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Trunk or Treat

The local pastor attended the council meeting with a request and an explanation. A growing phenomenon identified as "Trunk or Treat' is an event where many vehicles are parked with trunks into the center of the street requiring street closures to accommodate parking and promote safety. The trunks are open so that the youngsters can go from vehicle to vehicle getting treats. The city was requested to close the street to block traffic. The participants were encouraged to decorate their vehicles. Area churches, businesses and other groups were all invited . The Carver Fire Department, the county sheriff's department and the Ridgeview Hospital Ambulance personnel were also asked to participate. Dressing in costume is also encouraged. This event was held in conjunction with the Lion's Halloween party on Saturday, October 26th. The hope is also that this type of an event will become an annual event and grow in size in subsequent years. This would be an opportunity for everyone to participate in another fun event while at the same time promote the downtown area.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the closure of the street between third and fourth contingent upon county approval.

Eastern Carver County School

The Finance and Operations Director attended the council meeting to provide an overview of the two referendum issue on the November ballot for the Eastern Carver County School district. Other school representatives also made an appearance at the meeting.

Emancipation Day Proclamation

The mayor informed the council of the District # 112 Community Leaders forum attending presentation that included recognizing the 150 year anniversary of the declaration of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. The City of Chaska hosted a gathering commemorating the event with the school district, the Chaska Police, the Chaska Human Rights Commission, the Carver County Library and others. The City of Carver supports the Emancipation Day encouraging residents to support celebrating this event.

Carver Park and Ride

The Building and Site plan revision for the Carver Park and Ride were discussed. Federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funding had been received for the facility in Carver. Agreements were negotiated with the Carver Community Development Agency and the county. Carver County Public Works is administrating the project as part of the agreements as negotiated.

Initial meetings discussed encouragement for more bidders, separating the shelter from the county road, collector road and site improvements were recommended. The request was reviewed and approved to proceed with option received.

Rebidding the project in winter typically results are good. Plans and specifications are proposed to be presented to the council for approval. Plans would also need to be approved by the county and MNDot. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing proceeding with updated plans and specifications for the Park and Ride.



Law Enforcement

The Carver County Sheriff's Office Commander of Operational Services attended the council meeting to discuss a five year Patrol Plan for the city, Options were also presented for adding additional police services in the evening and weekend cove rages beginning in 2014. This would be part of a job share position with other neighboring cities and townships. The council would be reviewing this option.

Planning Services

The administrator presented several planning options for the council's consideration involving the services of the city planner services. The options involved an employee, retainer or hourly. Advantages and disadvantages to all these alternates were reviewed and discussed by the council. Currently the city operates with the hourly set up with the City Planner. After discussion their options, it was the option that their best value for the city was to obtain and utilize the retainer option based on a combination of experience and cost.

Senior Housing Revenue Refunding Note

An attorney from Briggs and Morgan explained to the council the revenue refunding note involving the "project" consisting of refunding a portion of the outstanding principal amount. This involved the Senior Housing Revenue Bonds issued by the City of Victoria to finance the acquisition, construction and equipping of the senior housing/assisted living development identified as 'SummerWood' in Chanhassen. The project is owned and operated by the company identified as "PHS/Chanhassen, Inc. The total financing for this project will be split between the Cities of Carver, Rockford and Spring Park. A resolution is required to schedule the public meeting required by the tax code and final approval. A Joint Powers Agreement will also be established with the City of Chanhassen. An administrative fee will be paid to the City of Carver. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution scheduling a public hearing on the issuance of a Senior Housing Revenue Refunding Note and authorizing the publication of a notice of the hearing (PHS/Chanhassen Inc Project).

Fourth Street Project

The city engineer updated the council on the Fourth Street Project. The bridge had been removed. The arch pip installed, footing laid and the municipal utilities work being completed.

The council was also updated on other miscellaneous projects in the city. The trail construction on County Road # 11, directional drilling of the water main near Carver Bluffs and the waste water treatment facility work. Projects are moving along on schedule and there has not been any official change orders made at the time the council was briefed.

Statutory Qiability Qimits

The administrator explained the annual decision to either accept or waive the statutory liability limits to the extent of the coverage purchase of liability coverage from the Leagues of MN Cities Insurance Trust. In the past, the city opted to not purchase excess liability coverage. Additionally the city also opted not to waive the monetary limits established by the Minnesota Statutes. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to not waive statutory liability limits.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Decommissioning

The city engineer updated the council on the Waste Water Treatment Plant decommissioning project. The facility was removed from service in the fall of 2012, the decommissioning study completed and working with the metro environmental service for biosolid removal. Six areas have been identified. Attempts had been made formerly to obtain bids and failed. There is also a process in place for obtaining these bids. Suggestion has been submitted by the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services personnel that the city act as an agent. One contractor had expressed interest. If the city is interested a bid could be submitted and completion done before winter. If the city is not interested in this option then discussion to rebid will have to be considered. The presented schedule identified spring as completion date. However, in order for this to occur, the removal of biosolids must be completed first.

