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City Council News:

Jim Bruer presented plans including canoe launching and parking area for Carver Riverfront Park at the ballroom location. Motion was made for Maier Stewart to continue with developing of plans and specs.

Paul Chenoweth, Eilers & Associates presented formal resolution authorizing preparation of development program and tax increment financing plan. Chenoweth discussed sewerage of just the core city, then subdivisions later that the core city would be assessed 100%.

Councilman Hanson inquired about the results of the survey taken. John Stewart, sewer engineer stated that a third of the tested wells were contaminated. This data should be included with DLED grant application. However, it also was to be noted that to qualify for assistance the income had to be low.

The mayor had also remarked that he feels grants were not easy to obtain. He expressed concern about the subdivisions not being done at present and the result of core city being over assessed. It was also commented that if tax increment district were established then a levy wouldn't be needed. The mayor also referred to assessment abatement being a viable alternative. The only drawback with that alternative would be if the DLED grant were not approved.

The mayor further expressed his opinion the numbers used for the sewer project were and good and solid figures. The sewer system to be designed in Carver will be the systems of the future, Mayor Jordan stated.

Question was asked if development would cease if the subdivisions were not sewerage. The answer was no. However, it was felt that by paying a little more now per month for sewer bills versus ten years from now when the government forced subdivisions to hook-up that they'd pay whole cost rather than now taking grant monies and spreading them over the entire city.

When asked why a referendum was not held, the mayor stated that was the purpose of informational meetings, to hear the citizens views.

It was explained why a referendum would not be binding. It has become necessary for governmental units to make sanitary improvements due to past experiences where

voted improvements were consistently voted down due to costs. Necessity of failed systems and pollutants resulted in precedence. Question was asked whether or not Carver was formally alerted of non-compliance. The mayor answered that it had not. However, the core city was designated as non-complying and one of the reasons for receiving a grant to aid in correcting of failing systems.

One citizen inquired why non-existent homes were used in calculations since it was felt unrealistic adding homes not yet constructed. Terry Mauer, Maier Stewart & Associates, explained that platted lots were realistic.

Maurer also explained that Carver County officials have the authority to force non-complying systems to be made to comply. The county is presently taking the position that they will not use that power while people are involved with a 201 project. However, upon completion of that project, the county will take the position of those who have chosen not to participate will be forced to comply providing their systems are failing.

Comment was made by the mayor that the core city did not seem to mind spending the extra money to sewer the entire city. However, Skyview Lane people seemed to be split on the issue while most Lenzen Addition people seemed to be against the whole idea.

Ken Frey informed the council that the garbage dumpster needed repairs. There was an option to sell or repair. Motion was made and carried to sell the dumpster.

Village Hall interior maintenance was discussed. This maintenance is to include painting, remodeling the ladies restroom and floors. Tom Grieb, the building inspector is to be consulted. Insulating of walls was discussed again. Estimates were received and the winterization of the hall is to be begun.

Sale of the city truck was discussed. The barter system with contracted work done was discussed. If that type of system were not pursued, the truck sale would be advertised.

The lease agreement with the railroad was briefly discussed and tabled for further research. At a later meeting the topic was again talked about. The mayor had been in contact with railroad officials and was told that the purchase of property was a possibility.

The water tower issue was addressed again. Lion's Club is to make repairs and allowed to put their club logo on the tower. Historical grant funds are to be made available to aid in refurbishing of the tower with the stipulation that the stipulation that the project is to be completed.

The skating rink issue was reviewed with Lion's representative. Agreement between the city and the Lion's is that the Lion's would make improvements and the city was to maintain. Frey announced that there wasn't any electricity or heat in the warming house due to vandalism. Hiring an attendant could be a possible solution to deter vandals. Frey is to contact Chaska's Park staff to advise on the making of a rink.

Rezoning of the Gilbert property from agricultural to residential was discussed. The Planning Commission had not recommended rezoning. The council denied the request as well. Reasons for the denial were one landlocked adjacent property owner, size of the proposed road, as well as snow removal on that road, possible erosion problems and the area has been contemplated as use for light industry development.

