



RIVERSIDE BALLROOM

On December 13th, 1985, Friday the Thirteenth, at approximately three AM, a terrible blaze took hold of a landmark in the City of Carver. The well known, renowned Riverside Ballroom was left as only a shambled, smoldering pile of debris. There are only memories, now, for generation after generation, after generation... The stories told of people attending this ballroom are endless and could fill a book in itself.

The courting of your grandmother, and maybe great grandmother, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc., dates, special events, fundraisers, where your first kiss occurred, New Year's Eve parties, wedding, making and meeting new friends, your first taste of that poisonous liquid, your first curfew breaking, craft sales, and so on... can now, not ever be revisited in this old 'gala' of what, to many, was like the opening of a history book. The last page has been closed in this chapter of the history book.

You can bet that tears were shed over the ballroom being reduced to ashes. The sadness over what once was, can be only remembered in the minds of many.

This sad event couldn't be passed over without some commemoration to all who have at one time or another experienced the sensations that paralleled hand in hand while you danced away the hours into the night hours to the polkas, waltzes, bluegrass, country, rock-n-roll or modern rock or whatever music those live bands connected for entertainment to all who trekked to this historical site, the Riverside Ballroom. Farewell....

"Should I love acquaintance be terror....
Auld lang syne...."



City Council News:

Ice Rink

Frey informed the council at the December sixteenth meeting that the ice rink had been flooded.

Lower Minnesota Watershed District

On December 16th, the council was told that the State Water Resource Board had accepted the northern part of the city into the Lower Minnesota Watershed but rejected the southern portion. Carver was encouraged to join Carver County watershed. The council discussed their options. The mayor would research the issue with the state as far as the city's options.

Sanitation Bids

The council reviewed bids for sanitation pick-up. Two bids were received. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to accept Mark's Sanitation for '86'.

Development District and Tax Increment Finance District # 1 - Public Hearing

On December 16th, Caroline Drude, Ehlers and Associates spoke on the tax increment finance district and the development district # 1 for the City of Carver. The tax increment finance district is a mechanism to bring in additional revenue. The proposed district involves three parcels where permits have already been issued. A fund will be set up

from revenue received. These monies will be used for bond principal and interest for the water and sewer facilities. A resolution, if the plan is approved will be required to be filed with the county. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to close the Public Hearing. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to establish Development District # 1 and Tax Increment Finance # 1.

CDBG

HRA Executive Director Knudson discussed the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) with the council on December sixteenth. Appraisals would not be complete until January 6th, 1986.

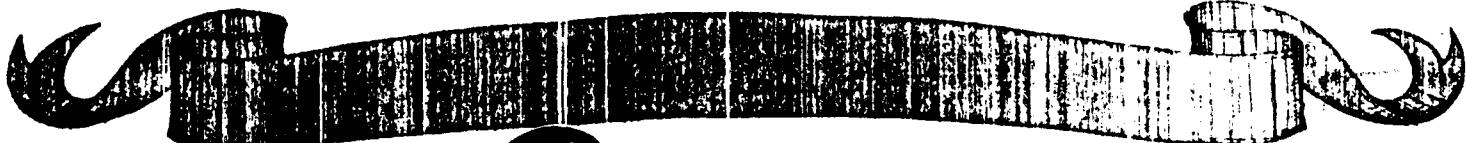
Knudson told the council on January sixth that negotiations of properties to be acquired are considered non-public information under the Data Privacy Act. He presented a sample resolution for the council's review. After acceptance of the resolution, contents become public information and negotiations may begin. Homeowners may then call in their own appraiser. Motion was made and carried with four ayes to accept the resolution of notice to purchase.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes to have Knudson prepare Notice of Intent to acquire the land for the water storage site.

Water storage tank proposed site has been appraised but the HRA had not received it yet. The HRA would be responsible for the Davis-Bacon wage act because of grant funding being used for the construction of the well, the city being held responsible to meet certain requirements and monitor construction site.

Knudson also presented the council with an ordinance to review, establishing a Municipal Rehabilitation Loan Program. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to table the issue until January sixth.

Knudson updated the council on the downtown rehabilitation project on January sixth. One application had been given to a local business. Another business expressed interest. Revisions of the ordinance establishing the rehabilitation program were made. Motion was made and carried with four ayes to approve the ordinance to establish the Municipal Commercial Rehabilitation Loan Program.



Easements and permits for the water and sewer were discussed on December 16th. Knudson told the council that easements pertaining to the CDBG on private property had to be acquired through the Uniform Relocation and Acquisition Act.