The Metropolitan Council confirmed their participation in the project, however the city is required to finalize the scope of the project. The remaining issues are the existing structures, grading the site, and removal of the clarifier. The staff will review these items and submit recommendations,

Residential Design Guidelines The city planner provided background information relating to the residential guidelines information. The city had secured a grant formerly and completed an update to the design guidelines for nonresidential portions of the historic district. Currently the residential areas are subject to the original guidelines. Part of the historic preservation visioning process completed and updated residential guidelines was determined to assist both the Heritage Preservation Commission and residential property owners. Recently the city accepted a Certified Local Government grant for completion of the residential design guidelines. A proposal process is required due to the source of the funds. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving and authorizing distribution of the request for proposal funds the residential design guidelines.

Master Facilities Plan

The city administrator pointed out that recently the council approved the request for the proposal of the preparation of a Master Facilities Plan to accommodate the growth and development of the city through 2030. The chosen firm will work closely with the 'Facilities Committee to determine future facility and space requirement for the City Hall, Fire and Public Services Departments. The plan will identify future facility size, development of the site size and the cost in present day dollars, but will not provide detailed floor plans or speculate on proposed locations. The plan will include an assessment of existing facilities and identify opportunities for use, obstacles for re-use and the advantages and constraints.

The highlights of the plan were reviewed. This discussion included the analysis of the existing facilities, the pros and cons related to the usage of the existing facilities for future needs, and recommendations for future facility needs. The Facilities Committee recommended that the "Old School House" be included in the existing conditions and re-purposing assessment based on the building's availability. The Facilities Committee will consist of two council members identified as Greg Osterdyk and Cindy Monroe, the administrator, Brent Mareck and Paul Schultz, the department head, the fire chief, Dan Meyer, and residents, Barbara Swanson, John Roemer, Steve Wiebe, Eric Ricard and Chad Dockter. Motions were made and carried with all ayes accepting the proposal from WSB/Oertel to conduct the Master Facilities Plan and to appoint the facilities committee members.

Carver Heritage Preservation Award Nomination

Remember November 8th is the deadline to submit your nomination for the annual preservation awared for the year's best improvement to the National Register Carver Historic District. You can get a nomination form from the City of Carver personnel. If you have computer access you can go on line and download it from the city's website. But the deadline is right around the corner. Then it's too late.

Main Street Bridge

The city engineer reviewed with the council the issue involved with the Main Street Bridge. An overview was presented. The council had entered into a Joint Powers Agreement for the removal and replacement of the Main Street Bridge. The Army Corps of Engineers through approvals from the State Historic Preservation Office gave approvals to proceed. Collaboration was done on this project with Mn Dot, Carver County Public works and other state and local agencies. There were delays and claims for additional costs which were denied by the city. The contactor on the project initiated a mediation proceeding involving denial of claims for costs. The county and the contractor provisionally agreed on a settlement amount for Landwehr's claims for additional payments. The city has direct contract with the contractor for the project but the cost for the settlement and other mediation costs will be covered by the county, In order for the best initiative to process this item associated with the project was to approve the addendum prepared. The Main Street Bridge is a county bridge, however the city anticipated additional costs involved with the bridge. The bridge received state bridge bond funding, a joint powers agreement between the city and the county had been processed and the city was the acting contracting agency. The staff recommended approval of the addendum.

Finkel Property

The council considered and reviewed the request for annexation of a portion of the Finkel property, Mattamy Homes has acquired a purchase agreement for approximately twenty three acres of the Finkel property located in Dahlgren Township and propose development for single family homes, The property owners have petitioned and paid the required fee petitioning for annexation of the property to the City of Carver. The request was before the council to adopt the resolution approving the annexation following the completion of the process required in the joint resolution for orderly annexation at which time the property would be annexed upon approval. The council reviewed the resolution, the survey, the petition for annexation, the Dahlgren Waiver of Notice and the fee payment.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the resolution for the orderly annexation of designated property in Dahlgren Township.

Corridor of Commerce

The city planner requested that the council review the adoption of the resolution involving the support to fund the US 212 as a Corridor of Commerce, as well as authorize the drafted letter to be forwarded to the MNDot, The city planner explained that the 2013 legislature had created the Corridors of Commerce Program. Funding for this program had been authorized for highway improvements. The Southwest corridor Transportation Coalition has been advocating on behalf of member communities to have improvements to US Highway 212 funded under this program, specifically the segment between Carver and Cologne which has already had the process and preliminary engineering design completed.

