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City Council News:

Scott Knudson, Executive Director for the HRA (Housing and Redevelopment Authority), requested consideration of contractual services of Mike Mornson for the water grant application. Concern was voiced regarding the thirty day termination clause on a short term contract. Council consensus was that a fourteen day termination clause was more applicable.

Discussion was pursued regarding the circumstances surrounding the hiring of Mr. Mornson. Councilman Hanson expressed dissatisfaction regarding his feeling that the mayor had hired Mornson when the council requested Knudson interview applicants and submit recommendation. However, the mayor did not feel that he had hired Mornson. Knudson stated, the first discussions between Mornson and himself were that Mornson was interested but had reservations concerning the short duration. Several days later, Mornson contacted Knudson, then stating that he was interested and had submitted his resignation at his present place of employment. The mayor questioned Knudson whether or not he had made any agreements with Mornson. Councilman Hanson felt that the mayor had put Knudson, as well as the council in a difficult position and backing each into a corner. The mayor did not feel this was the case, since there were not any guarantees made with Mornson. Mornson commented that he could regain his position at his other job, if the council did not approve. The mayor stated that it was the council's option. Motion was made and carried to accept the contract with Mornson with three ayes, one nay and one abstention.

The public hearing regarding the vacation of a portion of Main Street was held. Discussion of how much of the street would actually be vacated. Lots further up on the hill were available and complete vacation of such seventy foot wide street would leave these lots inaccessible. Motion was made and carried to vacate five feet of Main Street.

James Fletcher attended the council meeting. The mayor stated receiving several complaints regarding the cluttered alley. He had since been told that said alley had been cleaned up. The mayor asked for solutions so that there would not be a similar reoccurrence in the future. Fletcher stated that he felt it would remain clean. Councilman Swanson felt that if the alley were kept clean and clear, then tenants could park in the alley rather than on the street especially with the

snow ordinance now in effect. The mayor remarked that since the situation was under control, no further action was necessary from the city's standpoint.

Councilperson Schultz was informed that old truck tires required removal. The mayor also commented that this councilmember was in violation of ordinances and requires alley clean up. Building permit issuance of several years back was requested to be checked into.

City Clerk was also directed to send another property owner in the city a letter regarding the removal of their truck from an alley.

Public hearing for the vacation of a portion of the alley next to the Dauwalter residence was held. One adjacent property owner did not oppose the vacation. A fifteen foot utility easement should be retained by the city. Septet stated opposition to the vacation and wished the alley to remain open. Another property owner felt the whole alley should be vacated, not just a portion. Motion was made and carried to vacate one hundred feet of the alley.

Resolution for beginning condemnation processes of the land for aeration ponds was presented by Mike Fahey, the city attorney. Stewart, Maier Stewart and Associates, recommended condemnation be contingent upon Carver County granting approval of this conditional use. Motion was made and carried to adopt such resolution with four ayes, one absent.

Stewart, Maier Stewart & Associates, submitted a preliminary engineering report on the water system, the unit cost in the core city would be approximately \$ 5,550. Stewart suggested that the council work with Ehlers & Associates and the city attorney on different types of assessment policies. Request for agreement on financing the water project, whether or not the council assess all on a percentage and finance the rest through levies or connection charges. Stewart commented that the more that is put on direct assessments, the more the city would be reimbursed from DEED, if funded. Councilman Hanson asked if assessment one hundred percent (100%) were decided and later decreased, would there be a problem. If a decrease were to be chosen later, the grant would require rewriting. If there were to be an increase, there would not be any problem. Councilman Hanson was reluctant to lock the city into one option, if others were to follow. Motion made and carried to assess one hundred percent of benefitted cost against property owners with four ayes, one ab-

sent. Ehlers & Associates would be asked to develop assessment policy.

Knudson informed the city that goals should be set requesting direction to set long and short term goals. Permission was requested to talk with commercial property owners regarding the renovation of their buildings. Knudson and Mornson wish to implement programs prior to council approval. Knudson recommended a public hearing be scheduled on special assessment abatement costs.

Mornson and Knudson submitted a Needs Report for review and acceptance by the council. The mayor, however, felt that parks and recreational development should take priority over mobile home park development in the submitted report. Mornson pointed out that even though items listed in report as high priorities did not necessarily dictate that grant monies would be sought for specific priority items listed. Motion made and carried to accept Needs Report as submitted in present form with five ayes.

Mornson briefly discussed the downtown revitalization program and informed the council of a scheduled meeting with business owners.

Acquisition of four homes in the flood plain area was briefly discussed. Mornson has a work plan. Mornson inquired about the council's thoughts or opposition and/or acceptance of said topic. Also, if the council would adopt a resolution of eminent domain. Mornson recommended eliminating this process if strong opposition were voiced. The mayor understood that if homeowners were to receive fair evaluation, they would not oppose such an idea. Relocation of said people would also be involved which might or might not be costly.

Knudson drew up Home Improvement procedures and policies for review and acceptance by the council. Submission of a contract between the HRA and the city of Carver would be presented in the near future for administration of these programs. This contract would specify duties to be performed. This contract will also require adoption by the city.

