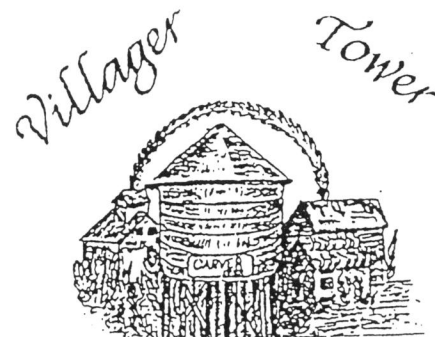


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Bloodmobile



LaVonne Larson, Chairperson of the Area Red Cross Bloodmobile extends their sincere thanks to all those who helped reach the June 11th goal for drawing blood. There were four pints over the goal. However, this not mean that more blood is not needed. There is never enough. Some appointments were not kept, but there were thirty people who walked in and filled the quota. Thank you to all who took the time to donate blood. Also, thank you to the Villager Tower for the space for the announcement. And thank you to the City of Carver for the space at the Village Hall for the Bloodmobile sign. These efforts are all appreciated and the Red Cross extends their gratitude.

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile

Fourth Street



Councilman inquired about monies in Tax Increment Financing Fund and what was happening with Fourth Street. If work is to be done, will Tax Increment Financing or assessments be the means of financing. Answers were not given at the July second meeting. Fourth Street had been built up last year with the intention to pave it in 1990, was the recollection of one councilman.

Hold Harmless Agreement

Citizen was present at the meeting to request the council's permission to leave a pole barn on his lot in Meadow Bluff Addition. At construction, it had been agreed to remove the building upon completion of construction of homes. Concern was expressed regarding someone attempting to convert barn into residence. Barn would not meet housing codes. Motion was made and carried releasing owner from hold harmless agreement. The contract for variance is complete.

Public Works Report

Frey informed the council on July 2nd that a lawn mower and trailer were purchased.

Two youths are working with Frey throughout the summer.

The Seventh Street swale is almost completed. However, it needs to be seeded and straw laid down.

Frey requested permission to pave the alley in the block between Third and Fourth Streets and between Jorgenson and Ash due to washing out. Councilman questioned if the cost could be assessed to property owners. Comment was made that cost could be taken from major streets budget. An appraisal would be necessary before it could be assessed.

Alleys are not generally blacktopped, however, other alleys throughout the city are generally flat. Statement was made that if the residents want alley improvements, then willingness to pay should be also evident. There are approximately ten residents along alleys.

City attorney stated that a citizen petition should be submitted, then a feasibility study conducted and there would be legal fees associated with the issue. If the petition included 100 % of names of benefitted property, then the residents would be assessed and the project begun. It was doubted that there would be 100 % agreement. If petitions were not received then council approval of assessments would need a four/fifths vote. Motion was made and carried to approach residents for opinions.

Additional red rock is planned for Mt Hope Road.

Building Permit



Citizen presented plans for garage replacement. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Motion was made and carried approving building permit request.

Streets/Alley Vacations

Public Hearing regarding streets and alleys vacations was opened up. There were not any comments from citizens at the meeting. There had not been any objections at the Planning Commission public hearing. Question was posed regarding retainage of easements. Attorney stated that street easements do not specifically designate where easement is.

Motion was made and carried by roll call vote to adopt Resolution vacating certain streets and alleys within the City of Carver.



Municipal Utilities

Municipal Utilities Operator informed the council that the water filtration plant from Chaska is still feasible. A sludge site has not been found. Operator also requested permission to take over maintenance at the pond site. Council commented that once a schedule was designated, Frey should be able to complete the work of maintenance. Due to equipment failure, Frey was unable to maintain the site. Operator requested assurance that work would be completed. The mayor asked for an hourly rate and if the work is not completed by Friday, the operator is to do the work on Saturday. Motion was made and carried to have Utilities Operator complete mowing if not done by the city on Friday.

Creamery Site

Motion was made and carried granting the Robbs permission to demolish the creamery. The Heritage Preservation Commission had been shown facades for replacement building to be erected on the site. Motion was made and carried approving building permit.

