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City Council News:



Seventh Street

Two citizens spoke with the council on May first regarding water run-off problem on Seventh Street. It was their conclusions that this problem resulted from the utilities projects. City Engineer Bullert and Frey have checked into the situation. It was their conclusion that the street was fairly flat and not crowned. City Administrator relayed that work had been done by the city on drainage problems at the corner of Seventh and Lime Streets. Frey suggested that rock and culvert be put in that area; however it would be costly. Mayor Meyers suggested that it be learned who was responsible. Citizens further asked about necessary fill. Since it is private property, the city will not put fill in. The city will contact Hydro Engineering regarding completion of restoration in that area. Meanwhile Frey is to check on the flow of water down Lime Street by storm drains.

Park Complex

Carver Black Sox Baseball team requested 3.2 licenses for their six home games at the May 1st meeting. Motion was made and carried with all ayes granting Non-Intoxicating Malt Liquor Licenses.

Progress on the new sports complex was asked about. Administrator reported that seeding should be done shortly. Applications for new grant cycle for parks are not available yet, but the Park and Recreation Board will be considering making application for grant.

Bridge Report

The council was told on May 1st that Carver County has issued their annual bridge report. Several bridges in Carver are in bad condition. It was suggested that the Watershed Districts' recommendations be sought.

Tax Increment Funds



On May 1st, the council considered using Tax Increment Funds for putting ditches along Mt Hope Road by Meadow Bluff Addition and Mt Hope Cemetery. Council was informed by the mayor that if these funds are not used, the county can require that this money be returned.

Public Works Director Frey received a quote for work on these roads. City Engineer also informed the council that Mt Hope Road is not centered on the right-of-way and the road may have to be shifted. Also, a ditch may increase water flow through the cemetery. It was recommended that a ditch be put along the driveway to the water tower with a holding pond.

Motion was made and carried approving use of Tax Increment funds for road improvements on Mt Hope Road.

Staff was directed to notify Meadow Bluff property owners of the work and notify them that they will have to supply their own culverts for their driveways.

Office Remodeling

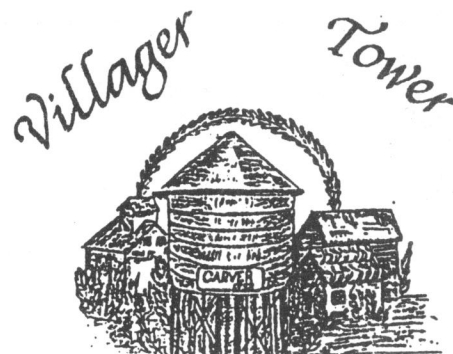
Recent plans for the Village Hall remodeling project were reviewed at the May 1st meeting. City Engineer said that plans have incorporated changes requested by the city and the Lions. Specifications should be complete by the end of the first week in May.

Administrator and City Engineer recommended that advertisements for bids be put in the paper and to be received by June 2nd, 1989.

Building Permit



On May 1st, request was made to construct addition to an existing garage. Plans were reviewed. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the building permit.



Fourth Street



Improvements

Fourth Street Improvements at the spot where drainage is poor was discussed. The right-of-way on that stretch of road is only thirty-three feet and the only solution, without an easement, is to curve the road into the new park area. Since the adjacent property is in an Agricultural Reserve, it was thought that an easement could be granted.

Concern was expressed about upgrading the road. The road serves only one household which is not in city limits. However, the old Catholic Cemetery is also served by that road. Frey stated that he could get fill for low spots, however, there would not be enough room for ditches for drainage.

Potholes in Fourth Street were discussed. One councilman stated that the road was in terrible condition and something needed to be done.

Motion was made and carried directing Frey to get a bid on the cost of paving the section of street currently gravel. Drainage on Fourth Street was discussed. A culvert placed under the road would drain the water and dry out the area. Cost of a culvert was discussed. The staff was directed to get quotes on costs of this type of project.

Park and Recreation Board

The Parks and Recreation Board has established a \$ 100 ballfield user fee for the Men's Softball League. Youth use of the Lion's Park was discussed. In the past, youth teams have not been allowed use of this field due to an adult team using it for unauthorized practice. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to inform Managers of Baseball and Softball Clubs that youth teams have priority at the Lion's Park.



Water and Sewer Improvements



City Administrator reported on May 1st explaining the tabling of the re-aligner for Hydro Engineering which dealt with sidewalk replacement and tree planting at the pond site. Motion was made and carried with all ayes directing the staff to contact Hydro Engineering informing them that payment will not be received until work is complete.

The Corps of Engineers representative will be coming to locate copies of information necessary to complete their project.

