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City Council News:

The City of Carver held it's regular meeting Monday, October 1st. Questions were raised about several claims submitted for payment. Johnson-Bigler Company submitted payment to be made for cement used to repair a retaining wall along creek area parallel with Broadway. A precedence would be set by the council if payment were made despite minimum amount charged compared to what the city could have been charged. Councilman Swanson felt that it was important and if that retaining wall went, so would all the rest. Mike Fahey, city attorney resubmitted claim for his time spent on the city versus Loren Hupenbecker which had been rejected several months earlier with the consensus that that action was not council authorized. Claim submitted for painting of the Village Hall was questioned since the amount billed included additional costs over original bid estimate. Ken Frey, city employee verified extra work done by the contractor to incur those extra expenses. Motion was made and carried to pay all claims except Monroe, Micklaus and Fahey's bill with four ayes and one nay.

Request was granted to rent the Village Hall on October 13th for an anniversary party.

There was discussion of semi's and vehicles on bridge areas. It was concluded that no parking was allowed in those areas. The deputies from the Carver County Sheriff Department are to warn owners and then issue tickets. The painting of yellow lines or signs on bridges were discussed.

Inquiry was made to vacate an alley located on Fifth and Oak Streets. The citizen is to initiate action with the Planning Commission.

There was discussion of the city purchasing a snow bucket for the Case tractor. Councilman Low offered to look at the bucket to see about enlarging the present bucket. There was some discussion of purchasing a weed cutter for the tractor. Nothing further was decided. The council discussed floating bonds and purchasing a new city truck. Discussion was also about leasing a snow plow/dump truck. But it thought that that alternative was not cost effective.

Discussion continued regarding bids for the maintenance building. It was stated that the sides of the building required reinforcing which Frey was presently doing. Councilman Swanson objected to indecision about choosing who was to do

the job. Contractors did not feel that they could guarantee the roof against leakage due to the condition of the brick and mortar. Alternatives were given to insure sealability. Motion was made and carried to accept the bid from Haas & Haas Construction with three ayes and two nays.

Frey informed the council that the Fire Department was unable to get the water samples as scheduled but would be going out the weekend of October 6th & 7th.

Scott Knudson, Executive Director for Carver County HRA, Housing and Redevelopment Authority discussed the drafted survey to obtain data needed for eligibility for DEED (Department of Energy & Economic Development) grant. The HRA Board did not feel it appropriate for their letterhead to appear on the cover letter accompanying the survey, that the City of Carver's letterhead be used.

Knudson's time spent on DEED project will be at an hourly rate until a defined job description has been agreed upon. Then charges will be based on a flat rate fee depending on job description, and this fee will be payable regardless of application success.

The council was told that decisions need to be made on which areas of sewer would be included in the DEED application, cost impact, local cost with magnitude of project and discuss options of assessments with Enler's & Associates.

Stewart, sewer engineer expressed thoughts with council scheduling meetings with the public and felt that the council should schedule informational meetings with various districts' residents. The council felt smaller group meetings were more productive for all concerned. One Councilmember did not feel that the majority of the people could be reached. The mayor commented that by not voting, that vote was a "No" vote, so he did not feel that having a referendum vote would be advantageous or beneficial. Stewart commented that he's heard positive reactions towards the sewer issue. It was stated that the sewer issue needed defusing.

Stewart also inquired about whether or not the city were interested in pursuing ballpark facilities above the hill on Fourth Street. Stewart had asked grant officials about using some LOMR funds for ballparks. He felt that some of the money could be reallocated from the campsites to construction of ballparks. Less time and money would be spent on plans and specs for primitive & RV campsites and campgrounds. Councilman Swanson opposed a pground aspect. He felt

that a sports complex would be more beneficial to local citizens. Stewart pointed out that costs would be incurred with a sports complex on top of the hill such as purchase of land. Question was raised about how baseball teams felt they'd like see happen. A consensus of baseball/softball directors has not been established. Councilman Hanson felt that further discussion or decisions should be postponed until the baseball organization establishes direction they wish to go.

Stewart inquired if the council would like the opportunity to discuss plans with civic organizations before final action be made. The council felt that should be done. Stewart requested direction for construction of the park area. Grant officials expressed concern with major changes. Stewart recommended to primarily retain continuity in project plans. He advised the parking aspect, boat launch and kiask for the area as originally submitted.

Stewart also expressed discontent with feeling that he is taking on more and more the role of city administrator in park and sewer projects. He did not feel he should be suggesting policy or setting meetings. He feels the city is lacking direction. Mayor Jordan commented that the council should be working together versus apart.

Jerry Hagemeister was present to discuss his appraisal of the stabilization pond site. Proposal had been divided into

three parcels with an overall area of forty acres. Mike Fahey, city attorney recommended that since the amount of monies already established is over budget that the city should only obtain one parcel with minimum amount of land required. Fahey directed next step to be taken is to make an offer to the present owner. If that offer were to be rejected condemnation proceedings would have to be started. In reference to the last issue of the Gazette, statement was made that if a price cannot be agreed upon, the property can be condemned and would require annexation. But annexation would not be begun until certainty that the city could purchase said property.

Bill Hartley informed the council that he was told that he needed a permit from the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) to make repairs to his property on creek area to prevent further erosion and damage. Hartley requested approval from the city to begin that restoration. The contractor requested written statement from the city not to be held liable for any damage that may occur in the future due to his contracted work in the area. The city did not feel that could be done. However, Hartley could work out an agreement with the contractor.

The Riverside Cafe requested application for a Sunday Liquor license since a liquor referendum is to be put on the November ballot.

Questions being raised by citizens and do not feel answers are being given:

How come some citizens are being reimbursed for jobs, maintenance things being done without prior council approval and others are not?

Why isn't the city council doing what the people want?

Why won't the city council have a referendum on the sewer issue?

Meetings:

- October 4 - Budget Work Session
- October 15 - Council Meeting With Ehlers & Associates
- October 22 - Council meeting With Ehlers & Associates

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS ON SEWER PROJECT

- Tuesday October 23rd - 7:00 PM Informational Meeting With Core City Residents To Discuss Sewer Project
- Wednesday October 24th - 7:00 PM Informational Meeting with Sky-View Lane Residents to Discuss Sewer Project
- Thursday October 25th - 7:00 PM Informational Meeting with Lenzen Addition(s) Residents to Discuss Sewer Project

Sponsors:

Haas & Haas Construction
Tom L Olson Construction
Lenzen Auto Service
November Elections

Filing Dates - September 25 - October 9

Expiring Positions

Mayor - Robert Jordan
Council - Ralph Hanson
Council - Ricki Y Schultz

Candidates Filed

Mayor
Council
Ralph Hanson - Robert Jordan
Randall Wendland - Douglas E Meyer
Mark Chalupsky

Staff:

Ricki Y Schultz
Lucie Hartley
Ann Freeman
Monica Giese
John W Schultz & Company