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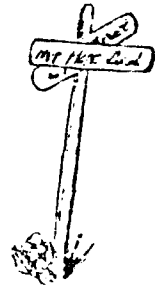


Gazette



City Council News:

Mt. Hope Road



On April 21st, 1986 Frey told the council that work on Mt Hope Road should begin as soon as possible. Frey will cut trees and stake the area, in order for Mr. Rich Olson to cut ditches back for better drainage. A citizen requested the wood from an oak, if it were necessary to remove it.

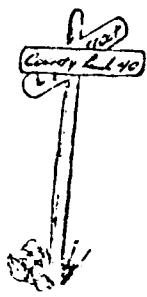
SteamBoat Days

On April 21st, Administrator Mornson inquired whether or not the council wished to advertise the promotion of SteamBoat Days in the League of Minnesota Cities Magazine.

He also told the council of concern expressed about streets being torn up during the event. The use of the ballpark is being considered as an alternative.

Representative from the SteamBoat Committee requested a beer permit and dance permit for the annual event. Street conditions were talked about. Motions were made and carried with all ayes granting permits for the beer and the dance.

County Road #40



On April 21st, the council was told that the Carver County had accepted the contract to reconstruct County Road # 40. Changes were discussed regarding the project. Changes could cost an additional four to five thousand dollars.

Dog Kennel Ordinance

On April 21st, motion was made and carried with three ayes and two absent to open the Public Hearing on the dog kennel ordinance. The council did not feel that the stated distance was adequate. The ordinance should read 'all dog kennels shall be a minimum distance of fifty feet from any building structure suitable for human habitation.' All licensing approval will only be valid with prior approval and written approval of adjoining owners of the applicant. A special fee is to be entailed with this application. Motion was made and carried with three ayes approving amendment. Motion was made and carried with three ayes closing the Public Hearing.

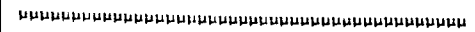
Animal Warden Reed was present to discuss renewal of his contract. Mr. Reed would like to continue in this capacity. Motion was made and carried with three ayes renewing contract for another year.

Water Improvements

On April 21st, Knudson (HRA) presented a letter regarding the acquisition of property for the water tower site. It was felt that one small building may be necessary to house equipment associated to the operation of the water tower. Knudson was directed to make revisions.

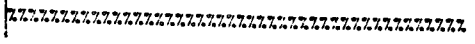
Stewart discussed at the May fifth meeting the Fire Department's comments regarding the pressure reducing valve and the dislike of the water storage system. Valves were taken care of. Direction from the council was needed for the water storage facility. The mayor questioned the ability to bid two ways; elevated or stand pipe tank. Motion was made and carried to call for bids on both elevated and stand pipe tanks.

The IV Stumbling Blocks to Truth



The Four Stumbling Blocks to Truth

- I. The Influence of fragile or unworthy authority
- II. Custom
- III. The Imperfection of undisciplined senses
- IV. Concealment of Ignorance by Ostentation of seeming Wisdom.



Kalkes Subdivision

On April 21st, Kalkes showed legal plats for "Meadow Bluff", a new subdivision to the council, but has not received final plat from the county surveyor. Street light locations are to be shown on the final plat. Brief discussion regarding petitioning for water was discussed, but no action taken or decisions made.

On May 5th, final plat was not finished by the city surveyor and could not be approved. A water petition was discussed. Ebeling (Maier Stewart) presented a feasibility statement for an extension of water. Discussion was held regarding conformance with the ordinance as to whether or not property owners would have to connect into the system.

The city administrator was directed to check into the interpretation of the ordinance with regards to utility hook-up within the sixty-six foot distance requirement.

On May 19th, the ordinance regarding utility hook-up was discussed. The councilmembers' thoughts on the ordinance was talked about, as well as original intent of the ordinance. Amendment of the ordinance was to be made. Motion was made and carried with all ayes for the City Administrator to amend the present ordinance and present a draft at the next meeting with Public Hearing.

Sewer Improvements

On April 21st, the mayor stated that he had received an inquiry about changing sewer lines to cast iron instead of PVC pipes. It was felt there would be an additional cost of forty-five to fifty thousand dollars to do this. The engineer felt the cost could be as high as one hundred thousand dollars for such a change.

Post Office

On May 5th, Jeff Siegle updated the council on the status of the Post Office regarding the historical facade. It would be the responsibility of the owner or the city to spend time and funds creating this type of facade. Siegle had plans drawn. Postal personnel had approved, but state review had to be done.

CDBG Update

Knudson (HRA) updated the council on May fifth regarding the acquisitions of property in the flood plain area. Another acquisition had been completed. Knudson would like to have the mobile home removed and bids received to sell it. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to go call for bids to sell the home.

Knudson also presented the draft of a letter regarding the water tower site acquisition for the council to review.

