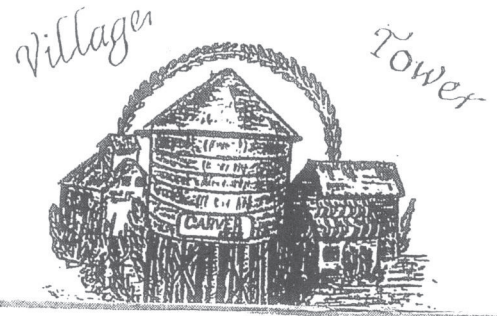


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## River View Estates Proposal

The Planning Commission reviewed actions taken by the council at the October council meeting regarding changes in the ordinances pertaining to proposed development on Elm Street. City staff had been directed to review what changes would have to be made in the City Code and Ordinances in order to make it comparable to approve for River View Estates without granting a lot of variances. Attorney had commented that this would be the easier route to pursue. These changes would have to involve the DNR and the community. DNR Ordinances cannot be violated. The Planning Commission could submit recommendations regarding changes in the Bluff Protection Ordinance.

The Planning Commission members' voiced dissatisfaction that their recommendations were disregarded by council regarding the decisions made for River View Estates development. The members' opinion was that the community should be educated on the bluff line and that their recommendations had been ignored. Explanation was offered that the council does make changes per the Planning Commission's recommendations. Further explanation was given that a lot of time has been spent enforcing the Bluff Ordinance in the past. When variances were granted special circumstances warranted those decisions.

The Planning Commission discussed educating the public regarding bluff lines. It was the commission's opinion that they were not heard on their recommendations submitted regarding this development. Administrator pointed out that the council and commission have worked very hard enforcing the Bluff Ordinance.

The River View Estates developer requested to be heard prior to scheduled agenda time allotment at the November meeting. The developer was of the impression that there had been some confusion regarding the issues involved with his development. There were heated discussions regarding the variance requests and bluff ordinance specifications. A council member voiced a motion accepting approval of proposal for River View Estates with conditions that both bluff homes have controlled gutters, construction of retaining wall as presented; assurance from plumber that pump and pipes provide adequate service for additional homes; and that the developer pay a portion of upgrades not to exceed \$1000. Debate

ensued regarding homes in the city limits, which did not meet bluff ordinance; the necessity of the attorney being present prior to approval and question arose whether or not variances were included in this motion. One council member stated that everyone should be treated equally and offered to chauffeur the council to point out homes built on bluffs. Motion presented was carried with three ayes and two nays.

The administrator requested clarity of motion presented whether or not variances were inclusive. Two council members voiced that the variances were included. Advice was given to get the attorney's input on this issue. These variances would affect new development in the future. Administrator encouraged the council not to approve the proposed subdivision too hastily. A question was asked about the need to approve at this meeting. Presentation received had been a preliminary plat asking if the motion by-passed to a final plat. Planning Commission Chairman asked why the council had chosen to by-pass the Planning Commission's decision. Response was given that setback in different areas is less than thirty feet.

The engineer explained some of the history of the bluff ordinance. There were man made slopes constructed giving the illusion of some homes appearing closer to the bluff. There were not any homes built less than the set back requirement in the last six years. Homes built closer to the bluff were constructed prior to the approval of the present ordinance.

The council continued discussion regarding approval of preliminary or final plat for proposed subdivision. City Planner was of the opinion that a preliminary plat presented had been approved. A final plat would have to be reviewed by the Planning Commission. Attorney inquired drafting resolution adopting preliminary plat in traditional format. Council consensus was to draft resolution. Attorney directed council for a need to find fact for the variances. A representative should be chosen to discuss finding of fact with the attorney. Council member requested that the engineer ensure correct retaining wall for the subdivision. Notation was made that the developer needs to prepare a final plat for the subdivision. A council member voiced his opinion that a massive error had been made in the approval of this subdivision.

## Andrade Corporation

An Andrade Corporation representative was present at the Planning Commission meeting to discuss preliminary proposal for proposed plans for subdivision west of the city. One issue for the preliminary plat was the bluff line. A map was presented for the commissions' review. The plat is for single family development. Mr Hagen, Carver Bluffs developer has agreed to construct a sidewalk to connect potential future development of the Andrade property to the north. Lot sizes and cul-de-sacs were discussed. The Rishavy property had not been included on the development Streets, bluff lines, setbacks were all discussed. The issue of decks were talked about. Park area and sidewalks were briefly touched on.

Proceeding with the plans for this development were to be postponed temporarily depending on the bluff line issue. Their goal was tentatively spring. Preliminary plat approval requires a ten day publication notice and a Public Hearing.

The proposal from the developer from the Andrade Corporation has been postponed until the bluff ordinance issue is resolved.