Motion was made that plans and specifications should not be drawn up by Maier Stewart and Associates for Lenzen and SkyView additions.

Motion was made and carried with three ayes and one nay to authorize Notice of Intent to acquire the necessary easements for sewer and water lines.

Knudson presented the council with request for payment on January sixth. Motion was made and carried with four ayes to approve the HRA to submit the request for payment.



Resolutions

On January sixth, City Administrator Mornson presented several resolutions for the council's acceptance:

Motion was made and carried with four ayes to accept the resolution opposing the Met Council's population projections citing the present population tabulations.

Motion was made and carried with four ayes adopting the resolution changing the second meeting date in January to the third Tuesday, January 21st, 1986.

Motion was made and carried with four ayes adopting resolution appointments made for calendar year, 1986.

Contract Agreement

On January 6th, the council discussed the agreement for professional engineering services from Maier Stewart and Associates. Mornson told the council that they had already authorized Stewart to carry out the contents of the agreement and a "not to exceed" clause was in the agreement. Corrections were discussed with Stewart. Motion was made and carried with four ayes to accept the amended proposed contract.

Planning Commission

At the January 6th meeting, there was discussion of the expiration of two Planning Commission members terms on February 1st, 1986. Both members indicated that they did not wish to serve another term. However, they would both continue until replacements were appointed. The chairman stated that he would continue as an advisory member. New members are to be advertised for.

Discrimination Law Suit Update

City Administrator Mornson updated the council on January 6th about the discrimination law suit and what steps will be taken. The suit is now in Phase # 2, Discover Process. If the suit is pursued, depositions will be taken. Attorney will prepare participants involved. Events which would occur were explained by Mornson.

Post Office

On January 6th, the mayor updated the council on the new Post Office. It appears that the city will be constructing a new Post Office and has complied with the final requirements. Historical facade was a possibility, but not definite. The site at the intersection of Fourth Street and Broadway had been accepted, Mayor Jordan stated.

Kalkes Subdivision Public Hearing

The Public Hearing for variance request in the Kalkes Subdivision was opened on January 6th. Kalkes' variance requests were discussed. Kalkes must also provide street lights in the subdivision. Motion was made and carried with four ayes to grant the two variance requests and to install street lights for the subdivision. The next step is approval of final plot plan. The developer is to meet with the City Administrator.

Maier Stewart and Associates

On January sixth, Craig Ebling and John Stewart presented a resolution accepting the bid on Well # 1. L.T.P. Enterprises, Inc. of Fargo, North Dakota was the low bidder. Motion was made and carried with roll call vote of four ayes, one absent to accept low bid for Deep Well # 1.

A pre-construction meeting was scheduled for January 17th. Maier Stewart would issue Notice of Award after acceptance of the resolution.

Ebling discussed environmental assessments. It appeared as though acceptance for bid would be around February 24th, for opening in April. Permits and easements would have to be attained as soon as possible.

Motion was made and carried with four ayes to accept low bid on Well # 1.

The council discussed list of items to be completed from the MPCA (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency). Most of the items were being completed by Maier Stewart. Mornson, Knudson and attorney would be responsible for the remainder of the items on the list.

County Road #40

Mayor Jordan updated the council on December sixteenth on the proposal from the county engineer to restore County Road # 40. The preliminary plan was that the county would bear more cost than the city.

On January 6th, Stewart discussed conversations with County Engineer Roger Gustofson about County Road # 40 improvements and share of costs with the city, county, MPCA and EPA (Environmental Pollution Agency). Stewart felt that it was to the city's best interest to pursue the project at the present and coordinate with the sewer project. Motion was made and carried with four ayes directing Maier Stewart to pursue negotiations with the county on reconstruction of County Road # 40.

Duty makes us do things well, But Love makes us do them beautifully.

All in favor of saving gasoline, rise your right foot.

Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing #3

The Public Hearing was opened on December 16th regarding the Zoning Ordinance. Citizen presented his view on thoughts of property that should be zoned auxiliary to the Central Business District. Another citizen expressed concern about lot size requirements. Councilman Meyers distributed a list of recommended revisions relating to the Zoning Ordinance. Motion was made and carried to hold a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on January 29th, 1986 to discuss changes in the ordinance with all ayes.

