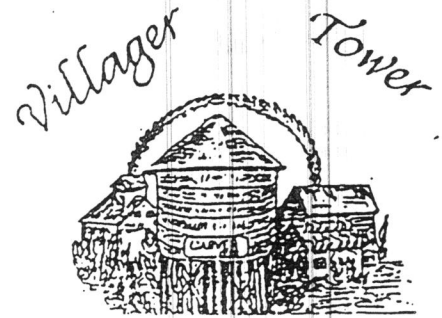


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New Employee Issue

Administrator reported on November 30th that he'd received quotes for grass mowing and snow plowing at the Community Park. These quotes ranged from approximately \$ 200 to \$ 500 per cutting. The mayor commented that this contracted work required drafted specifications. Public Works Director stated that a retired individual would possibly be interested in doing work for approximately \$ 8 per hour with city equipment. Council consensus was to pursue utilizing local people as independent contractors. Administrator was directed to contact city attorney to draft contract.

Municipal Utilities

On November 30th the Municipal Utilities Operator told the council that there will not be an increase on the contract rate for sewer and water operations. However, concern was expressed regarding the number of locations required. If the number of locations increase substantially in the future then the operator may possibly have to charge the city hourly to service. This issue will be negotiated in the future.

At the December 6th meeting the Municipal Utilities Operator informed the council that the pump at the city's well had to be changed or water service to the city would have been threatened. At the same time, several pipes were also changed. Council member asked about cost to rebuild old pump, in order to use it as a spare. Since it is submersible, cost would be as much as a new pump because it's a sealed unit.

Operator also told the council that the water tower needs to be cleaned again. Charge to clean was thought to be approximately \$ 400 for the service last time.

Liquor Licenses

At the December 6th meeting motion was made and carried by roll call vote to adopt resolution approving reissuance of liquor license to Izzy's on Broadway due to a change in partnership.

Flood Control

At the November 30th meeting, Public Works Director presented the council with proposed horseshoe dike. One side of the dike would be very steep and narrow due to restrictions of property adjacent which was not owned by the city. Property owner had been contacted in order to make wider sides on dike. Owner would sell lot and half. Realtor is to be contacted to get an appraisal of the property. Motion was made and carried to proceed with the purchase of the land at \$ 1,000 or less depending upon appraisal.

Council was also told that the storm drain along Third and Main Streets were scheduled to be installed.

At the December 6th meeting, Public Works Director reported that the piping system and manhole are in for the drainage project from Third Street and Main Street under the rail road trestle.

Council was told at the December 6th meeting that the horseshoe dike has been started and about a third of the final height.

Council was also told that an appraisal has been obtained for property where dike is being constructed. The process to purchase land will be started.

Community Park

At the November 30th meeting, resident inquired about funding for Community Park. The mayor explained that the city budgets for development of the community park, but the Carver Lions have financed a large portion of the materials at the park and also volunteered many hours on the park. It was also pointed out that other residents have donated time and money to the park.

Comprehensive Plan

On December 6th Administrator reported that the planner at McCombs, Frank Roos, who had been working on the city's Comprehensive Plan had resigned and another planner had been assigned to the project. The cost estimate requested is expected to arrive soon.

Sixth Street Improvements

City Engineer told the council on December 6th that he would like to meet with the Sixth Street Task Force to find out exactly what the city wants before he starts to update the Feasibility Report. This project discussion was scheduled for December 13th at six o'clock. Prior to the meeting the engineer is to contact municipal utilities operator for specific information on municipal utilities system.

Public Square

The mayor told the council on December 6th that he was of the opinion that the Public Square lot was a usable site. He further stated that it was possible that Mueller's gravel could fill the ravine that runs in the property. Council discussed possible development or to be used for townhouses. Council consensus was to get an opinion from the attorney general on the Public Square.

Fees Resolution

At the December 6th meeting, the council reviewed the issue of reduction of water and sewer rates. Based on budget projections and current balance information, it was the council consensus to reduce water fees to \$ 2.45 per thousand gallons and sewer fees to \$ 3.20 per thousand gallons based on average water used September through March of each year. The Fees Resolution will be revised for council review at the January meeting.