## Municipal Utilities

Utilities superintendent spoke to the council regarding the purchase of equipment to aid in problem manholes. This equipment would remove items in the lines. The council approved purchase of the equipment called a 'jetter' to correct problems in the manholes.

Motion was made and carried approving the plans and specifications for Well #2 authorizing the publication of an advertisement for bids.





## Fourth Street Improvement Project

The council held Public Hearing on the proposed assessment for the Fourth Street Improvement Project. The engineer gave background information on the project to residents present. Residents had been notified regarding connections to the municipal utilities system who had not been included on the May 2002 project list. Connections would be required by August of 2002. The connection fee could be added to the assessment, but was not necessary. There was also the possibility that fees would increase in the following year.

One resident expressed doubts that the property value would increase with improvements of the project or be comparable to the assessment being made. The council was also reminded of the Sixth Street assessment. Administrator pointed out that contesting the assessment steps was outlined in their legal notices. Another resident expressed concern regarding speeding since the improvements. Resident also inquired about sanitary sewer, manhole replacement and removal of septic tanks with the project. This work should be considered maintenance. Engineer explained connection charges and how these funds would be used. There was also concern expressed regarding municipal utilities stub installations for future expansion. The depth of the sewer line was also discussed. A citizen asked why homeowners are being assessed for maintenance items. The manhole costs and connection funds were discussed. Suggestion was submitted to delay vote until actual costs were determined. One citizen was of the impression that his assessment was more than his neighbor's. Then there was discussion of a collector street being of citywide benefit, however of the opinion that the abutting residents are paying more than their share. Possibly the city should pay more of the cost. Interest rates, issue of manhole and percentage of street improvement to be assessed to property owners should all be discussed further. Interest rate of 6% was considered to be reasonable. The Administrator commented that everyone within the city benefits from better streets to drive on.

## Adult Business Ordinance

The city discussed the need for an ordinance regarding Adult Businesses in the community. The attorney and administrator discussed the drafting of an ordinance pertaining to "adult entertainment" business within the city. The attorney recommended adopting an interim ordinance enacting a moratorium on adult businesses until a permanent ordinance is drafted and approved. Motion was made and carried directing the attorney to prepare proposed temporary interim ordinance for the Planning Commission's reviewal enacting a moratorium on adult entertainment businesses.



## Accessory Buildings

A resident requested permission to erect a temporary storage shelter. One other temporary structure exists. Motion was made and carried directing staff to draft an ordinance prohibiting some types of temporary storage structures.

## Speeding

The council discussed speeding on County Road #40 west of the city. Change in speed zones and signs was discussed by the council. This matter would have to be discussed with the county. Motion was made proposing to remove 50 MPH sign, erecting 40 MPH speed sign west of the apartment building at city limits and moving the 30 MPH out further west from present site.

Author Unknown:

If I could catch a rainbow;  
I would do it; Just for you;  
And share with you it's beauty;  
On the days you're feeling blue.

If I could build a mountain;  
You could call your very own;  
A place to find serenity;  
A place to be alone.

If I could take your troubles;  
I would toss them in the sea.

But all these things I'm finding;  
Are impossible for me.

I cannot build a mountain;  
Or catch a rainbow;  
But, let me be What I know Best;  
A Friend that's always there!



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Free Hug...



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## Carver Softball/Baseball Youth Association

The Carver Softball/Baseball Youth Association sends "Holiday Greetings" to everyone.

Watch for sign-ups early next year, 2002. Anyone with questions, can call Jane Thon 952) 496-2907.

## YellowStone Raccoons

The 4-H YellowStone Raccoons held their elections.

The group's new President is Tad Thon. Following is the Vice-President, Julia Timmons. Their treasurer is Jackie Murphy. Two secretaries will serve the group this term, they are Ashley Deutschlander and Melissa [Missy] Williams. Congratulations!

The group also had their Christmas Pizza party where they all had a good time. They exchanged presents. They also decorated for the Auburn Manor residents for Christmas.

The young adolescents also found time to write letters to the soldiers serving in Afghanistan. Made a wall hanging for the Talheim residents.

The group also donated \$100. to Red Cross for the New York cause. Locally, a family in need received a donated from the YellowStone Raccoons, as well. How about that?

The YellowStone Raccoons would also like to wish everyone: "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year".

## Carver Lions

Did you see? Have you seen? Have you been in Carver??

The wonderful Christmas lights in the pavilion on the streets and coming into Carver were all donated by the Carver Lions. Be sure to let them know how much you like them and how pretty they are.

"Seasons Greetings" from the Carver Lions.



