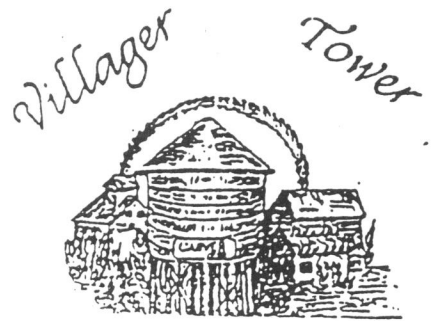


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In Memory of Tish, Valerie and Sharlene ("Charlie")

In Memory of...

In reflection I feel compelled to share these losses with you all. Each one in its own right is its own tragedy, leaving gaping holes in each family's lives. You ask, "So why speak now"? Maturity, realization, knowing each individual and their deaths all in such a short period of time? Or just plain denial of our own mortality? Compulsion? The recesses of the subconscious emerging with urgency and intensity to face reality. Humor me....

Tish in her golden years, robbed of life, a new found love, a little great grandson. Taken away from these people by that awful beast called "cancer". The only good thing that can be said is that this wonderful, compassionate, giving lady no longer has to suffer or even endure the immeasurable depths of pain.

The second, Valerie's life stolen away by a tragic car accident which anyone driving on County Road #40 has a constant daily reminder of the deaths of two young people. Her son now motherless. Valerie and her male companion's youth frozen for eternity. A senseless, unexplainable loss to a greater power.

Sharlene was at what was supposed to be the prime time in her life. Another victim, another statistic on the 'cancer scrolls'. The only relief for grief is the saddened knowledge that Sharlene, too, no longer has to endure the insufferable pain she braved for so long. Having faced one blow one right after another determined to survive. She too, in the end lost the battle against this powerful consuming disease.

This world in which we live, is it mad? "Mad" defined as in insane; or "mad" simply as angry? Or the real of "This is Life". You're born you grow up, you age, you die? Aren't there huge pieces missing? Are we all so busy or too busy running away from death, so we don't have to think about death? This is really what bothers me. The revelation of: do we stop and reflect on what's really happened here? What is happening? At the risk of being redundant to quote the old cliché "Stop and take the time to smell the roses". Take a moment to remember those we love, those who are alive and those who have left us behind. Life is really much shorter than we want to realize or even admit to ourselves.

My heartfelt sympathies to a classmate who lost his mother, my grandson who lost his Great Grandmother; to my friend who lost his sister; and to one of my best friends who has lost her sister.

Editor of the "Villager Tower"

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Water Filtration Plant

Council held an informational work session. Engineer was researching renovation costs for tanks, plus additional equipment and engineering for the water filtration plant. Two estimates were received for \$326,000 and \$347,800 and tanks were estimated to last approximately five to ten years. Installation of new tank would last 20 to 30 years. Estimates were \$374,100 and \$362,600. Pumps are designed to last ten years. Engineer had also checked on pressure system. These estimates were \$374,100 to \$384,600. Engineer stated preference for gravity system rather than pressure system. Engineer reminded that these figures were budget type figures. Systems are designed to handle population of approximately five thousand and designed to reduce iron and manganese in water.

Council member inquired if it would be less expensive to design the system for smaller population. Engineer was not sure of savings with smaller population. He was of the opinion that the existing well could handle the city's growth and did not anticipate the need to dig another well. Mayor inquired about using fiber glass reinforced tanks. This type had not been researched. Council member stated that it would be necessary to know the difference in operational costs between gravity and pressure systems, especially pertaining to water quality.

Administrator reviewed analysis made by financial consultant of water/sewer cash flow for ways to pay for improvements.

City Maps

Engineer informed the council of his cost estimate of \$400 to update city map. However, adding Carver Bluffs meant a map extension of eighteen inches at a cost of about \$1700. Administrator told the council that upgrading map costs could be billed back to the subdivisions. Council was in agreement, instructing engineer to record hours for each subdivision.

Carver Bluffs

Agreement had been approved by the council for Carver Bluffs. However, the letter of credit has not been received, but should arrive soon. Administrator would notify council when it was received.

Municipal Utilities

Municipal Utilities operator's position status was reviewed by the council. No-tation was made that the lift stations are in need of a lot of maintenance. Administrator did not have any recommendations for the council at this time. An ad for a full time employee should be published. Motion was made and carried to advertise for city employee to operate municipal utilities system.

Job description for the new position of municipal utilities operator was reviewed by the council. Council requested to discuss issue at work session scheduled for February 13th.

Engineer discussed with the council the different types of water treatment facilities and gave costs for a 250 gallon tank for a population of up to 1700 people.

Operator informed the council that builders in Carver Bluffs are unaware of need to install septic tanks. Clerk to discuss issue with building inspector and see about attaching note to building permits, as well as septic tank specifications.

Operator would charge \$50 per septic tank to inspect the tank and connection to system, as well as \$ 25 per location. MPCA license covers inspections of septic tanks.

