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Villager

Tower



Announcement

Larry Wilkinson has invited anyone interested to come and participate in the Bible Study at the Village Hall every Sunday Evening from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. This Bible Study is open to everyone. If you have any questions you can contact Mr Wilkinson at 467-2227 weekdays after 6 PM or weekends.

Townline Road

Citizens inquired about plans for County Road #147. Comment was made about County Road #147 being the only exit from Carver during the '65 flood. Question was asked about why old County Road #147 was not connected to the new County Road #147. Connection had been requested by the city, however, county refused the idea. Present or new County Road is currently closed because of trucks hauling. Citizen remarked that old County Road #147 was the oldest road in the city. Citizens were directed to speak with county personnel about the issue.

Council was informed that Town Line Road would be open to the public on November first.

Public Safety

Deputy reported more petty vandalism occurring. Issue is being followed up. Discussion took place regarding stop sign violation. Officers will be directed to concentrate on the issue.

Since school began, activities occurring regarding vandalism have quieted. Council discussed usage of an unmarked car. Curfew problems have improved also with the start of the school year. Additional patrol should be scheduled to begin soon.

Community Meeting

Residents were present to discuss and listen to problems of vandalism occurring. Administrator updated report regarding damages to city property. Public was addressed to speak out. Several citizens offered observances made. Citizens were encouraged to call the Sheriff's Department when these incidents occur. Resolution towards solving this will be continued to be worked on.

Sheriff's Contract

Administrator stated that it was her opinion that present contract was adequate if targeted patrols were utilized. Motion was made and carried approving the present contract.

Motion was made and carried adopting resolution approving contract with the Carver County Sheriff's Department for 1997.

Mount Hope Cemetery

Public Hearing was held on Cemetery Ordinance. Council did not receive any comments. Public Hearing was closed by motion. Motion was made and carried adopting Cemetery Ordinance.

Discussion of transplanting trees at cemetery indicated that such a project would be expensive and difficult. A better alternative would be trimming trees higher so as not to interfere with snow plowing.

Motion was made and carried approving survey of Forner's Addition portion of the cemetery to locate grave sites.

Public Works Report

Frey reported that a new door has been installed on Community Park Shelter. Door was also replaced at the Village Hall. Fire Station was discussed. Motion was made and carried to temporarily patch the roof. Motion was made and carried to black-top the city's right-of-way and property originally approved.

Necessity of repair of pot holes on Fourth Street was brought to the council's attention.

Eagle Ridge Addition

Request was presented to reduce Letter of Credit which was done by motion and carried.

Food and Fuel Property Purchase

Developer of Food and Fuel expressed interest in purchasing some of the Railroad property owned by the city. Motion was made and carried to sell some of the railroad property subject to attorney's approval and contingent on use for Food and Fuel.

Conditional Use Permit

A permit was considered to fill in some wetland area of the Riesgraf property. The wetland has been delineated, but not DNR designed. Administrator recommended authorization of filling wetland. Because of Federal Land Program involvement wetland cannot be filled. However, if road and slope eliminations were to occur, the property could be exempted. Motions were made and carried approving submitting letter regarding filling wetland to rebuild the road, to grant Conditional Use Permit for reclamation of land and authorize engineer to guide the city on wetlands regulations.

Carver County Soil and Water Conservation Service, state and federal representatives reviewed wetlands area. Wetland area was discussed. New wetland would be bigger, at a higher elevation, but not as deep as present. Current wetland has to be measured so the new area can be constructed to replace it. Everyone was warned up front that if work was not done properly and developed in the future, dirt may have to be removed. This work being considered would help straighten Gilfillan Avenue and eliminate the steep ditch. Soils would require approximately a year to dry out. People affected by the project would be the city, Riesgraf, Muellers and NSP right-of-way. Mueller's would move Gilfillan Avenue and maintain against damage during the course of the project. Council member was unsettled about decision. Engineer commented that to follow state wetland regulations, this area would have to be delineated and then replaced. Council required more information prior to making any decisions. Concern was expressed about the type of soil and plants which would be used in wetland.