Sixth Street

Improvements



City Engineer informed the council that twenty-five sets of plans and specifications have been distributed to potential bidders. Discussion was held on these plans and specifications involving sections awards and priorities. Bid opening was scheduled for July 10th. The estimated total project cost is \$ 879,960.

City Attorney distributed a handout to review regarding storm sewer drainage and how to tax property owners for the Sixth Street improvements. Ms Drude (Ehlers and Associates) commented that since everyone within the city would most likely benefit from the drainage project that there were several ways in which financing could be accomplished. Question was asked if there were any grants available. Administrator mentioned the Community Development Grant, but Drude responded that drainage and street grants are not usually funded unless they are a health and safety issues.

Motion was made and carried to draft an ordinance establishing a storm sewer improvement district, as well as hold a public hearing.

Engineer Eberhard and Drude would like to meet prior to the Public Hearing to discuss this issue. Discussion was held on tentative meeting time. Date was not finalized. Suggestion was made to meet with staff who would put the information together and mail it to the council prior to meeting.

Engineer warned that in the future they must be careful that ponding areas in the city be maintained and stay where they are. Council needs to approve the plans and specifications. Since review of these was not completed, approval would be done at a later time.

Attention!

Note!!!

Here ye - Here ye!!!!

Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Carver will be holding a Public Hearing on August 6th at 7:00 PM to consider an Ordinance Establishing a Storm Sewer Improvement Tax District.

Interested individuals are invited to attend and be heard. If you prefer, written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 316 Broadway, PO Box # 147, Carver, MN 55315.

Make note on your calendars! "Speak now or forever hold your peace" is the cliché. Meeting night, August 6th at 7:00 PM.

Miscellaneous



Carver Firemen requested a license for the annual Softball Tournament. Motion was made and carried approving issuance of temporary license.

Administrator reviewed insurance quotes. Attorney explained excess liability which is coverage for council members above statutory limitations. Motion was made and carried tabling excess liability insurance coverage.

Motion was made and carried tabling Rehabilitation Loan guidelines.

The new Fire Truck is scheduled to be delivered on August 20th. Motion was made and carried tabling fire truck financing issue.

Building permit request was tabled.

Council discussed the drafted letter to property owner regarding clean-up of his yard. Motion was made and carried to forward letter. Councilmen commented that other letters should be forwarded to everyone who does not meet ordinance guidelines.

Administrator attended the League of Minnesota Cities Conference in Duluth. The July County Administrators and Clerks monthly meeting was held at the Village Hall in June.

On July 17th, Administrator will be meeting with Mr Lundeen regarding the audit.

Administrator informed the council that budget time is upcoming and needs to be dealt with. The next set of ordinances are due from the League on July 13th. A budget meeting and recodification meeting should be held in August.

Tree and brush jam by the railroad trestle was asked about. The council was told that the Railroad is responsible for removal of the jam.

Councilman requested that the staff be given authorization to proceed with clean up of property on Fourth Street when attorney obtains signed court order.

Three Wheelers appear to still be a problem. Staff was directed to contact the Sheriff's Department.

Frey reported that deer have eaten off the evergreen trees at the pond site. Suggestion was made to plant Ash trees instead.

Frey suggested that when a new exit for the Village Hall is constructed that a second floor be added for storage of tables and chairs.



Carver-on-the-Minnesota

The Carver-On-The-Minnesota is busy working out final details for their "Historical Walking Tour" which includes businesses, the Interpretive Center and private homes during the annual SteamBoat Days.

The group participated in Clean-Up day on June ninth.

The Victorian Garden Party was a success. Everyone had a good time, beautiful cooperative weather and costumed guests.

The organization is attempting to get a grant for monies for repairs desperately needed for the Interpretive Center (old Presbyterian Church).

Members are still welcome, or just come and visit and see what the group is all about. Please come and see what you may be missing.

Riverside Park

The Park and Recreation Board requested council approval of installation of primitive campsites at Riverside Park. Question was asked whether or not the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) needed to approve the campsites. The council needs more answers before they will approve the project. Motion was made and carried to refer this issue back to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Property owner contacted Frey concerning an offer to purchase property in floodway by Riverside Park area. Suggestion was made to donate the land to the city. Motion was made and carried to forward letters to property owners in the floodway area of Riverside Park to donate properties to the city.