Operator also told the council of equipment that the city may be interested in purchasing from him. List is to be drafted for council to review.

Council was told of railings erected at the water tower. If city were to utilize these railings, request was made for letter, "Hold Harmless Agreement". County will be erecting new railings at which time current railings would no longer be needed. City would need to pay for railings and a letter releasing operator from liability.

Council also discussed some odds and ends of bills which had not been previously submitted by operator. List of claims was requested.

Operator was asked about willingness to consult with the city while training new operator. Operator would get figures for council review for work session meeting.

City Administrator

Three individuals were interviewed for administrator position. After private deliberation, motion was made and carried to hire Glenda Spiotta with salary to be determined at a later date.

Comprehensive Plan

Public Hearing was opened for Comprehensive Plan. Updated Comprehensive Plan was distributed and reviewed. No residents were present to ask questions at the Public Hearing. Therefore, Public Hearing was closed by motion. Motion was made and carried with roll call vote adopting resolution directing submission of Comprehensive Plan to the Metropolitan Council.

Engineer informed the council that the Met Council had reviewed the city's Comprehensive Plan final draft. Statement was made that city maps should be updated and a Capitol Improvement Plan be done. A list of Capital Improvements could be helpful. A resolution is necessary stating items would be completed by determined date to send draft back to the Met Council. Annexation issue needs more research. Motion was made and carried approving funds not to exceed \$1000 to continue Phase III work on Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor asked if current storm drainage system would have to meet certain requirements if plan were adopted. Engineer was of the opinion that current system would be grandfathered in. Change would only be necessary if system could not handle run off.

Water Tower

Receipt of letter from the Railroad confirming purchase of the water tower was discussed. Payment for tower is to be sent.

Antenna

Conditional Use Permit was discussed with Sheriff's Department. Representative from Sheriff's Department updated the council with plans for water tower. Work has been continuing on conditions for antenna placement on the water tower. County and Sheriff's Captain have reviewed conditions of use permit. However, the County Administration is of the opinion that the annual fee was too high. Motion was made and carried with roll call vote adopting resolution setting conditions for Conditional Use Permit.

Tax Increment Finance District

Ehlers and Associates representative was present at meeting to discuss Tax Increment Financing Districts. Suggestion was made to meet at a special meeting. Question was asked of how much Local Government Aid and Homestead Agricultural Credit Aid the city would lose if a new district were formed. Representative would have to research issue. Council was asked to schedule a work session tentatively towards the end of February.

Fire Department

Fire Chief distributed report on '94 fire calls. A portion of hours charged to the city were mutual aid hours. In '93 the department made 74 calls and in '94, 85 calls. A five year capital plan for the department was also handed out.

Fire fighter presented quote for computer. Questions was asked whether or not city needed that big a system. It was consensus that any computer system should be compatible with city hall computer. Further research is to be done. Suggestion was submitted that two printers be purchased.

Fire Chief informed the council that the warranty is off of the Heart Start equipment. The Fire Department is opposed to a service agreement. They are of the opinion that it would be more cost effective to pay maintenance calls as necessary. A monthly check is done on equipment. No action was taken.

Quotes were received for computer printer and software for the Fire Department. Motion was made and carried tabling obtaining computer equipment for city offices. Motion was made and carried allowing the Fire Department to purchase computer equipment.

Fire fighter distributed information on Fire Department policy regarding premises identification.

Town Meeting

No residents were present at the Town Meeting which had been held on January 9th. Council briefly discussed the proposed downtown park and city flag. Topics mentioned were financial aspect of water filtration plant, developing an industrial park, hiring of Administrator, Municipal Utilities Operator, bathrooms at community park and erecting siren. Council discussed ways to improve attendance at Town Meeting. Suggestion was made to gather at RiverSide Park. This idea was to be listed later on agenda for discussion.

Nuisance Complaints

City attorney discussed nuisance complaints and legal action for compliance. It was attorney's opinion that city's nuisance ordinance should be updated to change the process of requiring residents to comply. Proposed ordinance would allow the city to go in and take care of the nuisance and assess the cost back to property owner. The current ordinance threatens owner with a lawsuit if they do not comply. Attorney will draft ordinance for council review so that the League of MN Cities can review.

Public Square

Council was asked if they wanted the Public Square appraised. The cost of the appraisal could probably equal the cost of the property. Value of the property is necessary before condemnation. Leaving property as open space going through condemnation or other uses were discussed. No decision was made.

Miscellaneous

Public Hearing was opened for Flood Plain Ordinance Amendment. No residents were present for Public Hearing. Motion was made and carried adopting resolution for amendments to flood plain ordinance.

Problems with ATV's was discussed in various areas of the city. Sheriff's Department was to be contacted for follow-up.

Administrator reviewed Fees Resolution and made several recommendations for increases in fees. Motion was made and carried by roll call vote adopting resolution setting fees for 1995.

Council discussed Community Hall Lease Agreement. Council was of the opinion that agreement was alright.

