



City Council News:



Police Contract

City Administrator told the council on November 17th that the City of Young America had scheduled a meeting with other cities to discuss revisions proposed by the county regarding the 1987 Police Contract. Motion was made and carried with all ayes not to approve the revised Police Contract and a representative of the city should attend the December fourth meeting to form a united stance on the issue. Mayor Jordan, Councilman Meyers and the City Administrator are to attend this meeting.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes to adopt the resolution pertaining to the unplatted lower street, off of Fourth Street [County Road # 40], farthest from the rail road tracks.

Motion was made, carrying with all ayes to adopt the resolution to grant a variance to property owner allowing him to build on an undersized lot.

Sunnyside Addition

SunnySide Addition street paving was discussed with the developer, Dick Lenzen. Street was surveyed and the base is down. The developer felt that the concrete curb and gutter ordinance was in place after the acceptance of the addition. Provisions in place at the time of acceptance should be the specifications required. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to table the issue.

CDBG Update

Knudson, HRA Executive Director forwarded material to the council regarding data privacy material. An applicant for the assessment abatement program was reviewed on November seventeenth.

Owners of a business, it was established, were eligible for homestead credit on an apartment. Motion was made and carried with four ayes and one nay to accept an assessment abatement applicant. One individual did not feel qualifications were met because property in another community was homesteaded.

Motion was made, carrying with all ayes to authorize Knudson to approve assessment abatement applicants that are unquestionable received from November 17th through December 1st. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving pay request for Assessment abatements.

Motion was made to approve pay request for the CDBG grant and carried with all ayes.



Fifth Street

On November 17th, Public Hearings were held for the vacation of a portion of Fifth Street, an unplatted street and a lot variance request

Representative for the Trinity Lutheran Church told the council that they did not oppose the closing of a portion of Fifth Street. It was said that the street was used a lot. Another statement voiced was that the street should be closed since previously, the council had voted to close it, that people did not obey the stop sign and during winter months, it was difficult to drive on. Also, comment was made about Lime Street being a bad access to County Road # 40 due to a blind intersection. It was said that there was not any perfect solution and that the area could be improved, if the street were vacated. Petition was presented, not opposing the vacation. Councilman Meyers stated that there was an easement by prescription and vacation of the street would not serve any purpose.

Motion was made and carried with four ayes and one nay to approve the resolution regarding the vacation of a portion of Fifth Street.

Vacation of the unplatted street was discussed. This street was located below Lime Street, right off of Fourth Street. The adjacent property owner was in favor of the vacation of this unplatted and un-named street, but to keep the road closest to the rail road tracks open. Another affected individual shared the same thoughts.

Motion was made to close the Public Hearing and carried with all ayes.



Sixth Street

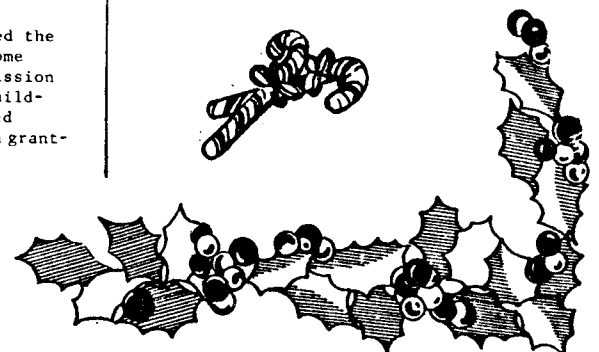
Concern was expressed by a property owner concerning the culvert on Sixth Street. The engineers are working out a solution for the area. The area will be reviewed again and recommendations will be submitted to the council in the future.

On November 17th, the ditch along Sixth Street was talked about. Work that had been done on the street was reviewed. More work was scheduled to be done. The City Administrator was directed to contact Samsted to obtain the specifications on this project.

Ebeling submitted a recommendation on December first regarding drainage near one homeowner. He did not recommend the downgrading of the culvert by the city. The council should not participate in the owner's plans on private property.

Variance Request

On December first, the council discussed the variance request to replace a mobile home with a newer home. The Planning Commission approved requests for a variance and building permit. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to approve the resolution granting the building permit.



