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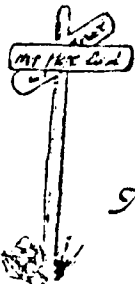
At the June 16th meeting, the council was informed that an estimate had been received from Robb Electric to add five circuits in the Village Hall basement. Motion was made, carried with all ayes authorizing Robb Electric to install circuits per estimate received. Councilman Swanson questioned necessity of additional circuits.



Trees

On June 16th, the council discussed removal of tree stumps. Letters were to be delivered. City would share cost for stump removal. Mr. Dwight Schultz would contract services.

On July 7th, Mt Hope Cemetery tree removal was discussed. Suggestion was made to transplant trees around town. Further discussion would be pursued at a later time.



Mt. Hope Road

Frey told the council on June 16th that one driveway would have to be moved slightly on the Mt Hope Road to enable placement of a culvert under the road to help slow down running water. Some trees at the cemetery would have to be moved. Frey was to contact cemetery representatives. Further landscape improvements were discussed.

The council was told on the July 7th of complaints received regarding the project on the Mt Hope Road.

CDBG Update

On June 16th, the council was told that bids will be taken in the near future on the mobile home that the city had recently acquired.

The language regarding the permanent easement for the water storage facility site had been received. Property owners had requested a second appraisal on the property.

Assessment abatement notices were sent out to proper owners. Applications are to be returned to the HRA [Housing Redevelopment Authority].

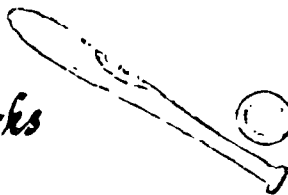
Knudson also requested that the council consider shift of grant funds between the first and second years. Status of other portions of the budget were discussed.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing budget shift of commercial rehabilitation administration funds and assessment abatement funds. Financial status of the budget for the water construction was discussed. The council requested holding off on rebudgeting.

Knudson presented the council with the Grant agreement and a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute the agreement. Motion was made and carried with roll call vote of three ayes and two absent.

On July 7th, Knudsen updated the council on the CDBG [Community Development Block Grant]. Payment request had not been submitted after approval and he requested submission be made. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to authorize the HRA to submit the request for payment.

Ball Parks



On June 16th, report of progress on ball parks was given to the council. Not much progress had been made. As soon as possible, there was to be a meeting with Mr. Tom Redman of Chaska Park and Recreation Department and City Administrator Mornson.

At the July 7th meeting, another progress report and proposed ten year program were scheduled to be presented.

On July 7th, the council was presented with a layout of the property for a proposed ballpark. Cost of the property was discussed. Residents had expressed some of their concerns to Councilman Wendland. The cost of water for the park was discussed. Further reports are to be given in the upcoming months.

Fire Department



On June 16th, representative from the Carver Fire Department requested assistance from the city in the purchase of Hearst Tool. The piece of equipment would be paid for in two installments for a total of \$ 11,500. The council would consider the purchase and get back to the Fire Department.

Another representative from the Fire Department told the council that they would be changing their by-laws and would need the city's approval. Request was also made to consider an increase in the amount that the city pays into the Relief Association. Pensions, at present, are in one sum of \$ 150 per year of service. The Relief Association is requesting an increase of \$ 400 per year of service. The council would consider the request and further discussion would be held on July seventh.

On July seventh the council was presented with a report regarding the history of the Fire Relief Association and the requirements necessary to increase retirement payments. The council would review the topic further and address the issue at the time the budget was discussed.

Sewer Improvements

On June 16th, Ebeling of Maier Stewart informed the council that he had talked to the grant officer and has proceeded to amend the grant amount for the sewer project. He also felt that the pre-construction meeting held on June twelfth had gone well. Hydro Engineering had been approached concerning the price for connecting septic tanks to the homes. They were considering the issue.

Hydro Engineering has started work on the water and sewer systems, the council was told on July 7th.

Public Hearing

Amendment of Ordinance # 97, public hearing occurred on June 16th regarding sewer hook-ups. The council discussed the amendment and variances necessary if the ordinance were not amended. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to adopt amendment to the ordinance.

Water Improvements

Ebeling on June 16th, presented bid items for the water storage facilities. He requested that the City Administrator and himself be allowed to set letting date for bids on the facility. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to allow Ebeling and Mornson to go out for bids on the water storage facility.

Sewer and Water Hook-Ups

Local businessman had been approached regarding water and sewer hook-ups, the council was told at the July seventh meeting. Question of how hook-ups were to be bid was asked. Hook-ups were to be made on the exterior of the homes to the septic tanks. If plumbing was to be hooked up at a different location than original, homeowner would be responsible for payment of the difference. Sump pumps were not to be allowed to be hooked up into the exterior plumbing. Homeowners were to be responsible for leveling and reseeded. The city discussed payment of the service and then to possibly bill homeowners. Options were to contract plumber individually or going with service as bid by Hydro Engineering.