Council opposed idea to rent Council Chambers for outside meetings after business hours.

Council was informed that upon receipt of estimated costs for developing downtown park that it is the Lions consensus of inability to afford such a project.



Tentative Agenda

Submitted by the City of Carver

March 6 1995
Monday Evening 6:30 PM

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Approve Agenda
- 3) Petitions From Residents
- 4) Consent Agenda
- 5) City Attorney
- 6) Youth Commission Presentation
- 7) City Flag Graphics
- 8) Municipal Utilities Report
- 9) Wetlands Conservation Act
- 10) Public Works Report
- 11) Computer Equipment
- 12) Administrator Report
- 13) Other Business
- 14) Adjourn

Disclaimer

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

Eagle Ridge Addition and Hilltop Estates Addition

Engineer recommended that the Letter of Credit for Eagle Ridge Addition not be reduced until after the par fee and city invoices are paid. Letter of Credit could then be reduced. Engineer also informed the council that Hilltop Estates Letter of Credit could be reduced because payment has been made for park dedication fees and invoices. He also recommended that the city accept the municipal system in both subdivisions. Mayor stated that he would like to walk through both subdivisions first. However, the remainder of the council were of the opinion that's what the engineer was paid for. Municipal utilities operator commented that some invoices in his possession should be charged back to both subdivisions. Motion was made and carried lowering Hilltop Estates Letter of Credit. Motion was made and carried to lower Eagle Ridge Addition Letter of Credit after receipt of outstanding park funds and invoiced amounts. Motion was made and carried accepting municipal utilities extensions for Hilltop Estates. Engineer will forward Hilltop Estates a letter of council action. Motion was made and carried accepting Eagle Ridge municipal utilities system.

Townline Road

Attorney for Wm Mueller and Sons and representatives were present to discuss growth and Carver Bluff's request for water extension on Mueller's property. The ravine is stabilized by several large trees which would have to be cut down for proposed extension. Mueller's would grant an easement to the city, not the developer since ultimately it would be owned by the city. Mueller requests to review plans before any construction is begun because the ravine is highly erodible. Request has been made for tough Developer's Agreement to protect the hillside. Question was asked if the DNR needed to be contacted. Request had also been made contacting the Soil and Water Conservation Service. Engineer reviewed plans and is of the opinion that erosion control measures be taken. There was discussion of a meeting between interested parties to review plans. Engineer was of the impression that water main was already written into developer's agreement. Administrator was directed to check into issue.

At this time,, there are no plans for constructed of Town Line Road. Muellers would like to move their scale house to an area where Town Line Road would be construction to connect to the city's municipal utilities and also negotiate for a parcel of land in which the city might be interested in locating a future fire station.

Administrator and attorney to discuss legalities of running municipal utilities into Dahlgren Township.

Yellowstone Raccoons 4-H Club

Several club members will be going to the Tri-County Lock-In at the Community Center in Chaska.

At the group's last meeting members discussed fair projects. The 4-H Share in Fun Contest is upcoming in March. Also coming in March is 4-H Communication Contest.



A Leader

A leader must have
Wisdom of an owl
Courage of a Lion
Strength of an ox
Stubbornness of a mule
Cheery industry of an ant, and
Plodding endurance of a camel...

Meanwhile hiding the guile of a fox behind the charm of a kitten. All these, of course, without behaving like a jackass.

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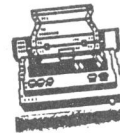
Fire Department

Highlights and Community Calendar

March

- March 1st - Chaska Middle School Conferences
Ash Wednesday
Lions Meeting
- March 2nd - No School at Chaska Middle and High Schools
Happy Birthday Cindy!
Drill Night 6:30 PM
- March 3rd - No School at Chaska Middle and High Schools/
East Union School
- March 6th - Council Meeting (6:30 PM)
Cub Scouts
- March 7th - East Union PTO
- March 9th - School Board Meeting
Carver-On-The-Minnesota
- March 10th - Happy Birthday Sandy!
- March 11th - Chaska High School Band Concert
- March 13th - Happy Birthday Andrea!
Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Cub Scouts
- March 14th - Township Elections
- March 15th - Lions Board Meeting
- March 16th - Heritage Preservation Conservation Meeting
- March 17th - St Patrick's Day
- March 20th - Chaska High School Choir Concert
Drill Night 6:30 PM
- March 21st - Kindergarten Registration
YellowStone Raccoons 4-H Meeting
- March 22nd - Softball/Baseball Youth Association Meeting
- March 23rd - East Union Breakfast Buddies
East Union Grade 1/Music Concert
School Board Meeting
- March 24th - Happy Birthday Keith!
BullHead Feed!
- March 26th - Happy Birthday Beth!
Happy Birthday James!
- March 27th - No School/Mid Winter Break
(3/27 through 3/31)
Cub Scouts
- March 28th - Planning Commission
- March 30th - Happy Birthday Paul!
Meeting Night 8:00 PM

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- Stump Removal
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- Fire Wood
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