Building

Permit

Clayton Hiatt requested a building permit for a deck on his home. The Planning Commission had approved his plans. Motion was made and carried with all ayes granting the permit.

Dwight Schultz requested lot boundary changes. The council reviewed proposed changes. Resolution for approval was made by motion with all ayes to grant the boundary change request.

Water and Sewer Improvements

On May fifth, the council discussed resolution submitted by the engineers stating that the bids had been received for the sewer and water projects and that the city would award the bid after MPCA (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency) and Carver County approve the low bid.

For the record, Councilman Meyers expressed his opposition to water not being needed in the city or that he felt there was not any health hazards due to contaminated water.

Stewart received a letter from Ehlers and Associates pertaining to the projects. Estimated assessments were discussed. The council analysed and reviewed bidders.

Costs of the project were discussed. Vociferous opposition was heard by the council to putting improvements in the additions. Lengthy heated discussion took place.

Petition was discussed, shown, but not received by the council opposing plans to sewer the additions.

Councilman Meyers questioned costs for engineering of Step II and III, as well as costs of the additions. It was estimated costs would be lower when additions were eliminated.

Street Improvements

Stewart proposed a Public Hearing be scheduled to be combined with an information meeting about sewer, water and street improvements. Councilman Meyers felt a Public Hearing for additions would be a waste of time. Councilman Wendland felt that the past resolution eliminating the additions should stand. The mayor felt it was important to include the entire city. Refinancing of homes could be a possibility for Lenzen addition homeowners that would be included in the project. Councilman Swanson felt division of the town was a step backward and would stop development possibilities. Nor that there was any guarantee that those systems were not leaking, already. The mayor called for a motion to schedule a # 429 Public Hearing. No motion would be made. Motion was made and carried with four ayes, one nay to schedule Public Hearing for street improvements. Motion was made to schedule # 429 Public Hearing, but no second was received.

An information meeting is to be scheduled for May 19th on curb and gutter to improve drainage on Fourth and Lime Streets. Administrator Mornson wanted to send notification to all involved property owners.

On May 19th, an informational meeting was held on street improvements for Lime Street and Fourth Street. Craig Ebeling (Maier Stewart) presented the necessary information regarding the issue. It was an informal meeting to receive citizens input. Explanations were given on the funding availability, scope of the project, estimated costs and recommendations. Benefit was talked about. The primary reasons for initiation of the project was due to the erosion occurring and the traffic increase. Heated opposition was heard by the council. The consensus of the citizens present was not to pursue the project of street improvements involving curb, gutter and storm sewer. Reference was made to directing improvements towards a thoroughfare on Sixth Street and not Fourth Street. Councilman Swanson felt that with the costs presented that the project would not be able to be done. There was not any decisive action taken by the council on this issue.

Frey felt that some type of culvert should be put on Lime Street and hooked up to the catch basin to help the run-off problem.

Rebudgeting was discussed. Motion was made and carried to direct Knudson to rebudget DEED funds for sewer and water projects.

On May 19th, Knudson told the council that rebudgeting of Deed funds at this time was neither wise nor easily done.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes to approve amended resolution to accept bid for core city and wastewater only, if MPCA approved.

On May 19th, Ebeling (Maier Stewart) updated the council on the status of approvals by MPCA (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency) and Carver County regarding low bidders for the sewer project. He suggested approval of the resolution awarding the EPA (Environmental Pollution Agency) portions of the project, contingent upon receiving MPCA's written approval. Discussion was held, once again, regarding the opinions of what portions of the city should be sewer or not, as well as water availability. Petition was presented to the council opposing exclusion of the additions.

If the resolution were approved for the EPA portions of the project, then the project might possibly be started by mid-June. Motion was made and carried with roll call vote of four ayes and one nay to accept the resolution accepting the bid. Again, Councilman Meyers voiced his opinion of there not being any need for water in the city. The mayor disagreed with that opinion.

City Administrator Mornson felt that the petition presented calling for a # 429 Public Hearing required verification concerning thirty-five percent of the affected property owners in additions or thirty five percent of properties within city. Ebeling suggested necessity for legal opinion. Also, it was still the council's discretion whether or not to schedule a meeting on the issue.

Clarification was given regarding the council's position on the issue. Decision had been made several months in the past to exclude additions and recent discussions with affected individuals had not persuaded the decision differently. Status of the decision made in the past remained in place excluding the additions from the sewer project. Citizens opinions were heard. Motion was made and carried with all ayes accepting the petition to include additions within the scope of the project pertaining to the water and sewer.



Liquor Licenses

Liquor licenses were discussed on May 5th. Motions were made and carried with all ayes for each liquor establishment in the City of Carver for reissuance of licenses.

