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City Council News:

Employee

Evaluations

On November 28th, the council held a special meeting for employee performance evaluations. The City Administrator revised job descriptions for the clerk and public works employees. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the clerk's job description. Motion was made and carried amending the public works job description.

Salary increases were discussed. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving salary increases for employees.

City Administrator evaluation was discussed. The council was not in favor of present formula. The mayor considered quarterly reviews should be done. The present contract is for two years. Wages was the item to be negotiated. The city administrator commented that if the hours were not increased, then a meeting was necessary to set priorities. Suggestion was made to schedule a working session to discuss issues and set priorities. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to increase the city administrator's salary.

Attorneys

On November 28th, the council reviewed prospective law firms for the city. Three firms submitted presentations. The council discussed experience, personnel, services and fees. Motion was made and carried with all ayes hiring Bergeson, Kerr, Lander and McDonald as city attorney.

The length of contract was questioned. Consensus of the council was a one year contract request.

The Carver County attorney was asked to review the contract with the new attorneys. Suggestions were submitted for amendments. Malpractice insurance item was discussed and further research necessary. This needed to be settled before acting on a contract.



Water and Sewer Improvements



On November 28th, a brief discussion was held regarding the punch list items. City Administrator informed the council that the city should receive the 'as-builts' on November twenty-ninth.

On December 5th, a citizen expressed a complaint of noxious odors coming from septic tanks. Discussion was held concerning solutions to the problem which is common for this type of system. Charcoal filters were discussed, as well as a blower system. Bullert, City Engineer has the plans for a blower system and will have these plans available for the city.

Three proposals were received for contracted services to operate the municipal utilities. Each of the three firms presented a summation of services offered. City Engineer and the city administrator interviewed each. Each could begin as of February 1st, 1989. The City Administrator recommended Utility Consultants. The mayor commented that Munitech was terminated due to cost and the city was not in a position to hire an employee.

City Engineer's recommendation was Utility Consultants. It was noted that Dauwalter's proposal had not contained a termination clause. Dauwalter would add the clause. Motion was made to table decision to contract operator until references could be checked. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to contract Dauwalter Plumbing, effective February 1st, 1989. Transition discussions would occur prior to the said date.

Public hearing was opened on Sewer Rate Ordinance.

The mayor explained the purpose of the public hearing. This ordinance directs how the sewer system is to be financed. Citizen questioned whether or not sewer rates would be lowered after the system is solvent. The council should review the balance periodically in the fund and the rate charges. This ordinance does not set the rate, it establishes the procedure for setting rates. City Administrator stated that the PCA (Pollution Control Agency) approved most of the ordinance as adopted. The changes being considered were PCA mandated.

Another citizen inquired if a public hearing would be required to change the sewer rates. The actual rates are set by resolution and a public hearing is not required to change the resolution.

Motion was made and carried with roll call vote of all ayes to adopt revised ordinance for sewer rates ordinance.

Munitech was present for reports. Discussion was held on activities occurring in the municipal utilities.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes to sign the Affirmative Action Certification.

City Administrator told the council that the Sewer Use Ordinance and Sewer Service Charge System Resolution will have to be discussed in January. Motion was made and carried with all ayes scheduling a Public Hearing.

Motion was made and carried with roll call vote of all ayes approving resolution to combine the water construction fund with the Water Debt Service Fund.

On December 19th the council discussed city ordinance that provides when sewer rates change, they will go into effect in 1989. Since the sewer operating fund has a deficit, a special meeting was called setting new rates effective in March of 1989. City Administrator explained the process to derive costs for Operation and Maintenance, as well as the deficit. Sewer hook-ups were discussed. Notification to hook up by January first were to be sent out. Motion was made and withdrawn to increase sewer rates. Motion was made and carried by roll call vote of all ayes adopting resolution setting sewer rates. Water rates are set in ordinance and cannot be changed without a Public Hearing. Suggestion was made to call a public hearing in January. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to schedule a public hearing.

The 'as-builts' for the sewer and water systems were received, but Frey found discrepancies between the blue prints and actual construction. City Administrator contacted Maier Stewart who would have Boetcher go over blue prints. The mayor directed the administrator to inform Maier Stewart to have personnel in Carver on December sixth to correct the blue prints.

The PCA approved the Operation and Maintenance Manual for the municipal utilities. The MPCA completed their preliminary review of the evaluation report prepared for the city of Carver Wastewater Treatment facilities. Report of findings had been received.

Building Permits



On December 5th, building permit request was reviewed for a shed. The Planning Commission had recommended approval with the condition that Mr. Bullert review proposed Highway #212 alignments in area which he had done. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the permit. Discussion was held regarding zoning of commercial/industrial area. Owner was asked whether or not he was receptive to such a development should the opportunity arise. Owner had no objections to intended use of land.

Planning Commission Members

Two Planning Commission members terms will expire on February 1st, 1989. Chalupsky is willing to accept reappointment. Hanna is not interested in reappointment. Therefore a position vacancy exists. City Administrator was directed to advertise for the vacancy.

Subdivision Ordinance

On December 5th, City Administrator reported that a time line passage of a proposed Subdivision Ordinance is being worked on by the Planning Commission. A meeting of January 5th has been set for the Planning Commission to meet with the City Engineer and attorney, then a joint meeting with the council. A developer is interested in low density housing on approximately one hundred acres who has contacted the City Administrator. The Planning Commission commented that the ordinance should be finalized for passage.