## Villager Tower

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Dear Editor:

After viewing the November 5<sup>th</sup> council meeting on cable TV, as residents of Carver for more years than as old as you are, Bob Jordan. Having served on the City Council, Planning Commission, Fire Department, Lions and participated in many city functions; we cannot tell you how ashamed and embarrassed we are to have witnessed such disrespect and disregard for fellow citizens and elected officials.

The behavior displayed by Bob Jordan and Mark Chalupsky and Wayne Voelker is reprehensible. The arrogance and disrespect shown towards fellow elected officials and appointed planning commission representatives makes us ashamed to even be associated with the City of Carver after viewing your behavior on that evening.

Elected officials are elected to serve the community, the entire community. These people are expected to look out for the best interests of the entire population, the land they are governing and the good of both. Past mistakes or oversights are to be corrected with the best knowledge available at that point in time, not to manipulate the situation to personal advantage. Many mistakes, oversights and things were done in the past that future generations had learned from and rectified. Examples: streets drawn on maps that later were discovered to be platted under homes. Surveys that were not correctly documented when compared on documents and physical examination.

Bluff lines have been presently protected, so as to avoid erosion and having a residence slide down the hillside. These wise men at the council meeting proclaim all these homes have been in the past built on bluff lines. At the same time, they also neglect to remind that several of these homes have experienced severe erosion problems. The home on Fourth Street, right above the creek. The homes on Broadway closest to the creek side. The business on Sixth Street closest to the creek. These are only a few examples cited for the cheerleaders who proclaim that RiverView Estates lots are so beautiful and people will pay exorbitant prices for these lots. The city does not benefit from this careless planning, the developer benefits. What is going on? Do you really believe we are so foolish? So easily sidetracked? So naïve? Shame on you!

Dear Editor:

The purpose of this is to introduce you to the Bob Jordan you don't know anything about, he doesn't want you to know about and hopes you never find out about.

A former mayor, the present mayor, the city attorney, the city planner and how many others have already deciphered and said out loud that the most recent escapade in the long list of what Bob Jordan has done over the past twenty years labeling this behavior as collusion, conspiracy, manipulating and causing dissention.

Once again, as he has done in the past, has managed to split the council and cause damage that usually precludes the end result of costing the city money. A subdivision being built against the better judgement of the Planning Commission specializing in reviewing the rules and regulations is to protect the city from others becoming angry, possibly suing or setting a precedent because they had to follow the rules. The developer gains the monies from sales of the homes and land. Who benefits here? It does not cost the Planning Commission any money to enforce the rules, they don't benefit monetarily by their decision. The developer however, receives payment for sales. Who's the developer? Bob Jordan.

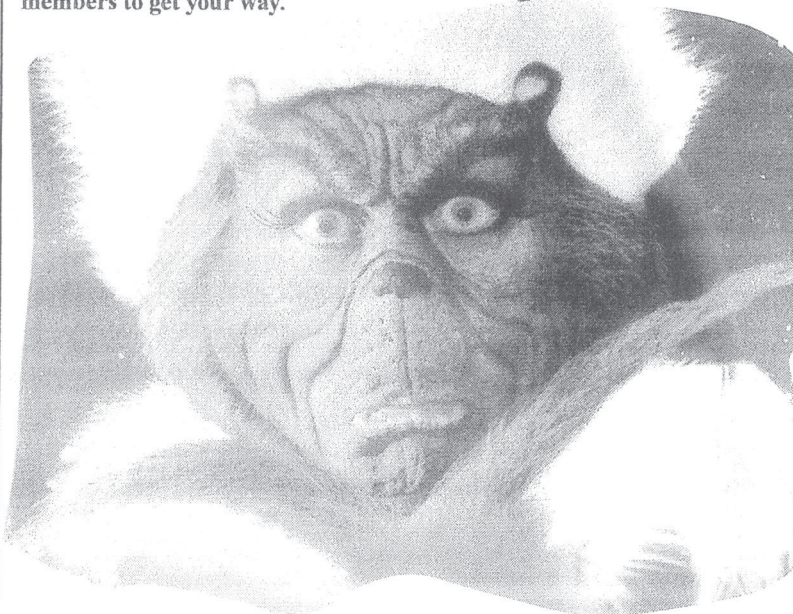
Let's take the most recent council meeting. Bob feels he's being treated unfairly. Comes into the meeting well prepared, well thought out, strategy in place and demands to be heard before his scheduled time on the agenda. Under your regime as mayor such behavior was not allowed. Different when the shoe is on the other foot? Who benefits from this type of tactic? Intimidation? Bullying? Manipulation? This is the smooth, suave behavior of Bob Jordan. What is the purpose of an agenda? If everyone were to do this, would there be any organization of a meeting?