Discrimination Lawsuit

Councilman Meyers inquired at the May 5th meeting about the status of the lawsuit. One contact had been made requesting deposition, no other contacts had been made. The council was told that Nicklaus had countersued with a frivolous law suit.



Miscellaneous

Frey presented a Task Force Guideline for Civil Defense duties on April twenty-first for the council to review. Changes were made. Motion was made and carried with three ayes to accept amended guideline.

Progress on Ess property was briefly discussed. Clean up will be pursued as soon as drier conditions prevail.

Council was updated on diseased tree removal throughout the city. Trees are to be removed and taken care of.

Due to the weather, the street sweeper schedule was delayed. Sweeping will resume as soon as weather permit.

Paint on the Village Hall was not guaranteed, the council was told. Frey is to obtain the company's name and the mayor will contact them.

On April twenty-first, motion was made and carried with three ayes approving the setting of a fee for administration of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Program at fifty dollars per unit.

Administrator Mornson explained requirements for the Minnesota Housing Finance Program.

Administrator told the council about requirements for preparation of special assessments.

Motion was made and carried with three ayes to approve payment to the DNR for a license to cross public waters.

Larry Samsted will submit plans on Sixth Street for the council to review as soon as Lenzen installs a drain.

On April 21st, the council received quotes for insurance from the League of Minnesota Cities. Motion was made and carried with three ayes accepting the insurance quote for coverage.

The CDBC quarterly report was submitted for review. Motion was made and carried with three ayes to accept report.

On May nineteenth, amendment to change payment request was for the HRA (Housing and Redevelopment Agency).

The home acquired by the City in floodway was discussed, as well as the locking up of it.

The mayor told the council that the Department of Grants would cover costs for going out for bids before the permit was issued.

The meeting was closed on April twenty-first to discuss a non-public subject.

On May fifth, the council discussed placement of culvert in Skyview Addition.

Frey asked for salary increase for occasional part-time help. Motion was made and carried with all ayes increasing occasional part-time help salary until the Mt Hope project was completed.

Citizen inquired about the city's authority to enforce family's petition when dealing with the sale of liquor. It was asked if an ordinance could be passed pertaining to the prohibition of sale of liquor to family member when petitioned by the family. The legalities of this type of request and realm of city's authority would be researched.

City Administrator Mornson told the council on May nineteenth of his findings regarding the subject of an ordinance dealing with a family's petition to bar owners not serving individuals. Definite answers were unavailable at the present time. It was however, concluded that it was not a wise decision to become involved with.

Relocation of the building on Broadway was briefly discussed. Siele has until July first to complete relocation of the building to the triangular lot.

Mr Dean Dalen of Matthias, Roebke and Maiser reviewed the 1985 Audit Report with the council. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the audit.

Administrator Mornson updated the council on legislative actions. An aid increase would be received two times per year instead of six.

The PCA (Pollution Control Agency) would be inspecting the treatment facilities annually for a fee.

He also explained other pertinent legislative actions pertaining to the City of Carver.

Motion was made and carried approving the resolution amending the Comprehensive Plan, in order to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance.

The condemnation procedures to attain the easement for the water and sewer was in court. Opposition was not given and the city can take possession in ninety days.

On May 19th, the administrator updated the council on the condemnation proceedings. The judge had ordered payment by the city for the land.

The condemnation proceedings for the property pertaining to land for the treatment plant was also briefly discussed. The final costs have not been established.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving City Administrator Mornson's attendance at the League of Minnesota Cities conference in Duluth, sharing costs with the City of Young America.

Administrator Mornson received a report regarding the watershed and will be forwarding a letter clarifying parts of the Capitol Improvement portion of the report. The City of Carver needs to initiate request for inclusion in the Lower Minnesota River Water Shed District again.

On May eighth, there was a Board of Equalization meeting. Motion was made and carried on May nineteenth approving the minutes of that meeting with all ayes.

At the May 19th, Councilman Lowe inquired about the ball fields. The fields were still under water. Clean up was planned to be started when the Mt Hope Road project was completed.

Land in the floodway plain was being cleaned up, the council was told on May 19th. Property which had been acquired by the city was being taken care of.

Lenzen Addition

On May fifth, Lenzen Addition road was discussed. Since water and sewer were not scheduled to be constructed in that area, the mayor was to talk with Rich Olson about storm sewer, water, etc. and talk with Dick Lenzen about paving the road.

On May nineteenth, discussion regarding paving of the road in the Lenzen Addition was pursued. Scheduling of paving could be done in the following month, it was thought. Ordering of project and the road conditions were talked about. Base condition was discussed. Councilman Meyers felt patience had been shown by all involved while decisive action regarding the sewer and water were being considered. He felt that blacktopping should be completed. Inspections and guarantees were discussed at length. Motion was made and carried with all ayes that the road conditions were to be inspected at an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars by Maier Stewart and Associates' firm.

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 CDBC 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.

