

City Council News

Stubby Holtz presented preliminary plans for vacation of streets to make four buildable lots. Planning Commission will have to hold a public hearing.

Lola Anderson and Ann Henry were present at the council chambers to be interviewed for the vacant planning commission positions. Ms. Henry was sworn in by Mayor Jordan. Lola Anderson has been accepted as a new Planning Commission member.

Ron Riesgraf presented the budget breakdown sheets for the fire department to the council. A brief discussion regarding their book-keeping system was discussed. Subject to be researched further.

Assessment Fee Search fees have been raised by motion of the council.

Chuck Kartak introduced himself to the council from the Minnesota Valley Trail. His interest was in regards to plans for the park development adjacent to the MN. Valley Trail area.

The Snow Parking Ordinance has been passed and publication of the wording will be in the Chaska Herald. The main point of interest is that after one inch of snowfall, parking will be prohibited on all streets and alleys. There were three, yes votes, one, no, and one not present. Tickets will be issued to snowbirds. Fine for violations will be \$ 15.00, after 15 days, the penalty will be increased.

Preliminary reports from the Soil Exploration were discussed. There is concern with the area where the treatment plant site will be, due to underlying clay ground. Additional testing is required.

The Carver-By-Pass issue was brought to the council's attention. The council is to invite the county to a meeting to express desires to get included into the county's capitol improvement plans. Statement was made that no one had ever expressed the city's desire to be put on that improvement list. Verifying facts with the county, the Carver city administrator had brought the topic to the attention of the county every year and the project has been included on the list of candidate projects for five years. So the statement of no one expressing city's desire is untrue...

The Lion's representative approached the council to request the upstairs of the city hall for their annual event and to begin making their theme preparations.

City Maintenance contract labor versus salaried maintenance was discussed again. It was concluded that better equipment was a priority. Many projects should be done, and are presently on hold since uncertainty of city's future plans are undetermined. A suggestion was also made that employees should come to the council with projects for their approval. The Mayor's major concern was the equipment may be not be sufficient. An audience participant stated that equipment has always been a problem. Also for normal maintenance, the city requires a full time employee. The city could always contract out for bigger projects.

With contracted labor there is the question of their availability. The contractor stated that if a daily work load of four hours was all that was required in the city, he would not be sitting around, he would be out doing other jobs. Something that would require his attention

after he was gone for the day would have to wait until the end of that day, depending on it's importance. The City programs, MEED-CETA were discussed in relation to contracted labor. The contractor stated that he would not pay the insurance for those people using his equipment.

Reviewal of the ordinance book by the council members was requested by the mayor.

Having utility lines buried has been a topic pursued by the mayor. The attorney general has responded saying that they city has a 50/50 chance of winning a case against the utility companies to pay the cost of burying those lines. It has been decided that pursuing this issue in court is not to the city's benefit and to be discontinued.

The Mayor informed the council that three applicants have been selected for a second interview for the position of city administrator. Selection was made by the mayors' of Young America and Carver. At that time, the council was also told of a fourth applicant. Opposition was voiced because the council was excluded from this process. The Mayor also stated that Hamburg was interested in Carver/Young America's plans.

Statement from Hamburg's mayor was: Hamburg was not interested in the MYNCH administrative program at that time due to the cost. Their present system is to consult on an hourly basis with Brant Ball which is more cost effective for them. They are not and were not dissatisfied with his services, cost was their burden.

City administrator status was discussed again at a later meeting. The council was informed that the mayors' of Young America and Carver have reviewed seven applications and narrowed those down to three. Again, opposition was voiced regarding exclusion of council participation on the grounds that no procedure had been established by the council to hire an administrator.

The Mayor defended his action under the authority of the MYNCH contract. The MYNCH contract had expired Dec. 31st, 1983. Two members requested applications for reviewal.

In coinciding with the topic it was stated by the mayor that Hamburg was not interested in any joint administrative program.

In relation to applicants for the administrative position, they are in an intern program where the government would be paying half of their salaries for six months.

A special meeting was held on Feb. 15th to hear three presentations by three financial consultants. The three firms represented were Juran & Moody, Public Financial Consultants and Ehlers & Associates. A heated discussion followed these presentations. The Mayor was insistant that a decision be made that evening despite arguments by councilmen to be allowed to check references and further research which firm would best serve the city. The mayor vacated chair to acting mayor, (Ralph Hanson), to make a motion to hire Ehlers & Associates. Roll call vote was taken with four ayes, a fifth, abstaining on the grounds of not being allowed the opportunity to further research the services to be hired.

A Public Hearing followed the decision of hiring the financial consultant. The public hearing was to discuss the scope of the sewer project and to hear the public's opinion. Total estimated project cost for the sewer is \$ 2,787,200. This figure includes Lenzen and Skyview additions and county road # 40. Water being put into the city, at the same time is also being considered. Total estimated project cost for water is \$ 1,425,900. It was asked if a referendum vote was possible. Many questions were asked, many questions are not yet answered. The public was told there were three methods of handling financing of the project: 1) by assessment; 2) by ad valorum; and 3) by user charge. Nothing definite has been decided. Mill rate was

only an option to be studied. The audience's consensus was a general opposition to putting sewer into Skyview and Lenzen additions but were not objecting to the core city. Explanation given to the council regarding the sewer issue is that the preliminary figures should be pursued and any actual decision to drop those areas from the plans could be done at a later date. It was concluded that without a grant, water would be unfeasible for the city.

Notice:

DOG OWNERS NOTICE: Dog licences are due in April...don't break down the door of city hall to get them now...

Action by the city council is being discussed, so be warned in advance, if you value your dog(s), please restrain them in your own yards before the dog catcher does it for you...

Letter to the Editor

Dog Owners,

Being a dog owner, myself, I can appreciate the love given to an animal. But those of you fellow dog owners should take responsibility for that animal.

The situation of dogs running at large, rummaging, raiding and scattering garbage all over, shows lack of responsibility and true caring of those animals, as well as their depositing 'dung' on the lawns of others. Garbage strewn about is becoming so unsightly that shame and embarrassment to all the citizens is demanding immediate attention.

If you don't care enough for your pets to feed them and to keep them at home where they belong, do us all a favor and place them in a more responsible person's care.

Sincerely,

A Fellow Dog Owner

Heritage Commission News

The Heritage Commission is in favor of creating a park in the empty lot across from the Carver Cafe. Carver-On-The-MN owns the land. That group seems to be in favor of a park too, but is concerned about the maintenance and upkeep of it. We think Carver needs a park in the center of town because it beautifies an otherwise ugly piece of land and it gives the residents and visitors of Carver a place to meet and relax with one another. It takes money of course to make a park, so if you would be interested in making it happen or have any ideas, come to our next meeting. Also, anyone interested in maintaining Carver's historical value and improving the "Quality of Life" in Carver please come to our next meeting at the Village Hall on February 28th, at 7:00 P.M.

Odds and Ends

First of all - I'd like to apologize for my "typo"...Bob Jordan's phone number was typed incorrectly - Sorry! Correction is: 448- 6390

I would also like thank Suzanne Thiesfeld for the logo that she designed for the paper. It is greatly appreciated! The format layout is her newest project. Thanks!!!!!!

Monique's Boutique is making plans to move uptown! Good luck Monica.

Meetings

February 28	7:00 P.M.-Heritage Com.
February 29	7:00 P.M.-Planning Com.
March 5	6:30 P.M.-City Council

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