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City Council Vacancy

Robert "Skip" Lowe submitted Letter of Intent to complete term of Tim Gieseke who resigned from the City Council. Motion was made/carried appointing Skip Lowe to the vacant seat, effective immediately until December 31, 1998.

Skip Lowe was then sworn into the Council by the Mayor at the next Council meeting.

Fire Department Report

Council was informed there have been only six (6) emergency calls to date this year for fires.

Fire truck was sold and dealership donated commission.

Pancake Breakfast was a huge success, too.

A small leak has developed in the Fire Station roof.

Township Fire Rates

Council representatives met with Townships to discuss Fire Rates and about charging residents outside the fire district a fee for accident responses. Attorney advised that an ordinance was necessary regarding residents outside the fire district, but a Motion was made and carried amending the 1999 Emergency Services Rate to \$80 per unit per call.

Public Works Report

Roads --

Skyview Lane requires work to be done.

Grading Mount Hope Road will be scheduled as season progresses and weather permits.

Riverside Park Grandstand --

Recommendation was submitted for demolition of grandstand at Riverside Park due to constant need for repairs and annual flooding. Motion was made/carried accepting low bid for demolition.

Mower --

Recommendation to purchase larger mower was submitted, with quotes. Budget does not allow for purchase at present.

Resident stated Toro has at times 'aided communities; perhaps a better deal can be reached with Toro.

Leasing versus purchasing was also talked about. Issue to be discussed at later date.

At the next Council meeting, motion was made/carried accepting quote from John Deere, unless Citizen can obtain a lower bid from Toro which meets City specifications.

Carper Creek Subdivision

Council was informed of the Park & Recreation Board's recommendation to decrease area accepted for park land in Carver Creek Subdivision. There was a small area which would be difficult to maintain. Issue was discussed. Decision was reached that land south of County Road 40 would not be included in negotiations because of uncertainty of ability to construct a path.

Proposed resolution regarding preliminary plat and rezoning was received. The Civil Defense siren issue was discussed and more study and answers were necessary. Motion was made/carried accepting resolution.

Disclaimer

Preliminary unapproved minutes of City Council meetings were referenced to compose the Villager Tower.

Levee Improvements

Council discussed levee improvement project. Determination of necessity for acquisition of real property interest for construction of levee improvements was needed. Attorney Luke Melchert is handling this issue. Access is needed by July. Property owners were notified.

Motion was made and carried adopting resolution determining necessity for acquisition of real property interests for construction of levee improvements.

Liquor Licenses

Local bar owners were present at Council meeting to discuss proposed liquor license fee increases. Owners presented their objections to the increases. Motion to raise the fees failed.

Administrator was directed to draft a report on time spent by staff enforcing liquor licenses. Further discussion will be held at a later date.

Carper Lions Club

Carver Lions Club members attended a Zone dinner at the Rivers Edge Golf Course in Watertown in March as quests of the Watertown Lions Club.

New Officers to be installed in July. Full listing to be printed at that time.

Unfortunately vandals struck at Lions Park and several neighboring mailboxes recently. Quick to respond, the Lions Club will be working to repair the damage and put up new fences.

Lions Pancake Breakfast

DON'T FORGET!

Good eats April 19th, 7 am - 1 pm!

The Carver Lions Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, April 19 at Village Hall.

Tickets are available from any Lions Club member or the Carver Depot. Be sure to inquire about purchasing your ticket and how the procedure works!

Yellowstone Raccoon 4-H Club

The Yellowstone Raccoon 4-H Club is busy planning and preparing for the 1998 county fair season, as well as the club's spring fundraiser, a flower/plant sale. Plan your spring garden now and look to the 4-H club members to help!

Municipal Utilities Report

Quotes had been reviewed for pumping septic tanks. Motion was made and carried accepting Thaemert Septic Pumping bid.

Treatment plant expansion bids were reviewed. Recommendation was made to award bid to Moorhead Construction. Motion was made and carried to award bid for work on Wastewater Treatment facility contingent on final permits received by Moorhead Construction as well as their submitting documentation.

Upgrading the well quotes were received. Motion was made and carried accepting LTP Well Company bid for 4" pipe option. Wellhead Protection Policy was discussed briefly and will be talked about further at a later date.

Fourth Street

Traffic issues on Fourth Street were discussed at the Council Meeting. The Council was presented with a petition from residents alleging speeding problems and requesting stop signs.

Speed bumps and dangers with this option were also discussed, but stop signs were settled on.

There was agreement that in inclement weather the road was well-maintained.

Another citizen voiced a complaint about another city street in another part of town. The Council discussed the past history of the issue, but no resolution was reached.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING --

Many residents attended a special council meeting to specifically discuss the stop signs issue on Fourth Street. Time limits were requested so everyone in attendance would have an opportunity to speak.

Citizen read petition to remove these signs, review other options, and adopt notification policy.

Specific problems discussed included: parking on the street; visibility obstructions; inclement weather provisions; speeding and not enough patrolling by the sheriff's department. This last issue seemed to be the general consensus of many as being the main problem and was discussed at length.

Motion was made and carried adopting a resolution that stop signs be installed on the eastbound traffic lane of Fourth Street at the intersections with Jorgenson and with Ash Streets.