Salary Review

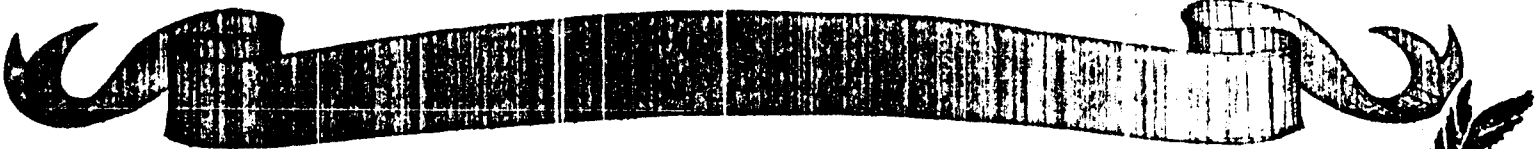
On December 16th, the council reviewed salaries for the City Clerk and Public Works Superintendent. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to increase Public Works Superintendent wages. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to increase the clerk's wages.

Donations

On December 16th, 1985, Councilman Swanson presented the city with a donation from the Carver Senior Citizens' Club.

Barricading

At the January 6, 1985 council meeting, Frey discussed the barricading of several streets. One barricade had been put up on the old mill road. He would like this road closed this summer. Barricading was also placed on SkyView Lane due to cars cutting across the fields.



Sewer Permit Applications

On January 6th, permit applications were discussed for permission needed for the sewer lines and to permit the contractor on to the property. By not signing these permits, it will mean the loss of grant funding and bearing costs individually for hook up. The city does not need these permits to proceed or to gain access. Citizens will have thirty days to sign and return upon receipt. Cover letters will accompany the sewer permit applications. These applications must be notarized and joint signatures where joint ownership pertains. Property restoration will be completed, as well. Citizens are asked to return signed, notarized permits to the City of Carver, P O Box # 147, Carver, MN 55315. Questions are encouraged to be directed to City Administrator Mike Mornson at the Village Hall on Wednesdays through Friday at (612) 448-5353.

Easement Acquisitions

It was explained to the council on January sixth, the process and procedures for the easements required for the sewer and water lines. City Administrator Mornson suggested a meeting with involved parties to acquire easements. Small compensations are anticipated for acquisition of easements. A meeting would be scheduled within two weeks.

Davis - Bacon Act

Mornson further explained on January sixth, the engineers' and city's responsibilities, as well as HRA participation in the Davis - Bacon Act. Monitoring of fair wage act and other associated issues would overlap and Mornson suggested that Knudson handle these monitoring duties for a fee for the city's share of the responsibility. This issue was to be researched and discussed further.

Three contracts are proposed to be let; well, storage tank and pipe contract, the council was told on January sixth. Mornson explained the issues involved in these three projects.

Poster in Northern Minnesota Reads as follows:

Her Est O Pands Pen Dasco Ci Alhou Rinha Rm
Les Smirt Hand Funl Etfri Ends Hapre Ign
Bejus Tand Kin Dandd Evils Pe Akof Noo Ne

Here stop and spend a social hour in harmless
mirth and fun let friendship reign be just
and kind and devil speak of no one.



Trivia Questions

1. What was the first all-talking feature film?
2. Who originally supplied the voice of Mickey Mouse?
3. Who provided the voice of the Demon in The Exorcist?
4. What do Colin Clive, Gene Wilder and Peter Cushing all have in common?
5. Actor Oliver Reed is the nephew of what Oscar-winning director?
6. Besides their prehistoric settings, what do the films One Million B.C. and Quest for Fire have in common?
7. Who invented the newsreel?
8. What was Ronald Reagan's last movie?



Weep Not

Weep not for the year at its passing,
Weep not for the day that is done,
For the seeds of tomorrow are planted
And new joys have already begun.
So give to each day its full measure
Of Joy, and of work, and of play,
And go to your rest happy-hearted
Content to await a new day.

- Geneva Davies

Zany Rhymes

Tell me, O Octopus, I bees
Is those things arms or is they legs?
I marvel at thee, Octopus;
If I were thou, I'd call me Us.
-- Ogden Nash

Disclaimer

The preliminary unofficial/unapproved notes for the city council minutes were referenced to formulate reports in the "Carver Gazette"

Miscellaneous

Frey requested on December 16th, wage for individual helping him operate equipment and snow removal. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to grant wages for part time help.

City Administrator Mornson on December sixteenth explained the idea of petitions from residents and purpose:

- 1) handle minor complaints,
- 2) expedite meetings, and
- 3) solve problems the day of the meeting.

Residents would be allotted approximately three minutes to explain their problem/complaint.

Mornson told the council on the sixteenth that everyone was in compliance to the dead elm tree ordinance.