Administrator reported that she was not able to contact Stewart of Maier Stewart but has spoken with another individual. She requested borrowing As-Builts to complete information necessary. Maier Stewart would provide Mylar Cepias for the city.

City has now been informed of an outstanding bill with Maier Stewart and this firm is suspending all services. The mayor disagreed since Stewart told the council that if the amendment of Step II were approved, there would not be any additional costs and they would complete the project. The mayor was directed to contact Stewart for Discussion on this issue.

Letter has been forwarded to Dahlgren Township regarding land that the city should annex as a contiguous piece of land between the pond site and city limits.

Samples were reviewed from the ponds. These samples show that the sand filters are functioning.

NSP (Northern States Power Company) has agreed to allow the city a price break at the well house. The tower would be filled at night. In the case of a fire, the system can be bypassed. Bullert, City Engineer suggested a backup switch be installed. Motion was made and carried to proceed with installation of the off peak system.

Dauwalter is also considering asking the Power Commission if two power systems could service the pond site. If allowable, he would ask NSP to install power to the pond site. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing Dauwalter to inquire about dual services at the pond site.

Administrator reviewed with the council a quarterly report on the Sewer Water Operators activities.

A quote has been obtained for a storage room at the pump house. Construction costs would be paid for with the Water Capital Repair Fund. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing construction.

Settlement has been reached in the Kingsberry versus Kelly property dispute of the pond site land. However, the decision could be appealed.

Administrator discussed with the council on May 9th, a letter received from Maier Stewart requesting additional monies. MPCA (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency) has questions regarding this request. Administrator considered these amounts to be included in the last Amendment Agreement. Mayor stated there was a negotiated settlement and Maier Stewart had agreed to complete the project without any additional funds.

Mayor Meyers suggested that an escrow account be established until the matter is settled in court. The mayor said he would like to see Stewart pay for some of the engineering mistakes made on the project, such as street countours and drainage problems which did not exist before the project. The council consensus was to take this issue to the attorney and possibly the State Ethics Board for Engineers. Administrator advised that attorney fees on the matter were building.

Street Vacations

On May 1st, Administrator informed the council that the Planning Commission had held a Public Hearing on Street Vacations and rezoning of the proposed subdivision. Approval of both were recommended.

Motion was made and carried approving vacation of the following streets and an alley in the proposed subdivision:

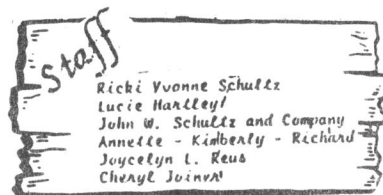
Maple Avenue;
Fullerton Avenue;
Walnut Street;
Broadway;
Eagle Street; and
all of the alley in Block 68.

Council discussed rezoning of the area from Agricultural to Residential-Unsewered Low density. Mayor stated that it would be premature to rezone area until the Comprehensive Plan is amended. Motion was made and carried directing the staff to amend the Comprehensive Plan.

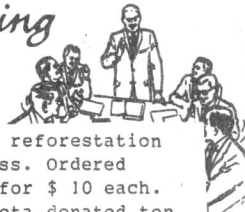
Riverside Park

On May 1st, Frey reported that the well house at Riverside Park is decaying and becoming dangerous. An estimate has been obtained for replacement. Mayor asked if Tax Increment Funds could be used for the construction since the park budget does not have enough available funds. Motion was made and carried to utilize increment funds for construction of the well house in park.

On May 9th, Frey expressed that he was willing to construct new well house, but questioned demolition of existing building. Motion was made and carried to request Fire Department's help.



Town Meeting



Parks and Recreation reforestation program is in progress. Ordered trees are available for \$ 10 each. Carver-On-The-Minnesota donated ten trees for the downtown area.

The Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Board are scheduled to give presentations at the Town Meeting. Carver County Commissioner Tracy Swanson will moderate the meeting. Administrator presented a proposed agenda, suggesting an annual citizen's award be presented annually. An activity report on goals from the previous year and goals established were suggested to be given.

Tracy Swanson spoke to the council on May 9th regarding her roll as Moderator.

Carver Lioness



Officers were re-elected in the Lioness organization.

The Lioness' will also be hosting two foreign exchange students for six weeks. These two young men are from Sweden and Norway.

Tentative Agenda

Submitted by the City of Carver

June 5, 1989

Monday Evening



- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approve Agenda
- 3) Petitions from Residents
- 4) Approve Consent Agenda
- 5) Street Vacation Resolution
- 6) Public Works Report
- 7) City Administrator Report
- 8) Liquor Licenses Applications
- 9) Planning Commission Report
- 10) Sewer and Water Report
- 11) Other Business
- 12) Adjourn

Disclaimer

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

Carver-on-the-Minnesota



Dues were discussed at the last meeting for Carver-On-The-Minnesota memberships. Decision was made to have the treasurer review memberships and bill accordingly.

