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City Council News

Sodium Lights

On February 18th Frey updated the council on information received about the sodium lights. The sodium lights would cost \$ 200 each for eight street lights, plus wiring. NSP had told the council that there were not parts available for the present lights any longer. Sodium lights were said to be less expensive to operate. Frey was directed to get a user cost per month.

On March 3rd, Frey updated the council with further information about the lights and costs. The council consensus was that they saw no need to replace the present lighting and will wait before doing so.

Water Improvements

On February 18th, the council was told that the well drillers started on the municipal well. When the well was completed, water must run for a constant twenty-four hours. Concern was expressed about where the water would run off to. Drainage into the ravine was discussed.

On February 18th, Mr. Barney Riesgraf's property was discussed. Changes and costs pertaining to property and easements were discussed. Cost of looping was discussed and the disadvantages of unlooped water line pertaining to fire flow, etc. Councilman Meyers wants the issue resolved before approval of plans and specifications. Ebeling (Maier Stewart) and City Administrator Mornson are to meet with Mr. Riesgraf.

On March 3rd, Frey told the council of his findings in the Lion's Park area for run off from the well to go down into the ravine through a culvert which is available for the run off.

Ebeling (Maier Stewart) updated the council concerning the water well. A shallower well was not possible, laboratory analysis showed. The well went further down than anticipated. Extra cost would be incurred for casing of the well. A change order was requested because the upper portions of the aquifer was of finer sand which could be pumped and seventy-seven feet of the extra casing is necessary since the well is un-screened. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to approve the change order.

The Riesgraf property alignment of sewer and water was discussed. It is possible that the city might be able to obtain a waiver of entry or construction permit for pipe construction for the sewer and water projects the council was told.

The Fire Department was present at the March third meeting to discuss the water system. Plans were reviewed. A future meeting is to be held with the Fire Department and the engineers. Ebeling briefly answered questions from the Fire Department Representative. Fireman expressed concern about the well being dug before bids were taken, in order to determine affordability of the system. Grant funding was explained.

Maier Stewart and Associates

On February 18th, Craig Ebeling (Maier Stewart) presented the council with a contract for the well inspection services which would cover time until Step III contract was approved. The services will be included in the Step III contract, however, since the contract has not been approved and costs incurred in the interim would be carried over to the Step III contract. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing Maier Stewart to conduct well inspections not exceeding \$ 1,500.

Plans and specifications are at government levels for approval, Ebeling told the council. Permits to lay pip on Railroad property are ready for submission. Fees are required; \$ 100/DNR, permit fee; \$ 150/C & NW RR, filing fee; and \$ 180/C & NW RR, annual license fee. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving payments.

Ebeling requested approval for plans and specifications, except water tower and to allow the City Administrator to authorize date for letting bids. Target date is April 14th, 1986. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing the City Administrator to set bid let date.

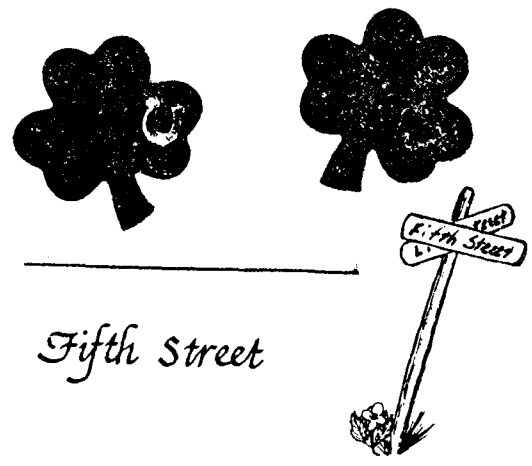


Sewer Improvements

On February 18th, discussion was held regarding properties with two septic tanks and the question of how assessments would be handled in these situations.

City Administrator inquired about registration of sewer permits at the county at a cost of plus \$ 3,000. Easements require recording, but permits do not. If they are not recorded, permits will not be abstracted and City Attorney Fahey felt that a statement from the county should be attained stating awareness of permits.