Employee Review

At the December 6th meeting council was told that Administrator had not done a review of the Public Work Director or City Clerk. However, he did check into pay increase percentages given by the state, county and several cities. Public Works Director stated that the percentage increases quoted were cost of living increases only and did not take into consideration step increases also given by most of the employers. Council directed that the review process be put into place. Administrator is to have an evaluation form for the council at the next meeting.

1994 Budget

The Public Hearing for the 1994 Proposed Budget was held on November 30th.

Emergency Services Rates were discussed. The City of Cologne held a meeting on Emergency Services Contract rates with the townships. It was their opinion that they could not charge the same as the City of Carver for services since their operation and number of units are not the same as Carver's. Motion was made and discussed but did not carry to keep Emergency Services Rates at \$ 71.50 for 1994, 1995 and 1996. One council member stated that Carver should adopt the same rates as Cologne. Council consensus was to discuss this issue at a later date. Township clerk inquired about scheduled discussion time since townships would be setting their 1995 budgets in March of 1994. Emergency Service Rates would be scheduled for discussion at the January 1994 meeting.

The mayor explained the taxing procedure and dealing with the county and school district. Council member pointed out that the amount appearing on the Truth in Taxations Statement is certified to the county in September and is usually set high so that the city can reduce the amount, but can not exceed the amount certified in September. Resident suggested full review before submission so that the percent of increase on Truth in Taxation notices are not so high. The council agreed.

Council requested clerk to include carry over of balance of Fire Department Budget for 1993 be put into Equipment Major Fund and to check General Fund Balance to ensure fund balance is strong enough to utilize to defray part of the levy.

The mayor received the percentage of city's proposed budget representing total compensation cost for employees. The proposed budget is 7.6 % higher than the 1993 budget, revenues have been increased and the proposed levy is slightly decreased from 1993.

After a brief discussion, it was determined that a continuation of the Public Hearing was not necessary. Motion was made and carried to close the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing. The Public Hearing to adopt the 1994 levy would be held at the December meeting.

At the December 6th meeting, council considered options for 1994 levy. Council discussed leaving levy as discussed or apply General Fund Balance to lower levy. Auditor had been contacted and it was his opinion that it would not hurt to use General Funds to lower the levy. Motion was made and carried by roll call vote to adopt resolution setting \$ 148,961 as the 1994 levy. Motion was made and carried by roll call vote adopting resolution approving designating budget funds to capitol funds. Public Hearing was closed by motion.

Sign Change

At the December 6th meeting administrator reported that the sign change at Izzy's had not been an ordinance violation since the frame size has not been altered, only plastic facing had been changed. Council member voiced concern that signs should be more historic. The owners of Izzy's were present and they understood, but it was not presently in their budget.

Miscellaneous

At the December 6th meeting motion was made and carried to appoint Kerry Peterson to the Park and Recreation Board.

Motion was made and carried approving the prosecution agreement with Carver County.

Complaint was received about parking at Carver Heating and Air Conditioning. Residents at the triplex can not park. Administrator was directed to speak to business to see about leaving parking spaces for tenants.

Council member inquired if other members have toured the city to ensure projects are being done, such as the Community Park and RiverSide Park.

Council inquired about fire at a building located on Broadway. Most of the damage occurred to the upper floor and roof. The basement and lower floor sustained some water damage. The mayor stated that repairs will be begun.

Council was informed that pagers purchased for the Fire Department by the Carver Lions have arrived. The Lions replaced approximately a third of the pagers and hope to replace more pagers next year.

Building Inspection Services Contract

At the December 6th meeting the mayor reported that he'd reviewed the two bids received for building inspection services contract. One bid was from George Donally and one from Paul Waldron and Associates. The council reviewed the bids. Administrator was directed to make reference calls on both contractors and request that they attend the January meeting to be interviewed. Council asked the mayor to extend his contract as building inspector with the city until a new building inspector has been hired.

Carver Quarterly

At the December 6th meeting the council reviewed items for the city's quarterly newsletter. Request was made to include article/information regarding the levy.

Request was also made to include an article regarding the children waiting at the Village Hall for the school bus in the morning. Since Fourth and Broadway (County Road # 40) is a busy intersection, the council wondered if children could wait for the school bus at another location. Council member will contact the school regarding the issue.