Council was told that property has been in Conservation Program which ends in September. Then the land will be plowed and prepared for planting. Muellers stated that if plan is not approved, another site would be considered. Council consensus was that more information was necessary prior to making any decisions. Administrator was directed to contact Muellers concerning preempting and paying engineering costs, as well as types of material for wetland area.



Miscellaneous

Motion was made and carried adopting RiverView Estates resolution denying request to approve preliminary plat.

Motion was made and carried granting Conditional Use Permit for the city to fill in area behind Fire Station.

Flagpole has been purchased for Village Hall for city flag.

Request was made for light at the shelter in Community Park. Cost of installation was questioned. Council also discussed motion lights on four corners of shelter. Estimates of cost were requested.

Council was told that the Lions are turning the remaining copies of the "Carver Story" book over to the city. Any profits are to be put towards Railroad Water Tower restoration. Council expressed appreciation for donation.

An industrial park developer contacted the Administrator.

Sunny Ridge Drive

Engineer informed the council that modeling size pipe was installed smaller than designed and storm water storage pond can be enlarged. Discussion occurred on installation and who installed it. No decision could be determined until researched further. Question was posed regarding Town Line Road draining into pond. Explanation was given for drainage through park and parking lot storm drains. Motion was made and carried authorizing set amount for engineer to determine ponding needs in area.

Engineer showed a slide presentation on the ponds at Sixth Street and Sunny Ridge Lane and the need to expand ponds with construction of Hilltop Estates (Phase II). Cost was talked about. Staff was directed to research Sixth Street project to see if pond was supposed to be expanded.

Carver Quarterly

Request was received to advertise in the city's official newsletter ("Carver Quarterly") Council members did not care for idea. Administrator commented that charges could be applied for ads. Council consensus was not to allow advertising.

Yellowstone Raccoons 4-H Club

The Yellowstone Raccoons are organizing new enrollments of members and re-enrollments. The group had a Halloween party for their October meeting. There was a large turnout for the costume party and a hayride. The next meeting is scheduled for November 13th at the Village Hall.

Disclaimer

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

Vandalism Rewarded

Council discussed vandalism occurring in parks and in the city. Request is being presented to the Lions regarding reward monies for detecting vandalism. Due to deductible involved with insurance and it has not been feasible to submit insurance claims. However, various cases of vandalism are becoming extremely costly. Several council members were of the opinion that preference would be putting monies towards extra patrol. Attorney should review the issue. Council consensus was to list instances of vandalism and costs and then post this list.

Motion was made and carried directing staff to coordinate a \$200 reward through the Sheriff's Department for conviction of any vandalizing. Local organizations would donate funds towards these efforts. A meeting was scheduled to discuss situation with citizens.

Village Hall

Administrator explained hall cleaning and maintenance requirements. Staff does not have time to do cleaning. Resident expressed interest to contract for work. Council discussed bid process for work. Suggestion was also made to research professional cleaning service.

Administrator's Office Services

Administrator requested an amendment to agreement allowing her to work full time which would impact the '96 budget. Motion was made and carried increasing Administrator's hours to full time for September, October and November.

1997 Budget

Administrator explained taxable market values and net tax capacity. Auditor's office will be forwarding information on tax capacity. Past figures of budget and expenditures were necessary in order to review budget. Present figures are not available. Discussion to be continued at a later date.

Motion was made and carried adopting resolution setting proposed levy.

Tentative Agenda

NOVEMBER 4, 1996
MONDAY EVENING
6:30 PM

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Agenda
- 3) Petitions from Residents
- 4) Consent Agenda
- 5) Carver Fire Relief
- 6) Personnel Policy
- 7) Fees Resolution
- 8) County Road #40/Main Street Parking
- 9) Tax Increment Financing District
- 10) Municipal Utilities Report
- 11) Public Works Report
- 12) Administrator Report
- 13) Salary Reviews
- 14) Other Business
- 15) Adjourn

Building Permit

Council was informed of work being done without a building permit. The Heritage Preservation Commission has approved the design, but asked the council to review the matter. Owner is to bring revisions and apply for permit. Motion was made and carried to charge double for permit.