Motion was made and carried on December 16th accepting agreement for Mathias, Roebke and Maiser to audit '85' city books, not to exceed set amount, excluding current construction and '85' bond fund which was not to exceed varying set dollar amount.

Consistencies and inconsistencies between the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Ordinance were discussed by the council on the sixteenth.

A program on solid waste offered by Carver County was presented to the council on the sixteenth of December. Grants would be available. Possible Met Council and county funds, but the city would have to carry the weight of most of these programs. Consensus was for general approval of the county's programs.

Mornson told the council that there may be a five percent cut in state aid in '86, but he felt that the contingency fund would cover the reduction.

On December 16th, the council reviewed the housing and population projections from the Met Council. Mornson was directed to write a resolution opposing these projections.

On the sixteenth, slope easements were discussed by the council. Councilman Swanson will meet with property owners on the Mt Hope Road to discuss easements and report back to the council.

At the December 16th meeting, the council discussed the impact that the destruction of the Riverside Ballroom would have on local businesses.

On January 16th, Frey informed the council that Mr. Hupenbecker and he had discussed clean up of the burnt ballroom. Mornson is to research what needs to be done.

Frey put new countertop on tables in the Village Hall kitchen, the council was told on January sixth. B & D Catering expressed interest in funding for materials to put marlite on the walls in the kitchen area.

Frey told the council of a request received from Minnegasco about notification of any changes to streets, etc. as plans are finalized.

Mornson briefly discussed on January sixth, the major city revenue and felt that the budget was in good shape.

At the January sixth meeting, Sheriff Hendrickson asked the council about any special concerns that the council had. Several minor problems were briefly discussed.

The deputy also was present later in the meeting to discuss any problems.



Miscellaneous
continued

On January sixth, Councilman Lowe told the council of an invitation to attend the Fire Department's annual meeting.
Also, Councilman Lowe told the council that the Fire Department had sold one tank, the transmission was repaired in one truck and the tank capacity had been increased.

On January sixth, cigarette licenses were discussed. Motion was made and carried with four ayes to approve the licenses. The issue was to be discussed in December, since expiration date was the thirty-first of December.

On January sixth, the council discussed the clean up of the cement slab of the old depot. Councilman Loew has discussed clean-up with several possible contractors.

On January 6th, Mornson was directed to contact Mr. Ed Crozier (Fish and Wildlife) about overseeing construction of the culvert y the river and coordinating the project with the DNR (Department of Natural Resources). Permit expires in June of 1986.

On January 6th, the council discussed request made for permit to fill washout with cement blocks and such by the river. Permit was required through the DNR.

Lioness Club requested a license for Bingo on January 24th and March 24th for BullHead Feed. Motion was made and carried with four ayes to grant licenses for the two events.

On January 6th, Councilman Lowe inquired about Little League and starting to organize a Carver Youth Organization. He suggested a committee be developed. Councilman Swanson thought the Lion's Club had taken responsibility. Councilman Swansons was to check on the issue.



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Meetings and Events

- January 17th Black Sox Get-Together
- January 20th Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
- January 21st Council Meeting 6:30 PM
- January 24th Lioness Bingo
- January 29th Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- February 3rd Council Meeting 6:30 PM



Trivia

Answers

1. Lights of New York (1928) (The Jazz Singer was partially silent.)
2. Walt Disney himself.
3. Actress Mercedes McCambridge
4. They all played Dr. Frankenstein in versions of Mary Shelley horror tale.
5. Sir Carol Reed
6. There is no English dialogue in either film.
7. Frenchman Louis Lumiere in 1894.
8. The Killers (1964).



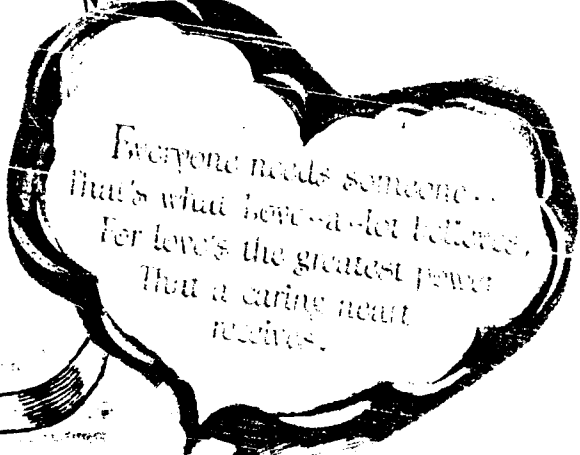
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A little known fact: The first electric traffic signals were installed in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1914