Carver Fire Department Highlights



Birthstone: Sardonyx
Flower : Gladiolus

- August 1st - Lion's Meeting
- August 2nd - Drill Night - 6:30 PM
- August 6th - Council Meeting
- August 8th through 12th - Carver County Fair
- August 9th - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
- August 10th through 12th - Scott-Carver Threshers Show - Jordan, MN
- August 13th - Lioness Meeting
- August 15th - Lions Meeting
- August 16th - Carver-On-The-Minnesota Meeting
- August 18th - Renaissance Festival Opens
- August 20th - Drill Night - 6:30 PM
- August 26th - Woman Suffrage, 1920
- August 29th - Planning Commission Meeting
- August 30th - Fire Department Meeting Night - 8:00 PM
- August through September - Labor Day - September 3rd - Minnesota State Fair



Carver County Fair is from Wednesday, August 8th through Sunday, August 12th.

Thursday - August 9th is Senior Citizens Day; Saturday - August 11th is Kid's Day; and Sunday - August 12th at 1:00 PM is the parade. The parade route is from the park to Cherry Street to the fairgrounds.

THANKS Lucie!!!!!!

Tentative Agenda

Monday Evening
August 6, 1990 - 6:30 PM

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approve Agenda
- 3) Petitions from Residents
- 4) Consent Agenda
- 5) Public Hearing - Ordinance Establishing Storm Sewer Improvement Tax District
- 6) Review City Insurance
- 7) Fire Truck Financing
- 8) Public Works Report
- 9) Municipal Utilities Report
- 10) Heritage Preservation and Planning Commission Referrals
- 11) Park and Recreation Board Referrals
- 12) City Administrator Report
- 13) Other Business
- 14) Adjourn



Scott-Carver Threshers



Old-fashioned country fun for the entire family happens Friday, Saturday and Sunday (August 10, 11, 12) when the Scott-Carver Threshers steam, chug and whistle through their 27th Steam and Gas Engine Festival near Jordan. Gates open daily at 7:00 AM and close at sundown.

Children will see the "good old days" in action, and grandparents will relive many of the activities from their own childhoods on the farm or in the industrial world. Highlighting each day's events is the one o'clock parade of gigantic steam engines, antique cars, trucks and tractors and antique farm equipment and construction equipment. A new attraction this year is a stationary steam engine with an 18-foot flywheel from the now-demolished Armour meatpacking plant in South St Paul.

Saturday evening concludes with a pig roast at 6:00 PM and a dance with Sammy's Concertina Band. Sunday afternoon Danny Robinson's "Thunder Road Band" entertains. At 4:00 PM Sunday is the drawing for the 1941 WC Allis tractor.

Admission is the purchase of a souvenir button for \$ 4; children under 12 are free. The button entitles one to free admission all three days. Signs posted for directions. Anyone exhibiting receives free admission. Parking is free.

Disclaimer

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



Lions

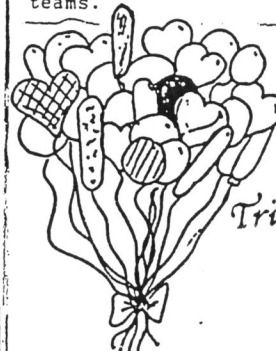
Lioness



The Carver Lions will have installation of officers on July 18th at their monthly meeting.

Both organizations are working hard on SteamBoat Days.

The Lions are also involved in the aiding of the Little Leagues and softball teams.



Trivia Questions

- 1) What was the most-spoken language in Haiti?
- 2) What feathered cartoon characters do Yugoslavians know as Vlaja, Gaja and Raja?
- 3) How tall does a basketball player have to be to qualify as a septipedian?
- 4) What's a "canonized" person?
- 5) What's 2 cubed divided by 2 squared?
- 6) What TV character's favorite song is Babalu?
- 7) Who is Nokomis's famed son?
- 8) What flogger of shoes has a dog named Tige?
- 9) What does an shen-faced eidologist search out the existence of?
- 10) What do the water-loving competitors in Australia's Moomba Masters sport on their feet?