The resolution involves support of funding for US Highway 212: A Corridor of Commerce. US Highway 212 serves a critical role in connecting greater Minnesota to the twin cities markets in the metropolitan area and has been designated as a high priority interregional corridor while also being placed on the National Highway System,

Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the resolution supporting the funding for US Highway 212, a corridor of commerce and the drafted letter to be forwarded to MNDot.

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2014 Enterprise Fund Budgets

The administrator informed the council that the Water Fund had money appropriated in the 2014 budget to pay for the maintenance of the well located at the Lions Park. Certain funds within the water fund will reflect higher than normal variations from the previous budge due to measures taken to share costs of common grounds between the general, water, sanitary and storm funds. The fund will pay its pro-rata share of a vehicle hoist.

The Sanitary Sewer fund reflects the Metropolitan Council's annual adoption of a waste water charge for users in their system. The 2014 year marks the first year Carver will be billed based on flow allocation determined by the Environmental Services. Again, this fund will reflect higher than normal variations.

The Storm Water Fund relates to the many requirements for the treatment of storm water.

2013 Minnesota Preservation Hward

The building official reviewed with the council the recognition presented to Al and Annette Hentz for their preservation efforts on their business as owners of the Carver Country Flowers and Gifts. These efforts earned them the 2013 Minnesota Preservation Award form the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota which recognize the most impressive preservation success stories in Minnesota. This is an annual program that recognizes projects throughout the state that demonstrate a commitment to preserving Minnesota's history. These awards are selected from nominations submitted from around the state. This nomination was submitted to the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota on behalf of the Carver Heritage Preservation Commission by John von Walter and Cindy Nash.

"Al and Annette Hentz were selected for the 2013 Minnesota Preservation Award. The Hentz's purchased the building in June of 2012. Shortly thereafter they started planning and putting together sketches and paint colors, including new exterior lighting to propose it to the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC). Once the HPC approved their proposals, the Hentzes were the first to apply and be approved for the Façade Treatment Loan Program offered by the City of Carver." Additionally, three other businesses operate in this location. These businesses include Homestead Memories (John Patterson), Retro Revival (Randy Scott & Sandi Becklund). and Good Junk Garage (Tom Meidl) which occupies the adjacent shed.



Music Video in Carver

On September 23rd and 24th the Devon Worley Band filmed a music video at several downtown Carver locations. The band chose to film at six historic buildings and structures, all of which were saved

or restored by owners, and guided by the Carver Heritage Preservation Commission. The video is

slated for release on Oct. 16 and it is hoped to have links available for viewing on the Carver on the Minnesota Facebook page, the City of Carver website, the Carver Current website.

Carver Current

Be sure to check out Dan's website for his news and the news from the Villager Tower, as well as others. There is a lot of interesting information on his website. Also, when you need to get information out, contact Dan to submit. It's another great way for sharing information. What is the website again? www.carvercurrent.com

"Villager Tower"

Ricki Yvonne Schultz 14210 Jonathan



Town Hall Meeting / Open House

On November 14th at the Chaska Community Center from 5:30 until 8 PM is an open house/town hall meeting regarding raising awareness of the importance of the Highway 212 completing construction and the need for improvements. The Town Hall Meeting will be attended by local legislators and MNDot representatives to discuss the future of two highways, Highway # 5 and #212.

Recognized FiveFighters The City of Carver and the Carver Fire and Rescue members recognized three firefighters who recently retired. The combined trio served seventy five years of service to the community. Tom (Hooker) Dauwalter was the senior fighter of the three with thirty three years of service, Paul Meger served twenty one years and Paul Schultz served twenty years.

Congratulations to all three. Job well done!

Carver's Very Own Occasional Shops

As the 2013 year winds down, there are only two more weekends to visit the Occasional shops in Carver. Not that they won't continue in 2014, but do you think they will hold a 'year end' event? Could you be so fortunate? I do know that they have lots and lots of interesting stuff within those doors of their shops. I have watched and seen them constantly bring in goodies for all you seekers of the unique items. And you know, once 2013 year ends, the cold and snow will be here too!

So run, don't walk to the next sale date of November 14th, 15th, and 16th. You might find that unique Christmas present too for just that right person you have been searching for. And then, if you see something and you didn't buy it, you will have one more chance before 2013 is only a memory and that is December 5th, 6th and 7th. I know all the shop owners would be more than happy to see you come in and do some shopping! Traditionally, the shops are open during the third weekend of the every month in Carver and in the Chaska area. These shops are antique, vintage/salvage shops that are only open three days of every month with new finds and themes for each month. So go on, get on over there!

And don't forget, November has a 5th Saturday. You all remember what that means?

Carver Country Flowers and Sifts Annette from Carver Country Flowers and Gifts asked if you

realized that Thanksgiving is going to be very late this year?