On March 3rd, City Administrator Mornson told the council that the county recorder didn't think permits required recording; but a map documenting septic tanks locations would be sufficient.



Fifth Street

Mark Chalupsky requested closing of a portion of Fifth Street on February 18th. If the street were not closed, he would like the street and culverts upgraded. The mayor told him that the council has been discussing the matter and looking at costs of upgrading County Road # 40 which could link into upgrading on Fifth Street. Councilman Meyers expressed concern about closing the street, since it was the only good access to County Road # 40, especially in the winter. Mr. Siegel offered donation of a part of the triangle property for access onto County Road # 40.

Easement is needed from Chalupsky. City Administrator suggested including upgrade plans by a certain specified date into easement written by the city, if both parties were interested. Chalupsky was in agreement and the city felt they'd already initiated action.



Easements

On February 18th, information was relayed that the city had obtained most of the necessary easements for sewer and water. City Administrator requested setting of the amount which could be offered for just compensation on easements not yet obtained. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to offer twenty-five dollars per parcel for obtaining an easement.

On March 3rd, City Administrator updated the council on easement progress. Most of the permits had been received. Progress was being made in relation to Riesgraf property easement issue.

Mt. Hope Road

On February 18th, Councilman Swanson told the council that he'd spoken with Mr Rich Olson about work on Mt Hope Road. Mr Olson felt the road had to be defined. City Administrator spoke with the League of Minnesota Cities and the statement relayed from them was that the right-of-way runs thirty-three feet on each side of the center line of the established road. Councilman Meyers felt that the City Administrator should research available data regarding the road at the county.

On March 3rd, Administrator told the council that Mt Hope Road is not recorded at the county.

On March 3rd, there was discussion concerning the Mt Hope Road. The City Administrator is to research the issue. Then he is to attempt to have the road legally recorded at the county.

Insurance Renewal

On March 3rd, City Administrator reported on quotes for insurance, expiring in June of 1986. Several quotes were being pursued. The present carrier will not renew the city due to submissions of claims. It is hopeful that a quote from the League of Minnesota Cities will be received. Councilman Meyers felt that a letter should be sent to the Commissioners of Insurance protesting the cancellation.

Land Purchase

On March 3rd, a non-public resolution was reviewed by the council regarding the purchase of land for water for sewer. Just compensation was reviewed. Four appraisals had been completed and were also reviewed. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving estimated fair market value resolution.

Relocation

On March 3rd, Jeff Siegel appeared before the council pertaining to the relocation of building on his property at Broadway Street to the intersection of County Road # 40 and Lime Street, known as the triangle which required a lot size variance approval. Discussion pursued regarding bonds so that the work would be completed within a specific time frame. A foundation would be put beneath the structure at the new location. Concerns were expressed about close proximity with Fifth Street. Siegel reminded that Fifth Street had been vacated and was technically an easement and his setbacks were within code specifications. Siegel wished to complete the project as soon as possible, so that the proposed Post Office could proceed. (The mayor read a letter stating that the U.S. Postal Service would like to start with the new Post Office in the near future.) Siegel wants to have the building as raw space so as prospective tenant could model it to fit their needs. The mayor observed good set back off of the county road. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to grant approval of variance request as presented. Motion was made and carried to grant building and moving permit with the Administrator and Building Inspector responsible for overseeing correct procedures to be followed in timely fashion, passing with all ayes.

County Assessor

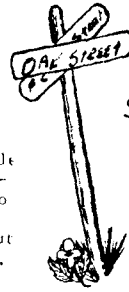
On March 3rd, council introduced Mr. Frank Mennega, Carver County Assessor. Councilman Meyers stated that the citizens felt taxes were high due to poor assessing performances in the past and then to raise assessment rates was not setting well. Mennega discussed reasons for increases, the how's, the why's, etc. Many homes in Carver could be classified as specialty situations. He further explained base values and procedures followed to reach end results. There was a lengthy discussion about procedures, imbalances and concerns, etc.

The assessment contract had been increased by the county board with the establishment of a fifty cent increase per parcel. The old rate had been in place for approximately three or four years.