Water hook-ups were a different issue. Homeowners will be required to contract with a plumber. Water will have to be connected to the house from the curb. Water and sewer services can be connected at the same time.

Assessment

The council was told on July 21st that the City Administrator will be scheduling a meeting with the Financial Consultant, Carolyn Drude, Engineer John Stewart and the Mayor to discuss the assessment roll information and set amounts, in order to schedule a Public Hearing on August 18th, 1986. After the Public Hearing, the assessment rolls can be certified to the county and residents will have the opportunity to pay their assessments before they are put onto the 1987 tax statements.

Condemnation

On June 16th, City Administrator updated the council on the progress of the condemnation proceedings regarding easement for the water project. Damages could be awarded, but the city can appeal the decision.

On July 7th, further discussion was held with the attorney regarding recent condemnation proceedings. The council had the option to appeal, payment, non-payment and property owner possibly would file for dismissal.

Ebeling discussed an alternative to not pass the designated properly, install a lift station and not loop the water system. If eventual development occurred, then elimination could be pursued and then the water system looped. The disadvantage would be that this station would require more flushing and fire flow would be less. Alternatives were discussed further.

On July 21st, request was made to the council regarding making a decision about the condemnation issue. The Property owner had agreed to drop the issue, if particular expenses were paid by the city, or the city purchased the property. Motion was made and carried to pay the property owners legal fees, loss of time from work, appraiser fees and drop the easement condemnation issue with three ayes, one absent and one abstaining. One councilman abstained since he'd petitioned at an earlier meeting for water. That petition was withdrawn at this time. A second motion was made and carried with all ayes to pay amount for expenses related to the issue.

Editor of Carver Gazette:

The City of Carver needs a "Pardon Our Progress" type of notification. Is it asking too much for you, the council, to use the local newspapers to let the people of Carver know the progress of the sewer and water development? What direction it is going to be? When will it be completed? What and when areas will be affected?

Why do we citizens have to play guessing games with this? Wondering each day which area to be taken to get home?

It would please all of us to have complete information regarding this construction phase through the city. Thanks!!!!

Anonymous Affected Taxpaying Citizen

Editor:

I am tired of being beat around the bush. I think it's about time that the City of Carver starts to give us the who, what, when, where and why of the goings on in our city.

A Concerned Family

To the City Council of Carver
Mayor Bob Jordan

I don't feel the City of Carver needs a Pardon Our Progress, but would it be too much for you, the council, to use the local Gazette or the Chaska Herald and advise the citizens of Carver of the the progress of the sewer and water. What is going on? Completion date? What streets, next, to be dug? Or is this supposed to be 'hush', 'hush', like all the things you, the City council does?

Anonymous

[The following letter has been forwarded, personally to the City of Carver Council, as well as a copy of this edition of the Gazette.]

Dear City of Carver Council:

Several requests, verbally and written have been made to print a summarization of the construction progress and the direction to be taken in tearing up of the streets within town, as well as other related questions. Example; when proposed completion will occur, when will hook-ups occur, how will people pass through town, etc?

Suggestions received is the weekly posting of progress of direction on the Village Hall bulletin board, printing of pertinent information in the Gazette, or posting of progression plans by Hydro Engineering on their bulletin board and I would thereby direct readers to look at these posted points for progression of these construction plans.

This form of cooperation would be greatly appreciated by the taxpaying citizens of the City of Carver. It would certainly resolve several problem areas that exist, due to lack of knowledge of what is presently occurring in our city.

Thank you for your time and courtesy.

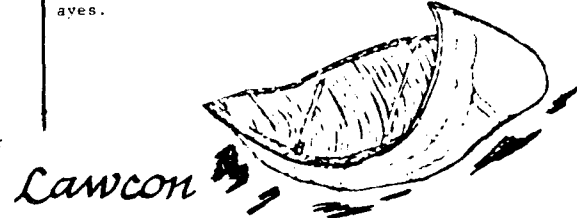
Regards,

Ricki Y. Schultz
Editor/Gazette

Tax Increment

District #3

On June 16th, the council was told that Tax Increment Finance District # 3 has been submitted to the appropriate parties. The mayor felt that contact should be made to legislatures announcing opposition to abolishment of the tax increment financing programs. Motion was made and carried to close the public hearing. Motion was made and carried to adopt a tax increment finance district known as development three with all ayes.



On July seventh, City Administrator clarified amounts in the Lawcon grant, reminding that the money had to be utilized by 1988. Boat launch plans were discussed.

Home Improvement Assistance

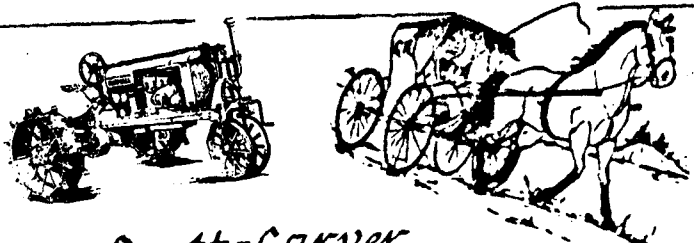
by: Scott Knudson

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.