Water Tower Grant

Council was told on December 6th by the city clerk about grant process for the water tower. Reviewing the grant application requirements, it was discovered that the State Historical Society will not fund a project on land not owned by the applicant. However, upon contacting society, there was a possibility of exception for the water tower. The rail road was also to be contacted again to inquire about purchasing the tower. At this time there is consideration to possibly sell the tower to the city.

The council also discussed the topic of having seen cabooses. It was learned that these were items no longer needed. The council requested contacting the rail road to see about obtaining a caboose for the city.

Lutheran Brotherhood

Council was told on December 6th that a letter had been prepared for review regarding donation from Lutheran Brotherhood to the Community Park. The donation was made for the park because of flooding problems with RiverSide Park.

The Carver Story

The "Carver Story" books have arrived! Copies can be purchased at the Village Hall or from Lucie Hartley. HURRY! They make good Christmas gifts.

Carver Creek Watershed

On December 6th the council discussed the proposed agreement between the Carver County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Carver Creek Watershed organization. Council member requested an overview of past activity with the watershed organization.



Fire Department Highlights and Community Calendar

January 1994

January 1st	-	New Year's Day
January 3rd	-	Happy Birthday Harvey! Happy Birthday Lucie! Council Meeting 6:30 PM
January 5th	-	Lions Meeting
January 6th	-	School Board Meeting Drill Night 6:30 PM
January 7th	-	Happy Birthday Leon
January 8th	-	Happy Birthday Andy
January 10th	-	Park and Recreation Board Meeting
January 13th	-	East Union / PTO
January 14th	-	East Union - Early Release No Afternoon Kindergarten/East Union
January 17th	-	Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday No School Drill Night 6:30 PM
January 18th	-	Yellowstone Raccoons 4-H Meeting
January 19th	-	Lions Meeting
January 20th	-	Heritage Preservation Commission Carver-On-The-Minnesota School Board Meeting
January 22nd	-	Chaska High School/SAT Testing
January 24th	-	No School Workshop
January 25th	-	Planning Commission Meeting
January 27th	-	Happy Birthday Patty! Happy Birthday Paul! Meeting Night 8:00 PM
January 28th	-	Tentative Open Gym
January 29th	-	Happy Birthday Shawn!
January 30th	-	Super Bowl Party
January 31st	-	Chaska High School Registration

Tentative Agenda

Submitted by the City of Carver

January 3rd, 1994
Monday Evening
6:30 PM

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approve Agenda
- 3) Petitions from Residents
- 4) Approve 12/6 Minutes
- 5) Approve List of Claims
- 6) Adopt Organizational Resolution
- 7) Appoint Fire Chief
- 8) Building Inspector Interviews
- 9) Emergency Services Rates
- 10) Adopt Fees Resolution
- 11) Sanitation Licenses
- 12) Cigarette Licenses
- 13) 3.2 License for Fire Department/Lions
- 14) Public Works Report
- 15) Sixth Street Improvements
- 16) Townline Road
- 17) Municipal Utilities Report
- 18) Administrator Report
- 19) Other Business
- 20) Employee Review/Salary Recommendations
- 21) Carver Creek WaterShed
- 22) Adjourn



Yellowstone Raccoons 4-H Club

The Yellowstone Racoons are beginning to work on projects in earnest. They are planning to have their Christmas party on December 21st. And the club is collecting food for the foodshelf. The club had their elections in November. The new officers are:

President -	Gary Lenzen
Vice President -	Jessie Melchior
Secretary -	Jessica White
Treasurer -	Jesse Hunt
Reporter -	Jennifer Melchior

The Yellowstone Racoons 4-H club wishes everyone Happy Holidays!

Carver-on-the-Minnesota

Carver-on-the-Minnesota members wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Carver Lions

Anyone interested in joining you can contact Gratian Welter or Paul Kerber. Everyone is welcomed. You can just come and check it out without joining if you'd prefer and then join at a later date. New members are always needed and wanted.

Carver Lions wish everyone Seasons Greetings!

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

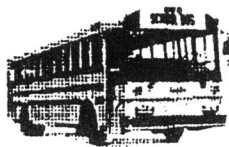
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