A public hearing was scheduled for a portion of Main Street. In order for a clear title to be obtained, part of the street must be vacated. Since the house was built on part of the road and the house is up for sale.

SunnySide Addition was discussed. Original homes planned to be built were earth bermed. Marketability of such homes is not as anticipated. Conventional homes were spoken of as an alternative. Council's reaction to manufactured homes was requested. Recommendation made, was to contact the Soil Conservation Engineer for his advice and recommendations. Building permits procedures were also discussed. It was suggested that a covenant be introduced regarding the water problems involved with that location.

Carver Lioness representative requested the use of the Village Hall during the weekend of December 7th, for a chaperoned teen dance. Successful event this year when they anticipate a reoccurrence of similar event. The mayor expressed concern of conflicts with revenue gener-

ating asset and it being a community hall. Motion was made and carried to grant the Lioness the use of the hall.

Discussion was pursued after several requests had been made to erect a light at the intersection of Highway # 212 and County Road # 40. The mayor would talk with the county. Request had also been made for a population sign upon entering the city. The mayor suggested civic organizations taking on these types of projects. The newly organized Lioness organization had already pondered the item.

White Bear Animal Control representative presented repertoire of services offered. Their contract was discussed further at a later meeting by the council. It was decided that their proposal was not cost effective. Other viable services are to be checked into.

Homeowner requested the repairing or vacating a portion of Oak Street by his home. Owners of Septet were in opposition of vacating a portion of Oak Street. Septet property owned in the area would not have any access if such action were to be taken and Septet decided to develop at a later date. It was decided that maintenance on the street should be done.

Mike Mornson who had previously been interviewed by the city council for the City Administrator position informed the council that he is available for the position and was still interested. He was told by the mayor that no decision had been made about the hiring of an administrator. Mr. Mornson was to get in contact with the City of Young America and inquire about their plans.

Complaints were voiced regarding a mess in an alley. The owner was to be sent a letter requesting they come before the council to discuss the issue.

Mayor Jordan had contacted local banks regarding the opening of a branch office in the City of Carver. One bank stated that sewer and water would help in achieving the goal and another bank stated that they could not open a branch here in the city. The purpose of researching feasibility of branch office bank was a follow up discussion in regards to the need of a new location for a Post Office.

Margaret Dauwalter requested a public hearing be scheduled for the vacation of the alley by her home. There was brief discussion regarding NSP easements.

The Sixth Street bridge creekbed was being cleaned up. Councilman Low suggested that some side rails of some type be erected for protection with the north side being completely open.

John Stewart, sewer engineer and Scott Knudson, HRA (Housing and Redevelopment Authority) executive director talked with the council about proceeding with the grant application for the water project proposed. Knudson felt it could be a successful application if it were put together competently, completely and in a very short time. The HRA Board, the council was told is in favor of proceeding but Knudson will require qualified assistance due to his work load. Knudson is also working on a county-wide project for the HRA. Knudson's time would be minimized if he had qualified personnel to help him. Knudson further explained the objectives that were required by the Federal government that the city must meet in the grant application.

The applicant interested in the City Administrator position was discussed as far as offering project consultant temporary position, to work with Knudson on application for water proposal. Motion was made and carried to grant Knudson the authority to hire a project consultant for the water application preparation.

Stewart went on to explain the possibilities of the water system. The project would be designed to serve the core city and have the ability to serve the subdivisions in the future. The costs have not been thoroughly calculated. The financial consultants are to be directed to research the dollar amounts.

Meetings:

Planning Commission November 28th
Council Meeting December 3rd

Christmas December 25th

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Local Election Results:

Mayor - Robert Jordan - 179
 Ralph Hanson - 167

Council -
 Douglas Meyers - 244
 Randall Wendland - 153
 Mark Chalupsky - 146

Sunday Liquor License Referendum

Yes - 130
No - 214

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