Mr. Mennanga further stated that homes would be re-evaluated over the next year and either lowered or raised.

Fish and Wildlife

On March 3rd, Fish and Wildlife representatives gave a slide presentation on the progress of refuge along the Minnesota River. The boat ramp site was discussed and the items are usually provided by the Fish and Wildlife Service. The service is requesting signing of the co-operative agreement with the City of Carver for sharing water management of the marshes.



Street Vacation

On March 3rd, Mr. Manthy Laabs requested vacations of a portion of Oak Street. Septet owners were in agreement of entire street being vacated so that they could still access their property. Motion was made and carried by resolution with all ayes granting vacation request for a portion of Oak Street.

CDBG

On March 3rd, Knudson, (HRA-Executive Director) inquired if road to the water site was to be dedicated a public road. Council told him that it would be. Inquiry was made whether or not the city had any plans for landscaping at site. City felt some trees would be planted. There was a brief discussion of the city's intent for property. Questions was posed about any problems if property in the area were to be subdivided. It was felt that there wouldn't be any problems. Request for payment was presented. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to authorize payment. Knudson also presented a resolution for the council to review. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving resolution of extension of the central business area to include additional slum and blight areas for grants from eligible funds.

Knudson told the council of interest expressed in rehabilitation of rental property. HRA cannot administer rental properties. The Administrator may be asked to handle this issue.

Trivia Questions



1. What series became Brave Stallion in syndication?
2. What tavern did Archie Bunker buy?
3. What were Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings and Tompall Glaser dubbed?
4. Who noted: "Sadness is a cold hotdog and warm Coke"?
5. What group's first hit was Shaken' All Over?
6. What was the occupation of Kentucky Jones?
7. Who was Gomer Fyle's cousin?
8. What college did Caroline Kennedy graduate from in 1980?



Miscellaneous

Motion was made and carried with all ayes on February 3rd for the resolution opposing further cuts in revenue sharing.

On February 18th, minutes were corrected. Clarification was required regarding resolution opposing Gramm-Ruamán Deficit Reduction Bill, the council opposed portions of the bill which affect revenues to small cities.

On February 18th, Councilman Meyers requested official minutes of February 3rd specify that considerable discussion was held regarding two and half acre lot size in the Zoning Ordinance discussion and that a change in the zoning could affect revenue to the city. Mayor added that residents were told that the taxes would not increase because of rezoning.

Village Hall remodeling was almost complete, Frey told the council on February 18th. B & B Catering and the Lions Club were making donations towards remodeling.

Frey requested on February 18th for authorization to attend the Governor's Natural Disaster Conference. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to authorize issuance of funds for Frey to attend the conference. Frey also informed the council that he would be taking sewer operators test soon.

Mr. Hupenbecker had told City Administrator that the insurance company would be paying his claim the council was told on February 18th clean up should begin in March. There was discussion about exchanging unused portion of liquor license for excavation permit, since Hupenbecker did not want to pay for the permit. Motion was made and carried with all ayes rescinding motion setting the excavation permit fee. Motion was made and carried with all ayes offering trade exchange of fee for unused portion of license.

On March 3rd, Frey told the council of his inability to contact Hupenbecker regarding the ballroom clean up. The mayor felt that an additional week should be given and if there is not any progress seen, then the city should contact insurance company to inquire about status. It was felt that if clean up was not begun soon, then the city would have to pursue the issue and bill the property owner.

On February 18th, Administrator told the council that the thirty dollar request by the Association of Small Cities was for deficit lobbying costs. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to pay the additional thirty dollars.

City Administrator received estimates on cost of easement appraisals from Mr. Hagemester and Mr. Stahlke. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to accept Hagemester's quote for appraisal services at fifty dollars per hour or one hundred and fifty dollars per unit, whichever is more beneficial to the city.

On March 3rd, Administrator told the council that Hagemester's condemnation proceedings would cost four hundred dollars per day, if it was necessary.

The League of Minnesota Cities has requested staffing from all cities for help with lobbying on aid cuts at state legislature. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to have Administrator represent the city.