Youth Commission

Carver Youth Representative reported that Carver does not have an adult representative. Goals have been set and a Fall Dance has been scheduled as a fund raiser. Attempts have been made to involve individuals.

Hilltop Estates

Springs were discovered in Hilltop Estates during construction. After an on site discussion terms were agreed upon for resolution of the problem.

Based on engineers recommendation, motion was made and carried to reduce the Letter of Credit for Hilltop Estates, Phase II.

Good Ordinance

Recommendation was submitted to update Road Ordinance. Copies were distributed of updated ordinance for their review. Motion was made and carried scheduling Public Hearing on Road Ordinance.

County Road #40 Parking

Request has been submitted to change diagonal parking to parallel parking on County Road #40/Main Street. Residents had not been approached yet on the issue. Parking was deemed a safety issue with snow plowing. Notices should be sent and discussed further.

Tax Increment Finance District

Council held Public Hearing on proposed establishment of Tax Increment Financing District. Explanation was given on requirements and comments received from the school district. There had not been any response from the public or the county to date. Motion was made and carried to continue Public Hearing for thirty days.

RiverView Estates

Council reviewed the resolution approved by the Planning Commission for conditional approval of RiverView Estates. Access was discussed. An escrow account was talked about. Motion was made and carried to adopt resolution for conditional approval of RiverView Estates plat.



Municipal Utilities

Pictures were taken of the interior of the water tower which were reviewed by the council. A riser pipe was discussed and the engineer is to research the matter. Motion was made and carried authorizing cleaning of the water tower annually at a four year contract amount.

Updated information was given on treatment facilities. Original plan alternatives were presented. An additional clarifier to existing ponds and treatment systems with a few modifications could take the city further into the future. Motion was made and carried authorizing monies for the engineer to research issue. If the council approved plans, specifications could be drawn up and work begun in spring. Question was asked about use of stainless steel versus concrete tank.

Motion was made and carried approving increase of three percent (3%) in fees for municipal utilities connection charges.

Water Tower

Motion was made and carried authorizing of pre-application for grant to restore Railroad Water Tower.

Heritage Preservation Commission referred final application for historical water tower grant. Motion was made and carried adopting resolution submitting water tower grant application.

Carver

Fire Department Highlights and Community Calendar

- November 1996*
- November 2nd - Lions Halloween Party
 - November 4th - Council Meeting 6:30 PM
 - November 5th - Election Day
 - November 6th - Lions Meeting
 - November 7th - Drill Night 6:30 PM
 - November 8th - BlackSox Turkey Bingo 7 PM - 11 PM
 - November 11th - Tentative Park and Recreation Meeting
 - November 13th - Happy Anniversary Wally and Patty!
YellowStone Raccoons Meeting
 - November 16th - Lions Craft Fair 10 AM - 3 PM
 - November 18th - Drill Night 6:30 PM
 - November 20th - Lions Meeting
 - November 22nd - Happy Birthday Tim!
 - November 23rd - Happy Anniversary Deb and Loren!
 - November 24th - BlackSox Sheep Head Tournament
1 PM - 4 PM and 7:30 PM
 - November 26th - Planning Commission 7 PM
 - November 27th - Meeting Night 8 PM
 - November 28th - Thanksgiving Day
 - November 29th - Happy Birthday Ken!

Steamboat Days

Council was told that the Lions discussed changing date of Steamboat Days. Council was not in favor of a date change. An agreement should be reached between the Lions, crafters and antique show.

Carver Lions

Lions will sponsor a Halloween Party on November 2nd, Saturday for Pre-School to Fifth Grade children at the Village Hall from 5 PM to 7PM. Admission/ \$2.00, plus one non-perishable food item.

The Lions will also be holding a Craft Fair on Saturday, November 16th from 10 AM to 3 PM.

NEW OFFICERS:

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Harlen Thaumert	- First Vice President
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Lowell Peterson	- Third Vice President
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