Purchasing of trees was discussed. Members may buy or donate trees for the reforestation project.

Victorian Garden Party at the Carver House Antiques establishment scheduled for June 11th was discussed. The event is scheduled for five o'clock in the afternoon until eight in the evening. Refreshments and food were talked about. Flyers are to be printed and distributed. Donations were offered by members.

Carver-On-The-Minnesota will hold a special meeting on June first for finalization of plans for Victorian Party. Next regular meeting is June fifteenth.



Board of Review

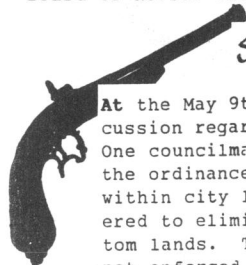
Citizen requested that valuation be reduced on property. Mayor asked if sale of a home for less than estimated value would decrease that value. Response was that value is not changed just by the sale, an average of comparable homes sold is used to reach an estimated market value. Motion was made and carried to lower the estimated value.

Another citizen requested that value be reduced since neighboring properties were lower. The issue had been reviewed. Purchase price was higher than valuation. Mayor called for a motion, but none was received.

Another citizen asked about value since he was under the impression that he was paying on a building that no longer existed. Other buildings on the property equalled estimated market value.

Board of Review was closed by motion.

Shooting Permits



At the May 9th meeting there was discussion regarding shooting permits. One councilman made a motion to change the ordinance for issuance of permits within city limits. It was not considered to eliminate shooting in the bottom lands. The current ordinance is not enforced by the Sheriff's Department. Motion was withdrawn and a new motion called directing the staff to review the ordinance.

Carver



Fire Department Highlights June

Submitted by the Carver Fire Department

June 1st	Drill Night - 6:30 PM
June 14th	Flag Day
June 18th	Father's Day
June 19th	Drill Night - 6:30 PM
June 21st	First Day of Summer
June 29th	Meeting Night - 8:00 PM

Miscellaneous



Stolen updated the council on May 1st regarding Cable TV restoration progress. As-builts for the system should be received in a couple of weeks.

Administrator reported that the Heritage Preservation Commission positions have been advertised and one application has been received.

Temporary clerk position has been inquired about, but there haven't been any applications received.

Quarterly reports for City Attorney, City Engineer and City Administrator will be presented at the next meeting.

The 509 Watershed Plans have been received.

Request was made to place some type of warning sign by the dip on Sixth Street.

Council was told that the Fire Department is preparing to start the process for the purchase of a new truck.

On May 9th, councilman asked about members getting a small city map for quick reference when reviewing city issues. Administrator reported that maps were ordered.

Thank you

A special thanks to Robyn for her time effort and materials last month in helping to get the "Villager Tower" printed last month. She did the typing and correcting. We would not have had a paper last month if it had not been for your generosity! Again, THANKS!

For Sale

Smith-Corona manual typewriter in good condition. Interested call 448-5126.

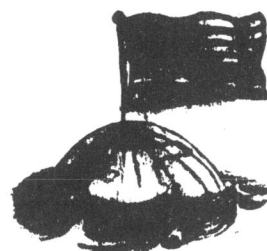
Electric typewriter for sale. Also in good condition. Call 448-5126.

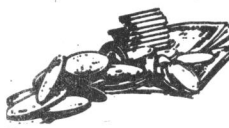
Portable universal sewing machine for sale. Needs some repairs, but in good shape. Call 448-5126.

Trivia Questions



- 1) What Clint Eastwood movie gave the world the line: "Make my Day"?
- 2) What famed motto did the Communist Labor Party of America originate?
- 3) What day of the week did Ernest Hemingway never travel?
- 4) What was Mary Queen of Scots, the first to employ on a golf course?
- 5) What body of water laps at the French port of Brest?
- 6) Whose third Queen was Jane Seymour?
- 7) What was Barabas up for?
- 8) How many of every five things you worry about will never happen?
- 9) What claims to be "the world's finest coffee liqueur"?
- 10) What southwestern state's flag features an Indian Sun symbol?





Tax Increment District

On May 1st, the council considered putting several areas into tax increment financing districts. Current Legislation may stop the city from creating such districts in the future. The areas being considered are a 110 acre proposed subdivision, Out-lot A and property zoned commercial/industrial by Highway # 212. Several uses for Tax Increment District funds were discussed. Motion was made and carried with all ayes forming new Tax Increment Districts.

Administrator told the council on May 9th that she'd spoken with Drude (Ehlers and Associates) about tax increment financing. Four districts are being considered. Drude will draw up a draft plan and present it to the city. A special meeting would have to be called. A special meeting was called for before the Town Meeting to review this plan. A Public Hearing would also have to be scheduled.