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



Scott-Carver Thresher's Show

by: Dee Scott

Jordan, Minnesota - Sights, sounds and smells from our agricultural and industrial past come alive Friday, Saturday and Sunday (August 8th, 9th, and 10th) when the Scott-Carver Threshers steam, chug and whistle through their 23rd Steam and Gas Engine Festival near Jordan.

Highlighting each day is the two PM parade of gigantic steam engines, antique cars, trucks and tractors and antique farm equipment and construction equipment. New this year is a horse plowing contest for cash prizes. At one PM, Saturday is the walking plow division at three PM is the sulky plow. Two-bottom plows are Sunday at one PM, three-bottom plows at three PM.

As steam and smoke trails mark the sky Saturday afternoon, the Shakopee Prairie Square Dancers entertain at twelve-thirty and fiddlers of all ages compete at four PM for cash prizes in the sixth annual fiddling contest. Sunday afternoon Danny Robinson's "Thunder Road Band" entertains before and after the parade. Gates open daily at seven AM and close at six PM.

Burning wood and water to build steam pressure, the massive steam engines are belted daily to the grain separators to thresh stacks of rye and oats. Other giants are belted to the sawmill to turn huge logs into dimensional lumber. In the corn field, threshers cut bundles with a binder.

Additional attractions include an 1889 operating steam fire engine, a shingle mill, a lath mill, a drag saw, a buzz saw and a straw baler. On the old street, threshers pound out horseshoes in the new blacksmith shop and make brooms in the huge machinery shed that houses many pieces of antique farm equipment and tools.

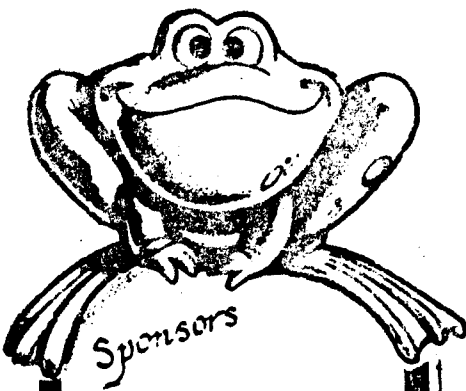
Ladies from Carver demonstrate the art of quilting in the reconstructed log cabin that was originally built near Mayer, Minnesota in 1850. In the 1888 schoolhouse, movies from our agricultural past will be shown each day. Each afternoon concludes with the drawings for doorprizes.

Each day, also, craft and flea market dealers sell crafts, antiques, tools and collectibles. The Threshers' bookstore provides reading material for all the members of the family. Of particular interest to steam and gas engine collectors are the manuals for old machinery. For women, there are unique cook-books and fancywork books.

Mingling their scents with the steam and smoke are the threshers' food stand, pop stand, popcorn stand and ice-cream-cone stand. Serving of the thresherman's breakfast begins each morning at 7:30 AM. An outdoor ecumenical worship service is held at 7:30 AM Sunday morning in the picnic shelter.

Admission is the purchase of a souvenir button for \$ 3.50; children under twelve are free. The button entitles one to free admission all three days. Signs on US Highway # 169 direct traffic to the grounds. Anyone who exhibits equipment receives free admission. Parking is free.

The Scott-Carver Threshers is a non-profit organization and the volunteers are not paid for their services. Anyone wishing to help work on the grounds or the equipment is welcome to become a member. All proceeds go to the expense of the festival, new buildings and equipment and new attractions. These volunteers are working to preserve the past for the future generations.



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Trivia Questions

- 1) F Troop
- 2) Sleeping Beauty
- 3) The Scorpion
- 4) Four
- 5) Sonny Bone's
- 6) Buffalo Springfield
- 7) Barry Manilow
- 8) One
- 9) Indianapolis
- 10) Marcie

Our Strange Language
We'll begin with a box and the plural is boxes,
But the plural of ox is oxen, not axes.
Then, one foal is a goose but two are called geese,
Yet the plural of mouse should never be mice.

You find a lone mouse or a whole set of mice,
Yet the plural of house is houses, not mice.
If the plural of man is always called men,
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?

If I speak of a foot and you show me, your feet,
And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?
If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

Then, one may be that, three would be those,
Yet hat in the plural wouldn't be hose.
We speak of a brother and also say brethren,
But though we say mother, we never say methren.

Then, the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,
But imagine the feminine she, his, and him.
In english, I fancy you all will agree,
Is the funniest language you ever did see.

-Anonymous



BedTime ♥ Bear ♥ Says ♥ Goodnight ♥ At
Summer's ♥ End ♥ To ♥ Dream ♥ Of ♥ All ♥ The
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