three bids were received. Ms Drude explained that the bond market at this time is not stabilizing, but short term bonds are still in demand. The city should be able to invest funds at 11 or 12%. The bonds she stated should be delivered before August 15th and Ehler's would bid out funds for investments.

She also reported that there was an improvement in the market in the past week but if the council did not like the bids received, it could wait until the contracts were let to sell bonds, if the council felt better rates were possible.

BID SUMMARY

	Year	Coupon Rate	Net Interest Cost & Rate	Price
Norwest Securities	1987	8%	26.480 8.3200%	1,175,520.
Dain BGSworth, Inc.	1987	8.20%	258.330 8.7200%	1,169,595.
Piper, Jaffrey & Hopwood, Inc.	1987	8.25%	258.626.25 8.7300%	1,170,780.

Caroline believed the city was bid at a rating of Baa1, as the city has no present rating but would probably need one before the definitive bonds were sold. If the low bid of 8 1/2 coupon rate were to be accepted, it would mean that the city would receive \$1,175,520. and Norwest Securities would keep \$9,480. as their discount. The mayor asked if that amount could be claimed as an expense to be reimbursed by the EPA (Environmental Pollution Agency) on the sewer project. Caroline did not know but felt that the engineers should know that answer.

The money once received would be put into a construction fund. Ehler's & Assoc. would help the city, and would file the resolution with the county regarding the bond sale.

The mayor questioned other councilmembers whether or not the city should accept bids received. One member felt that one of the bids should be accepted. The mayor asked for a consensus stating that the city was obligated to accept the lowest bid or reject them all. The mayor called for a motion. Motion to accept low bid was made, roll call vote with three ayes, one nay and one absent.

Jack Hendrickson, Carver County Sheriff came to the July 16th meeting with a list of called received at the sheriff's office from Carver residents. He was questioned about contract figures. The council was told that the audit reports would be completed the following week for everyone to review. There will be a meeting on July 25th to discuss the contract figures.

The sheriff was questioned about parties held in Carver parks where a deputy had said it was okay since no curfew signs were posted. The sheriff said he'd talked with the deputy about the matter. He stated that parties are not allowed and curfew should be observed.

Hendrickson was also questioned about people requesting a check by the department while vacationing. The response was that information should be taken in case of something occurring while the people were gone but that the department would not check since there was not a contract.

Schoell & Madson, Inc., engineers, appeared before the council with proposal for a water supply system. This firm would work with both sanitary sewer systems and water systems. They design the systems and assist in taking bids. They have worked for Waconia for many years. They are experienced in sewer, water and treatment facilities and have constructed several aeration ponds. Inspection reports are done daily. They would want to restudy Carver's project. Their total fee would be based at 8 1/2% of the project cost. Mr Schoell felt that the water system should be put in at the same time as the sewer system as it would save money.

Councilman Hanson questioned Schoell's suggested changes in the sewer project since he felt the city was locked in. If changes were to be made would the EPA still fund the project? Mr Schoell stated that they would go through the process of talking with agencies inquiring about changes. But the firm would work for the city and would follow the city's instructions. Councilman Low inquired about individual septic tanks. Mr Schoell felt it would be cheaper with mains and all sewage transported to the pond. His feelings were that septic tanks would require yearly pumping. Councilman Swanson commented that type of system had been rejected by the EPA as it was not innovative. The mayor stated that a conventional system would not receive funding. Mr Schoell said the annual maintenance costs would be cheaper without individual septic tanks and with mains. He felt the city would be under pressure to pump septic tanks since they'd be city owned. He was negative on present design of the sewer system.

Joan Clark with Schoell & Madson inquired about the other councilmembers opinion on water since they'd spoken with the mayor already. Councilman Hanson stated that everyone was in favor of putting in water at the same time as sewer but it was not easy to get grant funding. Mr Schoell informed the council that there would be a 35-50% savings on fire insurance with city water. The city is currently Class 9, with a water system that rating could be lowered to a Class 8, or maybe 7.