Park and Recreation Board

The Park and Recreation Board is working on a "Celebrate Minnesota 1990" grant. This work has to be completed in 1989 in order to coincide with the 1990 olympic activities planned by the state.

The board is also working on reforestation, a photo essay on "Carver Today" and a walking tour of the city. Discussion occurred regarding asking senior citizens to help coordinate the walking tour and for a comparison of photos of the past to coincide with the present. Final costs have not been established, however monies will be necessary. Motion was made and carried with all eyes supporting the board's efforts in "Celebrate Minnesota" with the costs not to exceed \$1,000. Discussion was held concerning where funds would be obtained. Funds could be used from the excess Lawton fund and/or the General Fund Reserve.

city Office

On December 5th, plans for the city office expansion were presented. Several floor plans were to be reviewed and then presented to the council.



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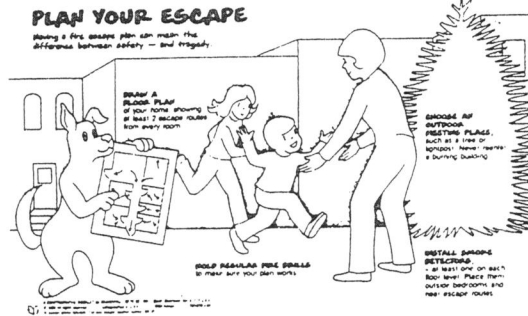


Fire Department Highlights

Submitted by the Carver Fire Department

January 1989

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| January 1st | - New Year's Day |
| January 5th | - Drill Night 8:30 PM |
| January 16th | - Martin Luther King Day |
| January 16th | - Drill Night 8:30 PM |
| January 22nd | - Super Bowl Party |
| January 22th | - Meeting 8:00 PM |



Trivia Questions



- 1) What is the disease called that results from eating insufficiently cooked pork?
- 2) Where did the Titanic sink?
- 3) In what year did Lincoln deliver his Gettysburg address?
- 4) What type of lettuce is used in a Caesar's Salad?
- 5) Who was Scarface?
- 6) Where was the first atomic bomb dropped?
- 7) Where was the second atomic bomb dropped?
- 8) What religion is most prominent in Italy?
- 9) How many voyages did Pinbad the sailor make?
- 10) What female country singer died in a plane crash at the peak of her career?

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The Holiday Open House Benefit and Holiday Boutique held on December eleventh at the Intrepretive Center was successful. Thanks to all who helped, volunteered, worked, participated and came.

Winter Rules

The Public Works Director requested reminder that the following be printed:

Parking is prohibited of any vehicle on any streets or alleys at anytime that two inches or more of snow has accumulated. Snow and ice on public sidewalks must be removed within twelve hours after snowfall. Fines are enforced by the Carver County Sheriff's Department.

Be thoughtful and courteous of the individual who has to remove this white blanket.

Disclaimer

The preliminary unapproved minutes from the City of Carver's council meetings were referenced to compose the Villager Tower.



Tentative Agenda

Submitted by the City of Carver

January 3, 1989 Tuesday

Council Meeting - 6:30 PM

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Organization of Council
- 3) Approve Minutes
- 4) List of Claims
- 5) Petitions from Residents
- 6) Citizen Advisory Committee
- 7) City Attorney Agreement
- 8) Sewer and Water Operator Agreement
- 9) Sewer and Water Project Public Hearing
- 10) Park's Situation and
- 11) Public Works Report
- 12) City Administrator Report
- 13) Communications
- 14) Approval of 1988 Payment Requests
- 15) Other Business
- 16) Adjourn

Trivia Answers



1 Trichinosis
2 North Atlantic
3 1863
4 Romeine
5 Al Capone
6 Hiroshima
7 Nagasaki
8 Catholic
9 Seven
10 Patsy Cline

Miscellaneous



On November 28th, the mayor suggested that all councilmembers attend the League of Minnesota Cities meeting usually held in January.

Parking for Hidden Valley Ceramics' business was discussed on December 15th. Restrictions apply on Iowa Street for access north and south on the street.

Mayor Meyers presented an award to Councilman Wendland for his services rendered on the council, Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Board and the Highway # 212 Committee. Ex-councilman Briggs was not present to receive his award.

Lenzen informed the council that a covenant on his deed for construction and maintenance of a driveway on a public street could not be done. City Administrator was to research the issue.

Representative from United Cable was not able to attend the December meeting. The city had been informed that the promotional meeting had gone well.

Motions were made and carried with all ayes approving sanitation and cigarette licenses.

The Gary Lundeen Company submitted a quote for doing the 1988 audit. Motion was made and carried approving this company auditing the city books.

Frey reported that all designated signs had been put into place. Work on County Road # 40 curve was completed. The project had been completed for \$ 1,110 less than authorized amount.

Motion was made and carried changing January's meeting date to Tuesday, January 3rd, 1989.

Councilman Wendland attended a meeting regarding proposed reconstruction of Highway # 212 in the Carver area and reported to the council.

Letter received regarding endorsement for Gloria M. Vierling for appointment to the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission was discussed on December 19th.