Ball Parks



Property has been purchased by the City and Harlan Baumann requested that the land be rezoned from agriculture to open space at the November seventeenth meeting. He also informed the council that he will present a form letter which will be forwarded to the local organizations and a funding proposal for the new park.

Further discussions had been held concerning the road and one property owner would like the road kept open. The Soil and water Conservation Department suggested that the low spot not be filled, since it serves as a place for water to run off to and thereby, would not be a problem for the park. Plans were presented for the extension of Sixth Street to the Riesgraf property and to the cemetery in order for Fourth Street to be blocked off. However, in case there is future development on the Riesgraf property, it would be preferred that Fourth Street remain open.

Residents of the Lenzen Addition expressed concern about the placement of the playground area, preferring that the playground be closer to the homes. Councilman Lowe suggested dedication of open space be split with some being put towards toddler playground and the remainder for the proposed ballpark.

Member of the Park and Recreation Board suggested that the board meet, discuss the issue and return to the council with recommendations. Agreement was reached that this would be the next step in the process.

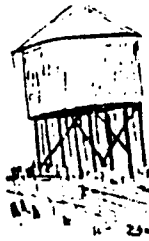
Decision was made not to pursue rezoning of the property at this time. A Public Hearing would have to be scheduled to rezone the land and amend the Comprehensive Plan.

Harlan Baumann talked to the council on December 1st regarding the progress for the proposed ball park. Some local organizations were verbally contacted, requesting their support. Open space from Lenzen additions were discussed. Rezoning hearing was requested to be scheduled. Suggestion was made for proposal plan to be used as a guideline. Further discussion will be held at the January fifth meeting.



Trivia Questions

- 1) What bay sparkles next to Miami, Florida?
- 2) What's the color of Dr Richard Kimble's eyes, as stated on his Wanted Poster?
- 3) What's the National Biscuit Company better known as?
- 4) Who often offers clues to Scotland Yard's Inspector Lestrade?
- 5) What 1940 invention of Canada's Norman Breakey got colorful home decorators rolling?
- 6) What does "tafelwein" mean on a bottle of German white?
- 7) What English city's airport code is LPL?
- 8) What's Japan's largest car manufacturer?



Water and Sewer Improvements

Motion was made and carried with all ayes allowing Dick Lenzen to negotiate with Hydro Engineering for water and sewer hook-ups to his property at the November seventeenth meeting.

Ebeling [Maier Stewart] informed the council that the permit from the rail road for putting storm sewer under the tracks would take some time to process. Mayor Jordan was to talk to them about the issue.

Property owner inquired about the possibilities of re-routing water lines to the top of Fourth Street because of the interest in future development. If possible, interest was expressed, also, to purchase the City Square. This re-routing was possible for an additional cost. Consensus was that the interested party should pursue with proper procedures and talk with the Planning Commission with the necessary information.

Motion was made, carrying with all ayes approving the Change Order with dollar reduction not to restore the paved surface of that portion of Fifth Street between Lime Street and County Road # 40.

Ebeling told the council that the pond liners passed testings. However, no one will be connected to the system until next spring because of the early winter.

County road # 147 [Broadway] between Sixth and Fourth Streets may not be totally restored this fall. The county had expressed interest in a joint agreement with the city for pavement of a portion of the county road. The council agreed to consider this proposal.

Boettcher [Maier Stewart] presented a recommendation for acceptance of the pavement work done in the Lenzen Addition. Motion was made and carried with all ayes accepting this recommendation for the street in the addition. However, the city would not assume responsibility for seeding and sodding of one property.

Temporary water system in Meadow Bluff Addition is operational, Ebeling told the council.

Discussion was held with the council, engineer and Wayne Dauwalter regarding the estimated number of homes for connection of sewer, in order that a firm figure price to be charged for the service can be attained. The council discussed the City Administrator drafting a letter to citizens involved in the project, informing them of the service, cost and choices for hook-ups. The city would be responsible for paying the contractor and those residents interested in the service would have to pre-pay the charges. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to table the issue until the City Administrator could gather more information.