Councilman Hanson felt it was important to have a water system with the sewer system as the ground saturation was high and it would take years before some contaminated wells would improve. The mayor mentioned that there is a large source of water flowing down to the city from springs. Mr Schoell felt that if that water could be brought together to one area, it could be drained into a water tank and would be a good source of water. The mayor questioned methods of locating springs. Mr Schoell did not have a good answer to that question. There is witching, exploratory drilling and detailed survey of citizens. The mayor asked about the need of a treatment facility if water were to be put in. Mr Schoell felt it would depend on the water. Iron and minerals may need to be removed and a treatment facility would work. It might also have to be softened; he couldn't predict what would be needed. He also stated that residents could treat the water, although iron removal was better done by the city to stop iron bacteria in the mains.

Councilman Swanson questioned Schoell & Madson about their proposal for sewer. Mr Schoell stated that they would have to restudy the economy in the present sewer proposal. Councilman Low stated that the ponds would have to be redesigned if the system were changed from gray water collection to mains. Schoell agreed.

John Stewart, Maier Stewart and Associates made his presentation on his proposal. His proposal was drafted so that options are open for the scope of the project. Mr Stewart had also found that the city would have a good chance of receiving funds for a water system. A maximum of \$1.4 million could be applied for, with water and sewer services, housing, landscaping, curb and gutter. There is a lot of work involved and a well-defined program is necessary to receive such a grant. Services for a DEED application would cost \$3,500.

Mayor Jordan asked Stewart if the city could go to a conventional system and lose 4% of the grant money from the EPA. He answered that this was not true. He was also asked about homes on the north side of the dike who have seepage in their basements during flooding, and pumping that seepage into septic tanks. He stated that somehow basements would have to be checked so that pumping into septic tanks did not occur. It would be costly if that water went into the system for treatment. There was discussion regarding sending letters to residents who are in need of more testing.

Progressive Consulting Engineers gave the council their proposal summary. Mr Naem Qureshi stated steps necessary were a feasibility study, detailed study, consultation, developing standards and record. He stated that fire demands usually determine the size of pipe to be used for a water system. He felt funding could be made through grants, bonds, and user fees. They would aid in developing ordinances. He felt the coordination between the water and the sewer would be done whenever possible. The firm was questioned about how many engineering projects they'd done. Mr Qureshi stated that he's been an engineer since 1966 and several projects were named. Mayor Jordan questioned them about their fees. Mr Qureshi said that it was usually a percentage of the cost. He also felt that they could take much of the information off the sewer plans. Mr Qureshi added that he has worked with grant funding. The firm is not large so the working relationship would be on a close level. The city would be receiving expertise, good price, work and working relationship.

There was discussion regarding the parking by Lenzen Auto Service by the shop area and by the gas pumps. There was also discussion of painting yellow lines in areas of the city. Further discussion on topics will be at the August 6th meeting.

Mark Chalupsky inquired about organization of a committee to purchase the 15 acres of land above Fourth Street for city softball fields and buildings and maybe requesting donations. Councilman Low suggested that fundraisers might be held. Councilman Swanson felt that purchase of the land was only one part of the costs involved as equipment would be required later. Mark was willing to organize such a committee. Mayor Jordan commented that possible Lawton grants could be obtained to aid such a project. Consensus of the council was requested for Mark's organizing committee. All present were in favor.

Mark continued the discussion with Black Sox Baseball team status. He stated that nine of the fifteen team members were not Carver residents. He also stated that he could not learn of the amounts of money in the Black Sox account. He did not feel that the Little League teams were getting help needed from the Black Sox. He also felt that the city should take more of an interest in the team.

Northern States Power Company sent a letter informing the city that the city is no longer exempt from late payment charges. The council has decided to approve claims for NSP at the first regular meeting and at any second meeting held during the month.

Local Events & Meetings:

July 28-29	Chaska River City Days
August 6	Council Meeting
August 11-12	Jordan Threshing Bee
August 8-12	Carver County Fair
August 11	FULL MOON
August 29	Planning Commission Meet
September 3	Council Meeting
September 8-9	STEAMBOAT DAYS

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Have a good month! You all deserve it!