Knudson distributed a resolution adopted by the HRA for the City of Carver. Contents consist of statement that even with all of the efforts of the HRA and staffmembers, the DEED application is not guaranteed to be funded. The mayor commented not understanding the reasons for this resolution from the HRA and felt that it was confusing.

The mayor updated the council on his requests to purchase the rail road

property. Speaking with rail road personnel, he has now been told that unless the tracks are abandoned, it is the rail roads' policy not to sell any land within eighteen feet of the track. If the track were to be abandoned, the city will receive first option on its purchase.

Watershed Management Organizations were discussed. General consensus of the council was that the city of Carver petition to join Dahlgren Township, Cologne, Waconia, etc. Watershed Joint Powers agreement units. Motion made and carried with four ayes and one absent.

The city Clerk was directed to solicit proposals for city auditing services and sanitation collections. Proposals to be opened at the January 7th meeting.

Carver Lioness Organization offered to donate the primer and paint, as well as to do the painting for the remodeling project for the Village Hall downstairs, if the council accepted their offer. Lioness would consider the donation of time and material as a service project.

Teen dance organized by the Lioness's in December was a successful event. Request was again made to the council to hold more similar dances for the young adults of the community. Councilman Hanson did not feel it necessary to ask permission for each event to be scheduled. Opinion was that it would be wiser and more efficient to grant 'blanket' approval at the city Clerk's discretion.

Lioness Group extended invitation to council members to attend their January meeting to review sketches for a city sign. Lioness also requested permission for the use of the Village Hall for a Bingo event, and to hold their monthly meetings in the downstairs area on the second Mondays of the month.

Jack Hendrickson, Carver County Sheriff attended the council meeting upon request of the mayor. Hendrickson felt that the patrolling services were going well. It was felt that exhibition driving was considerably less and more under control than it has been in the past.

Terry Mauer, Maier Stewart & Associates, presented revised water supply, storage and distribution system report for the council's review. Results of the water testing have not been received yet.

Caroline Drude, Ehlers & Associates, distributed report regarding financing for the water system and the financial impact on the city. Financing may be done with means other than assessment. She commented that 100% assessment may be split so part is based on potential instead of actual users.

Knudson announced discovery that there is not any repayment agreement on the grant. Drude suggested low interest on water assessments due to the fine line of who would or would not be having assessments paid for by grant monies. Mornson stated opposition received from Lenzen and Skyview residents regarding

sewer and water installation proposed for these areas.

Knudson questioned Drude if a figure could be obtained concerning amounts that citizens could afford for water. Drude did not feel it could be done. That the key to assessment, that the amount assessed should not exceed the increase in the value of the property.

Mauer felt that the 100% assessment proposed earlier was done too quickly, in view of the fact regarding no repayment clause in the grant. Mauer was to check into the issue for rational and justification and pursue discussion at the January 7th meeting.

Restoration of the old fire truck for parades was briefly discussed. The Fire Department members, it was stated had voted down its restoration.

The Fire Department was interested in a four-wheel drive, one-ton pick up. The council authorized the purchase of said vehicle.

Fire Chief expressed concern regarding officers not directing traffic during emergencies. Sheriff Hendrickson would be contacted about this problem.

Sunnyside Addition soil report prepared by the county was discussed. Discussion regarding erosion and/or benefits to the community was discussed. The mayor stated that during the following couple of months, the council should have a good idea of what the city can or cannot do as far as the MN River Watershed was concerned. Lenzen inquired whether or not subdivision of Sunnyside was adding to the erosion problem and if the problem would not exist if subdivision were not there. The city stated that the subdivision was adding to the erosion problem. Lenzen questioned about stoppage of building where he would then stand. Councilman Swanson felt some way was required to divert the water away from the road and the core city areas. Lenzen suggested culverts be put in, that he has plans for holding reservoir, to allow slower water runoff. Council requested plan incorporating recommendation in soil survey.

In the overall plan, the first step required, grading and drainage to obtain building permit, the mayor stated. The council felt that Lenzen would receive building permit, so long as he adhered to rules and regulations set forth by recommendations of the Carver County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Knudson was to be asked about having Sixth Street included in the flood plain on the Needs Report.

Lenzen commented, Sixth Street problem is fixable, that nothing had been done to repair previously. The mayor disagreed. He felt a number of things had been done to correct the situation, such as, stoppage of dumping concrete and tar in the ditch areas.

Council discussed quit claim deed presented by Fahey, city attorney for the mayor's signature regarding access to

the road between Mt. Hope Cemetery and Agnes Forner. Council had a number of questions to be answered before authorization of signature would be given.

Planning commission members: some terms will be expiring. Subject is to be addressed at upcoming meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

To Doug Meyers and Randall Wendland, Robert Jordan on their winning the November elections. Lots of luck on new and renewing endeavors in politics and holding the civic responsibility to your local governmental unit.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Meetings:

January 7 - Council - 6:30 PM
January 19- Teen Dance - (Lioness)
January 25- Bingo - (Lioness)
January 30-Planning
Commission - 7:30 PM

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor:

A question from a citizen....could someone please answer my question? Why can Mr. Bob Jordan park his vehicle on a city street when the "new" Snow Ordinance states that "NO PARKING" will be allowed on any city streets when there is one inch or more of snow and others are ticketed? Is he?