Letter to the Editor

Editor's Comments

July 2, 1990

To the Editor:

Recently a group of my neighbors and I sat down to plan a "neighborhood block party" for the 33 homes in our neighborhood. We carefully planned and thought through to the littlest of details. As with most neighborhood block parties we would begin the party in the afternoon with children games, volleyball and outdoor games for the adults, potluck dinner around 5-6 p.m. and lots of just good conversation. We set our date for Saturday, June 30 and decided since this was of course our first block party for our neighborhood some things should be brought by all so that one person would not be left with a negative cash flow, this included beverages for each family. Since we knew several of us would like to drink beer socially, we decided with the exception of this, we would state this on the invitation so that others could also share this beverage if they liked. It was thought that the street of "Kirche Hill Drive" would provide the best location since it was not a through street, very minimal traffic to the 8 homes that lived on this street, it would provide a medium for all of our neighborhood to gather and safety for any of our children who may ride bicycles etc. in the street.

Our first step before moving ahead was that we should contact our city administration office to be sure we made all the correct leaps and bounds in planning. To my amaze, this was the first time this office had been ever addressed with this issue. A city clerk suggested I speak with councilmember, Bob Hunter, who also lived in my neighborhood to see what steps, if any, needed to be taken. A couple of days later, I presented my idea to Mr. Hunter. By this time, I had presented my idea to several neighbors and had obtained the 100% approval from the 8 homes on my street for the party and blockage of our street. I was surprised by councilmember Bob Hunter's attitude. He did not seem to be caught up in the delight of neighborhood fun that the other neighbors had shown when I told them of the event. He was very adamant that the street would not be closed and did not need to be. I explained my thoughts and reasons why we would like it blocked and asked for his support and approval. He advised me the council would need to hear this matter. I asked for his support at this meeting. He was cold and stated this matter would have to be brought before the council.

I was discouraged after this confrontation that a neighbor was not excited to get together with his fellow neighbors in order to get to know each other better. I was also discouraged that a councilmember would not feel the good this sort of neighborhood function could create.

Not to let this halt our plans, we set out to be best prepared when presenting our plan to the council. We talked to with almost all my neighbors and obtained the written support for the party and blockage of the street from 28 of the 33 residential homes invited (two residents were not home, two were councilmembers and one person did not approve of the party plans).. I spoke with my surrounding communities, Chaska, Shakopee, Chanhassen, and Eden Prairie as to find out what steps they required of their residents when planning "neighborhood block parties". There were guidelines with most, of course, and some were stricter than others. However I knew we had addressed even the strictest guidelines in setting forth our plans and others that were not even needed. I clearly explained to each city representative the type of party we were planning to have and the location for it. All stated that they would not see a problem with obtaining blockage of the street for this party, if it was in their city.

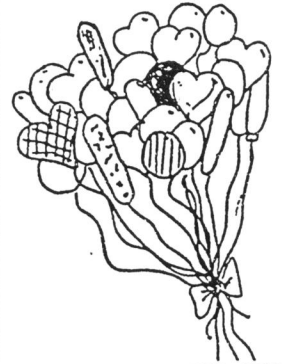
After all I had learned and obtaining the majority approval (85%) of my neighborhood I felt very confident that my city council would not have a problem with allowing the blockage of my street for the party. I knew we had addressed even the strictest of the surrounding city guidelines in setting forth our plans and even others that were not being addressed. I also felt we had taken additional steps ensure the passing of this request, such as submitting a signed Petition from the majority of the residents. This is not required by any of our surrounding larger cities.

I nervously presented my idea to the council and awaited their response. I was discouraged to find that the two councilmembers who lived in my neighborhood, Bob Hunter and Mike Thuening, were the most adamant and hostile toward the planning of this event. They could not see through the need for the blockage of the street and the safety of children and adults involved. They wanted us to have the event at the "Riverside Park". I felt this would be foolish, afterall weren't block parties to be held in the neighborhood? Also did they really feel that being next to the Minnesota River would provide a safer environment for all the children involved? Councilmember Craig Hanson suggested it would be necessary to require a licensed security person on guard. This seemed to be so outrageous and ludicrous, this was afterall a simple fun family get together and all of a sudden it was being made to sound ugly and one of a crazy hellness.