Annual Clean-Up Day

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!...MAY 16th...CARVER CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY

Carver County Environmental Services & the City of Carver have scheduled a community clean-up day for May 16, from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

Yard waste, furniture, etc... can be disposed of at Community Park.

Questions? Call City Hall at: 448-5353. PROOF OF RESIDENCY IS REQUIRED. Household hazardous waste items? Call Carver County Environmental Services at: 361-1800.

These items will NOT be accepted:

oil, oil filters fluorescent bulbs car batteries anti-freeze

DISPOSAL RATES

\$5.00 for each appliance \$.50 per tire \$1.00 per truck tire \$2.00 per tractor tire

Conditional Use Permits

Motion was made/carried approving Conditional Use Permits for work completed by citizens. Issue to be discussed at a later meeting.

Land Reclamation permit was discussed at the next Council meeting. Attorney reviewed items which were necessary for consideration prior to approval of a Conditional Use Permit. It would be important that completed work meet City Code requirements. Conditions drafted by City engineer and Carver County Soil and Water Conservation District need to be addressed. Resolution to be drafted and issue discussed further at a later date.

Fifth Street Vacation

Fifth Street vacation (between Oak and Broadway) was received. The Planning Commission recommended not approving. It was decided that research be done concerning the trail connection between Sixth and Lime Streets.

Citizen was present at the next Council meeting to answer questions regarding request to vacate Fifth Street East. Request was submitted in order to gain clear title. Only a ten-foot strip was necessary for proposed trail.

Motion was made and carried to vacate the 10-foot strip of land the entire depth of Fifth Street by resolution.

Carver Community Youth Baseball-Softball Association

The Carver Community Youth Baseball-Softball Association (CCYBSA) held its organizational meeting on Monday, March 16. New officers were elected. Jane Thon & Ron Holmstadt are cochairs; Dave Friesen is secretary; and Paul Lundquist is treasurer.

The next association meeting is Monday, April 13, kicking off the annual pizza fundraiser. All are encouraged to attend!

Miscellaneous

Public Hearing was held concerning animal and kennel fees. Fees were established and put in place by motion.

Engineer from Bonestroo firm was introduced to the Council. His specialty is Waste Water Treatment Facilities Maintenance. Costs and alternate routes were received for proposed Carver Creek development.

Spring Creek levee improvement options were discussed. The options presented were: new bridges; box culverts; riprap creek banks.

Council discussed putting up a type of sign where wording could be changed, similar to the sign utilized by the Carver Depot. Motion was made/carried approving restoration of Village Hall sign as recommended by the Heritage Preservation Commission.

Motion was made/carried approving the grant agreement between the City and County for grant funds which would be used for a City-wide clean-up day [see details on page two and mark your calendars now for May 16!]

Recommendation was made to hire an individual for part-time janitorial services. Motion was made/carried to hire recommended individual.

Council discussed Right-of-Way Recovery Statute. Attorney recommended working with engineer to formulate an ordinance. Motion was made/carried to review League of MN Cities ordinance amending it to Carver's needs.

Attorney recommended not to continue a Minnegasco Franchise. If necessary to have an agreement, then agreement should not be for more than five years. Administrator to notify Minnegasco.

Motion was made/carried appointing Rick Rice to the Heritage Preservation Commission.

Council has been told that the Townline Road extension project, to connect Highway 212 with County Road 40, has been scheduled on a two-year list.

Carper Black Sox

Can you believe the Carver Black Sox baseball team is 50 years old? Do you remember the great rivalries in league playoffs and state tournaments? How about the steak fries and picnics in Riverside Park? Well, it's time to get together and share in the good memories, food and fun of the glorious days of yesteryear!!

Special events are planned for Saturday and Sunday, May 30 and 31, 1998. Contact any of the following for details:

Paul Reimer: 448-3422 or Bev Swanson: 448-2093 or Jean Amrhein: 448-5145

R.S.V.P. deadline was April 1st, so call now!!! and spread the word!!!

FIRE DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
APRII	L, 1998	April Fool's Day 7:00 p.m.Lions' Mtg. Happy Birthday Joe!	Fire Dept. Mtg. Heritage Preservation Commission Mtg. Happy Birthday Kelly!	3	4 Happy Birthday Wayne!	Palm Sunday! Daylight Savings Time Begins Happy Birthday Matt!
No School 6:30 City Council mtg	7	8	9 Happy Birthday Robin!	Good Friday No school	11 1st Day of Passover	12 Easter Sunday!
No School 7 pm: Carver Youth Soft/Baseball Assn.Mtg	14	15 7:00 p.m.Lions' Mtg.	16	17	18	19 Lions' Pancake Breakfast
7 pm: Park & Rec Bd Mtg 20 6:30 Planning Comm.Mtg. Fire Dept. Drill Night	Happy Birthday Barbl 21 6:30 Steamboat Mtg. 7:00 4-H Mtg. at Hall	22 Secretaries' Day!	23	Happy Birthday Cheryll	Happy Birthday John!	7 am - 1 pm
27	28	29	30 Chaska HS Conferences Fire Dept. mtg.	Ţ,		





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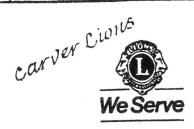
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