She said "that means if you wait to do your Christmas shopping after Thanksgiving, you'll have as many as two weeks fewer to get the job done this year then you normally do. That it also means that 'Small Business Saturday' (a day devoted to shopping your local small businesses in lieu of the big box stores) and 5th Saturday!"Our periodic sales event will fall on the same day – November 30th. Watch for more information."

Carver Lions

The Lions meet the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to come and check it out and see if they want to join and be part of a successful team. I understand from a little girl who went to the Halloween party that it was pretty cool and fun was the top activity. She says thanks! It's almost a given that they are busy working on their next goal for the community and doing something extra special for the holiday season. Be sure to go and check out what they are up to at their next meeting. Don't forget, it's the Carver Lions 40th anniversary this vear too.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Red Cross Blood Drive **Carver Village Hall** Tues. Dec. 17 Noon-6pm to make an appt online redcrossblood.org or call 612-987-5454 Walk in's welcome but appointments preferred.

Community Calendar November 2013 November 1st All Saint's Day Happy Birthday Judy! November 3rd **Daylight Savings Ends** Happy Birthday Deb! Council meeting November 4th Happy Birthday Bob! Drill Night November 5th **Election** Day Happy Anniversary Russell and Jackie! November 6th Late Start Lion's Meeting November 11th **PTO Meeting** Veteran's Day Dahlgren Township Board Meeting **Fire Department Officers Meeting** Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting November 12th School Board Meeting/District Education Center November 14th Happy Birthday Janice! November 16th **Council Work Session** November 18th Drill Night Happy Birthday Zach! November 20th Lions Meeting **Planning Commission Meeting** November 21st School Board Work Session/Bluff Creek Elementary School Happy Birthday Tim! Happy Birthday Allyson! November 23rd Happy Anniversary Deb and Loren! November 25th Park and Recreation Board Meeting **Happy Birthday Doug! Fire Department Meeting Night** November 27th Thanksgiving Break Starts - No School Hanukkah begins Sundown November 28th Thanksgiving Day Happy Birthday Ken! November 30th Happy Birthday Taylor!



ALL HANDS ON DECK

will be performed at the Chaska Community Center. **Limited Engagement!** November 8& 9 -7:30pm/November 9 & 10 -2:00 PM. Chaska Community Center, 1661 Park Ridge Drive, Chaska MN 55318 All Tickets \$15 in advance/\$17

Chaska Valley Family Theatre

at the door (all fees included). Advance tickets highly recommended. For tickets and more information go to www.cvft.org or phone 952-250-7206. .

ALL HANDS ON DECK is ALL SINGING! ALL DANCING! ALL BIG BAND! Based on Bob Hope's 1942 USO tour to the troops in the field, ALL HANDS ON DECK! is a new, two-act revue performed by a group of charismatic singer/dancer/comics and a 9-piece orchestra featuring the songs, dances and laughs that America has loved since the '1940s. CVFT has teamed up with the Acme Jazz Company, a Minneapolis-based swing band to perform songs including "Chattanooga Choo-Choo," " I'm In The Mood For Love," "Sentimental Journey," "Don't Fence Me In," "America The Beautiful," " Deep In The Heart Of Texas," and a powerful Military medley. ALL HANDS ON DECK! is a fun-filled, true-to-life reproduction of the kind of USO show Bob Hope and Jack Benny would have taken to the troops: classic humor and great music from those special days of road shows, war-bond drives, and radio broadcasts. Step back into 1942 with ALL HANDS ON DECK!



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Black Sox Turkey Bingo Carver Black Sox Turkey Bingo is right around the Corner. Mark your calendars for November 22nd at the Village Hall starting at 7 PM. Burgers, Beer and Bingo. Person can't go wrong. Win a Thanksgiving turkey on special games!!!!!

ANNIE – A LIVE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Leapin' Lizards! The popular comic strip heroine, Little Orphan Annie, takes center stage in one of the world's best-loved musicals, Annie. Chaska Valley Family Theatre welcomes a cast and crew of more than 180 talented community members, an exceptional 20piece live orchestra, and an adorable trained bearded collie to boot. For show times, tickets and more go to <u>www.cvft.org</u> or call, 952-250-7206. Since 1995, the Chaska Valley Family Theatre has been bringing family friendly live theatre to the Southwest Metro area. CVFT's mission: To provide audiences a high quality, live theater experience featuring local talent, with an emphasis on family involvement, has remained true throughout the history of the theatre

Order Tickets

November 29 & 30 and December 5, 6 & 7 at 7:30 PM December 1, 7, & 8 at 2:00 PM Chanhassen High School Theater, 2200 Lyman Blvd., Chanhassen, MN 55317 Advance Tickets: Students 17 & under \$12;

Adults 18 & older \$17 (ALL FEES INCLUDED). Prices higher the day of performance; advance seating highly recommended. For tickets, visit www.cvft.org or phone 952.250.7206