Knudson was unable to attend the February 18th meeting. Administrator briefly updated the council about the CDBG issues. Information from the February 3rd meeting was still considered to be non-public data. Payment request was made. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to approve payment.

Mr. Siegel was attempting to clear title on property owned on Sixth Street. The conflict had been cleared with the adjacent property owner. Property was to be left as described. Motion was made and carried with all ayes describing property and registered by metes and bounds.

Discussion was held on February 18th with residents residing on Sixth Street. There are problems with homes built across property lines.

On February 18th, Ebeling (Maier Stewart) was directed to check with the county on the possibility of help with storm sewer to keep water off of County Road # 40 and the moving of power poles.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes to approve the 1995 Financial Report to the State of Minnesota.

Frey was to take care of putting up signs at Former Lane, Bade Lane, etc.

Councilman Swanson inquired about sidewalks not being shoveled at the March 3rd meeting. Letters had been distributed and the situation was being handled Frey told the council.

Complaints were voiced on March 3rd regarding parking problems at the Carver Auto Body business location. City Administrator was directed to draft letter concerning complaints.

The county deputy discussed concerns with the council on March 3rd about parking violations at the body shop site. He was directed to tag and tow violators.

Discussion was held on March 3rd about residents at the Riverside Cafe. It was thought that the business might possibly be closed.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes on March 3rd supporting outdoor recreation funding.

The City of Carver was told on March 3rd that the City of Chaska is starting a law suit against the county for unfair police patrol and wanting all cities to be aware of their recent decision.

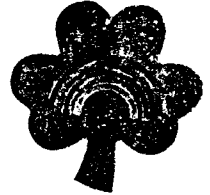
On March 3rd, Joe Mahowald requested a temporary variance request since his lot size does not meet requirements. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to grant the temporary variance until water and sewer are constructed and hook up completed, unless these projects are not constructed in which case the variance would become permanent.

Administrator told the council on March 3rd that several vacations were not recorded at the courthouse and he has had them recorded.

The Fire Department presented the council with their annual report on March 3rd.

The Fire Department discussed their report with the council. Dahlgren and San Francisco townships are well satisfied with both, agreements and services of the Carver Fire Department.

The council was informed on March third that due to illness, the normal warden is unable to continue in that capacity. A new warden will be sought.



Disclaimer

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

Want Ads

For Sale

1969 Executive Rehome - Very good condition; three bedroom, plus large addition; all appliances stay, except washer; carpeting throughout; new hot water heater, deck; large shed in back, air conditioning. \$ 3,500 Down - Contract for Deed possible - Asking \$ 13,500 but amount is negotiable. Call John or Sandy at 448-5623.

LOOK

Snow Plowing and Snow Removal Notice !!!

Snowplowing and removal available this winter. Just dial 448-5126 and ask for John, evenings and weekends.



Home Improvement Assistance

by: Scott Knudson

The Carver County HRA is now taking applications for the Carver Home Improvement Program. Homeowners in the core city area are eligible to apply for assistance to finance necessary home and energy conservation improvements. Funding for the program is through the CDBG Grant awarded to the city. Depending on household size and income, applicants may qualify for a low interest installment loan, a deferred payment loan or a combination of both. Deferred payment loans require no repayment of principle or interest if the recipient owns and occupies the home for ten years. If the owner sells or moves out of the home during the ten year period, only the principal has to be repaid.

You can stop by the HRA office at 308 North Broadway to pick up an application for the program, or you can have one mailed to you by calling the HRA at 448-7715. The HRA's office hours are from 8:30 to 4:30, Monday through Friday. Call or stop by for more information.

Boat Ramp



Stewart (Maier Stewart) discussed the boat launch site revisions with the council on March third. Councilman Meyers had concerns about the ballroom clean up and if the blacktop could be damaged in the process. Cost and going out for bids were discussed. Stewart felt the project would not be started until after spring thaw and flooding. Maintenance of the boat ramp would have to be done after the flooding season. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to table the boat ramp discussions. There was further discussion held. Councilman Meyers felt that the council had enough issues to contend with, there was not any need for a ramp and felt that the citizens feel enough money is being spent.