One property owner inquired about the street parallel to his property, asking whether or not the street could be widened since it was his opinion that after restoration, it was narrower. The engineers will check the area and submit their recommendation.

On December first, the council discussed the engineers report regarding the widening of the street. Part of the street should be widened, but this would not be done until next year.

Widening of Fourth Street on the hill was also discussed and the engineers are to look at this area, as well and submit their recommendations.

On December first, the City Administrator explained the necessary license requirements for operation of the water and sewer systems. Other sources are being contacted for this service. The city of Chaska is considering preparation of a proposal and discussing the possibilities of handling necessary work for the City of Carver. This item will be discussed further.

Carolyn Drude [Ehlers and Associates] was unable to attend the December first meeting. A special meeting would have to be scheduled.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the Change Order extending Hydro Engineering's contract time due to adverse weather conditions.

Approval of the Change Order to increase contract amount to replace a catch basin, drain tile and construct CMP inlets was done by motion and carried with all ayes.

Lawcon



The city had received only one bid for the Lawcon project, the council was told on December first. Administrator Mornson explained financial proposal scheduled. Discussion was held regarding the ramp. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to grant the award bid to Muellers.

Highway #212

Relocation

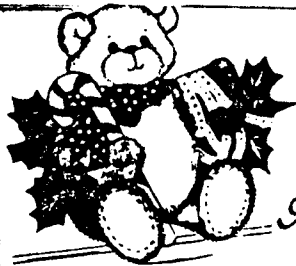
Letter was sent to the Minnesota Department of Transportation requesting information on the progress for relocation of Highway # 212, the council was told on December 1st. Comment was made that the City of Carver has a good opportunity to begin an industrial park with the help of the state. Several businesses had expressed interest. Councilman Wendland was directed to get more information on this issue.



Happy Hanukkah

Administrator Evaluation

Council was updated on December 1st on the Administrator's Evaluation meeting held in Young America. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the '87' Employment Agreement for the City Administrator.



Miscellaneous

One claim submitted for payment on November 17th was not accepted by one councilmember. Motion was made to approve payments with three ayes and one nay.

"No Parking" signs would be erected on Broadway for the winter season. Parking would not be allowed between 2:00 AM and 7:00 AM. Signs for Fourth Street would not be put up yet, due to the difficulty of parking because of construction.

Discussion was held regarding the deep ditches on Mt Hope Road. Question was asked whether or not the excess fill from the utility projects could be used in this area. Signs and reflectors were discussed. Reflectors will be placed in the area to warn traffic of the deep ditches.

The council was told that there may be an interested party in the animal warden position.

City Administrator Mornson has sent letters soliciting bids on the boat ramp for the Lawcon project.

City Administrator Mornson was given authorization to advertise for the upcoming vacant position on the council.

City Administrator will review the clerk's and public work's job performances and forward his recommendations to the council.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the clerk's salary increase.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes granting salary increase for the public works superintendent.

Decision was made to conduct employee performance evaluations in late summer, in order to incorporate these salary increases into the budget planning processes.

On December first, the council approved the 1987 cigarette licenses for liquor establishments by motion.

Sanitation licenses were granted by motion to sanitation services for 1987.

The Audit contract was presented and approved by motion for Matthias, Roebke and Maiser.

Letter will be forwarded to the Railroad for a utility crossing application agreeing to the standard license agreement.

Sealcoating of SkyView Lane was discussed and is to be checked whether or not sealcoating is necessary. The mayor stated that consideration should be done to develop a special fund for sealcoating of streets.

Fire Department equipment needs maintenance. Two councilmen stated that this could be covered by budgeted amount for Fire Department maintenance and repair funds. Costs are to be obtained.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Trivia Answers

- 1) Biscayne Bay
- 2) Brown
- 3) Nabisco
- 4) Sherlock Holmes
- 5) The paint roller
- 6) Table Wine
- 7) Liverpool's
- 8) Toyota

Building Permit



Request was made on December 1st for a building permit for a garage. Planning Commission had approved request. Motion was made granting a building permit.



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Merry Christmas
Happy New Year



The Care Bears all have gathered
Just to wish a happy year
To you and all the ones you love,
The ones you hold most dear.