Board of Review (calig/have/people)

On May 9th, the council acted as the Board of Review. Carver County Assessor's Orlin Schafer and Mark Hoppe were also present to answer questions.

Assessor Schafer explained that it is to the property owners benefit to be as close as possible to true value of the property. If too many homes sell for more than their estimated value, the state will intercede and put an across the board increase on all homes. The mayor pointed out that this occurred twice in the past five years in Carver.

Announcement



Carver Bait and Convenience Store is our newest business in the Town of Carver! They have bait, tackle, groceries and coffee! Stop in and say HI!

Carver Bait and Convenience Store is located in the "Old Post Office", next to Monique's Boutique.

Their hours are:

Monday thru Friday
6:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Saturday
6:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday
7:00 AM - 2:00 PM

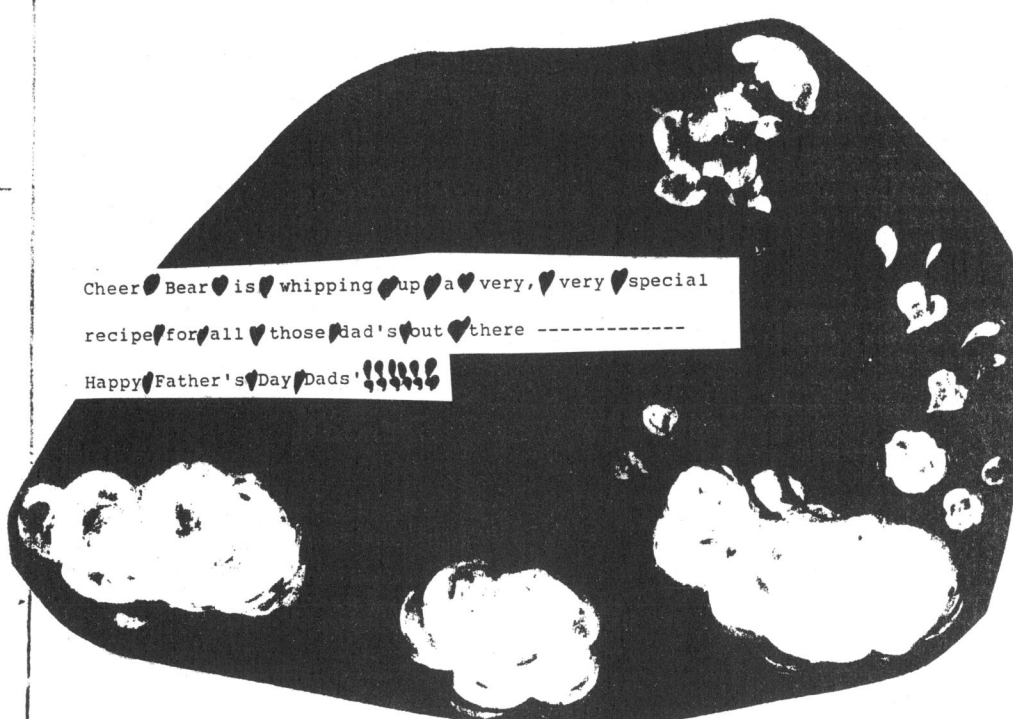
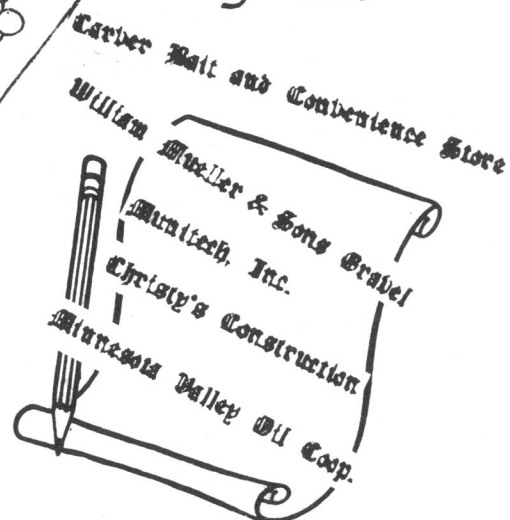
Good Luck!

Trivia Answers



- (1) Sudden Impact
- (2) Workers of the world, unite
- (3) Friday
- (4) A caddie
- (5) The Atlantic Ocean
- (6) King Henry VIII's
- (7) Murder
- (8) Two
- (9) Tia Maria
- (10) New Mexico's

Sponsors



Cheer Bear is whipping up a very, very special
recipe for all those Dad's out there -----
Happy Father's Day Dads' !!!!!