DNR Project

Two Fire Department representatives at the March third meeting discussed the DNR culvert project and the cost involved. The costs were higher than anticipated. Councilman Swanson would inquire about help from the Carver Blacksox Baseball Club.

Water and Sewer Improvements

On March 3rd, Maier Stewart representatives presented status reports on the sewer and water projects. Stewart questioned whether or not the city wanted to expend an extra \$ 12,000 to bid out the project before the permits were received, but the cost of letting bids would not be reimbursed by grant funding. Stewart also could not guarantee that the NPDES permit would come back in time from the MPCA because of a delay. Discussion was held if they should bid the project now. Authorization was necessary. Motion was made and carried with four ayes and one nay to go out for bids.

Apology was given by Stewart for work on easements being done without authorization. He volunteered splitting costs of the unauthorized work. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to split cost of easement research.

Drainage

Drainage problems at County Road # 40 and Lime Street were discussed on March 3rd by Ebeling (Maier Stewart). This issue could not be discussed with the county engineer at the present time. Ebeling presented the council with a map with current streets, suggesting elimination of either Fifth Street or Lime Street, preferably Lime Street. Proposed changes for improvements for the council's consideration were reviewed. At a later date, the county engineer will review recommendations.



Trivia Answers

1. Fury
2. Kelsey's
3. The Outlaws
4. Charlie Brown
5. The Guess Who's
6. Veterinarian
7. Coober Pyle
8. Radcliffe

BULLHEAD FISHFRY

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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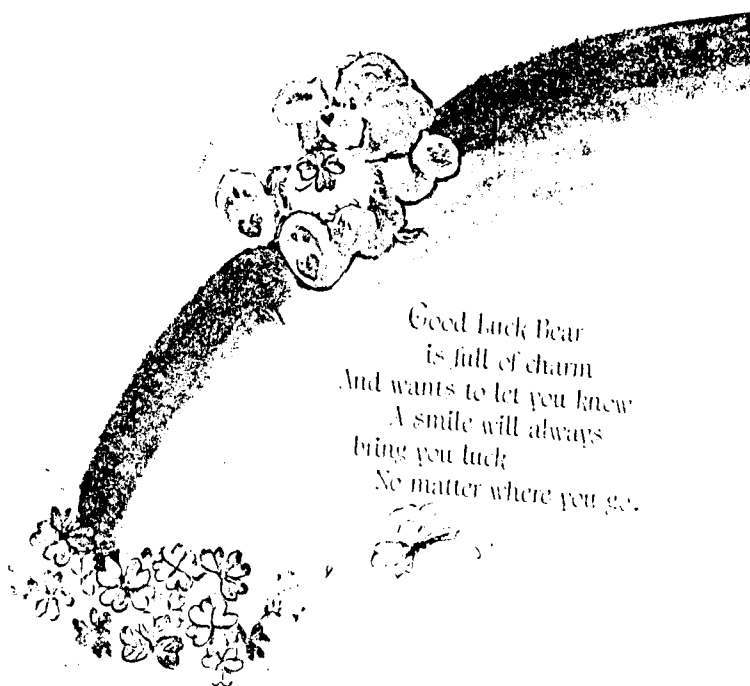




Meetings and Events

March 17	-	Council Meeting
March 19	-	Lions' Meeting
March 20		First Day of Spring
March 23	-	Palm Sunday
March 26	-	Planning Commission Meeting
March 28	-	Good Friday
March 30		Easter Sunday
April 2	-	Lions' Meeting
April 7	-	Council Meeting
April 14	-	Lioness' Meeting
April 16	-	Lions' Meeting
April 21	-	Council Meeting
April 30	-	Planning Commission Meeting

Every Monday (1:00 PM) Senior Citizens Meeting
 Every Tuesday Boy Scouts' Meeting



Fiona Fox Thought

"The children now love luxury; they have bad manners, contempt for authority, they show disrespect for elders and love to chatter in place of exercise. Children are now tyrants, not servants of their households. They contradict their parents, and tyrannize their teachers." - Socrates

This does cause one to think a bit about today's children, doesn't it?