OVER

I have been asked to publish the following letter from a citizen. This letter to the Editor does not reflect the Editor's personal opinion since I only print the news and events of the City of Carver. The cost of printing this letter has not been paid for by anyone sponsoring this paper. The cost for publication has been paid for individually,

Trivia Answers



- 1) French
- 2) Huey, Dewey and Louie
- 3) Seven Feet
- 4) A Saint
- 5) Two
- 6) Ricky Ricardo's
- 7) Hiawatha
- 8) Buster Brown
- 9) Ghost
- 10) Water Skis



Women
Business
Owners
Organization

There is a new women's networking group up and running in the Chaska/Carver area. It is an informal organization of independent women business owners, professional women, women who are partners in a business, and women in family business. Functions such as co-op advertising, bartending, and sharing of general information of special interest to the group are in the

The mayor addressed the concern of city liability with alcoholic beverages and blockage of a street. "What if someone was hurt, was the city liable?" Good question, we looked to the city's insurance agent and attorney who were on hand for advice, to no avail could they give a clear answer tonight. They asked to look into this matter further and respond at the next meeting. I explained our party was scheduled a few days before then and weren't their alternatives. The mayor asked if they could look into the matter and respond a couple weeks later by letter. I agreed this would be fine, if need be. I expressed my concern that couldn't a city still be held responsible if someone was hurt (i.e. a small child was ran over) on Kirche Hill Drive especially after our receiving so much neighborhood support for blockage of the street. Didn't the city also have a responsibility to provide a safety zone if residents requested it for this type of event? The attorney thought not, however, I still have my doubts.

Messrs. Hunter and Thuening continued to argue the fact of having the party and several other non-irrelevant factors for the city council to be concerned with, including the invitee list, i.e. "why was the line drawn here and not there". The mayor stated several times to his council that this was not their concern - he stated we could invite Gorbachev if we wanted and the city could not oppose it. It was quite obvious that at least two of these members did not want this party to take place and were taking whatever means to forsee that it would not happen. By this time I can honestly say I was very discouraged and frustrated with the whole buracratical nonsense. Afterall, if our larger neighboring cities, the same ones who had addressed this problem several times before could see to allow a party of this nature, why then couldn't my much smaller city?

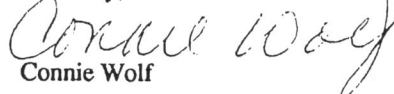
In the end, when the mayor brought this matter for vote, our "neighborhood block party" was left idle on the table. My city councilmembers who I thought supported neighborhood unity and harmony had let me down, they had taken the cowardly way out to address this issue - not to address it at all. They could have voted it down and at least given us a definite "no" instead of leaving the issue in limbo. They could have reviewed the matter further, as no one was clear on city liability issues or the handling of these requests by our surrounding cities, and advised us at a later date. Or, at the very least, I felt they should have voted to implement some rules and guidelines for parties of this kind, so that the next party organizer would not have to be presented with the same frustrations I encountered. Of course, none of these things did happen and they moved on to the next matter.

I feel its really a sad situation when city councilmembers feel this is the appropriate way to handle the requests of its citizens. Shame-Shame.

We went ahead and had our block party without having the street blocked and placed signs up reading "use caution - block party in progress". We were forced to keep most events on resident's yards and off the street for the safety of all. Overall our party was a huge success and everyone had lots of fun, and fortunately, we did not have anyone get hurt while playing in or near the street. That doesn't mean the actions of our city council was acceptable. It means that we were lucky enough that no one got hurt and everyone made it home safely. The fact that our city officials chose to not address this issue is wrong and I believe it is our responsibility as citizens to tell them so. So join me in addressing our city councilmembers in disapproval of how this matter was handled and urge them to handle requests appropriately as they are presented to them and to not "look the other way" and hope the issue goes away. This is one that will not, so lets ask that they at least establish some sort of plan NOW for this type of neighborhood event so I, or the next party organizer, will not encounter the same frustrations next year!

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Connie Wolf

p.s. It's interesting to note that my two neighbors who are on the council that were invited did not come. I was kind enough to invite them after all the rudeness and hostility they put forth toward me, don't you think proper manners for them would have been to at least R.S.V.P.? Perhaps, their conscious was too guilty for trying to a put a damper on such a positive fun neighborhood event.