Wouldn't this be deemed preferential treatment? Especially when a council member advocates this type of disorder? Are the city attorney or city financial personnel present? Typical behavior for this individual. The more distractions, the more manipulation, the more disorganization, chaos, the better he likes it. It hides the truth. Confusion shrouds the issue. Isn't it extremely odd that yet another council member has a motion all written out to be read verbatim? Now where do you suppose that came from? Deja vu?

Put people on the defense, that's another trait of Bob. Intimidation, bullying, attacking innocent bystanders and clouding the issue with chaotic behavior. One is so stunned by such smooth conniving that it takes a moment for it to sink in what just took place. Bob, you are not requesting fair and equitable treatment under the ordinances when you are ignoring the present ordinances by requesting variances. That's what variances are. Not complying with the rules. The council was directed by legal direction to review the present ordinances and possibly make changes before granting variances. No let's manipulate to be allowed to construct homes in a bluff. Does it matter how this affects others in the area? Does it matter what erosion problems could be incurred? Does it matter that some other developers could also jeopardize others by another bullying to get what they want? As in the past, the only thing that matters is Bob.

Then there's the issue of following procedures. You say you are asking for fair and equitable treatment. Is it fair to completely ignore the recommendations and requests of the Planning Commission? The Planning Commission recommended denial of your subdivision. So you go to the council demanding motions be made to give you what you want. Does this make sense? Fair or preferential treatment? Didn't get what I wanted from the PC, so I'll bypass that board and go straight to the council to get what I want. Confronted about that behavior. Primary focus is achieving approval. Scream, cry unfairness, bully until goal is achieved. Proven, once again.

How about the sewer system construction? How about the subdivision ordinance? The attempts to redefine Minor and Major Subdivisions. How about Sixth Street? When for years Mueller's Gravel helped the city by maintaining the street and when you were mayor a problem arose and suddenly the city was now 100% responsible for the street. How much money did that cost the city in the long run? When the administrator didn't do what you wanted? When staff didn't do what you wanted? When council members didn't do what you wanted? The belittling, chastising behavior that most people never saw nor heard about. The meetings that occurred without full five council knowledge? Decisions made without five council approval, the three-two ratio again. Last but not least, how much did the dis-crimination lawsuit cost the city? You served solely then for your-self as you do now through three council members to get your way.





## Requiem for a School Bus Driver

As Seen in Ann Landers Syndicated Column

First Stop - It's 7:30 AM. "Driver you're late." "Yes, Ma'am. What time do you have?" "I don't have a watch, but I've been standing here for a long time. "Yes ma'am."

Second Stop - "Driver, can you wait for my brother? Mother says you're early."

Third Stop - "Driver why can't you pick up my child on the other side of the street?" "Well, for one thing I'd be going the wrong direction."

Fourth Stop - "Driver, why are those kids standing up?" "They won't stay seated." "Yell at them. That's your job." "Yes, Ma'am"

Fifth Stop "Hey you! What the idea of yelling at my kid?" "Well sir, he had a little girl by the throat She was turning blue." "She deserved it. She called my son a creep."

Sixth Stop - "Driver, can't you come a half hour later? I have to make breakfast for my husband." "No ma'am, then I'd be late." "Can't you change your schedule?" "Bye ma'am."

Between the sixth and seventh stops: "Driver, Mary threw up all over my coat."

Into school: "How many kids you got?" "Seventy." "Principal wants to see you." "Hello, Mr Principal." "I got a call from the president of the PTA and she said you ran a stop sign on Fourth Street." "She took your bus number. Look" "Sir, you've got five numbers written down and my bus number has only three." "Oh"

Driver endures two more trips in the morning, two more at noon, and three more in the afternoon.

"Hello, dispatcher. " "Got a call you were speeding on Tenth Street and almost hit a dog." "I wasn't speeding." "Got your bus number. Look." "Hooray for the dog, he got the bus number right."

"Boss wants to see you." "Okay."

"Hello, Boss." "You're fired. You didn't pass your annual physical. Something about high blood pressure and nerves."

It really happened.

Ann says: Thank you for giving us a look at the life of a school bus driver close up. There's got to be a seat at God's right hand for those heroic souls.

## Fire Department/Community

### Calendar

#### December 2001

- December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Council Meeting
- December 4<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Patty!  
Happy Birthday Shaylal
- December 6<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Tommy Leel  
Heritage Preservation Meeting  
Drill Night
- December 10<sup>th</sup> - Park & Recreation Board Meeting  
First Day of Hanukkah
- December 15<sup>th</sup> - SANTA At Village Hall  
Lion Meeting
- December 17<sup>th</sup> - Happy Anniversary Ken and Carol  
Council Meeting  
Drill Night
- December 18<sup>th</sup> - Yellowstone Raccoons 4-H Meeting  
Lions Meeting
- December 21<sup>st</sup> - First Day of Winter
- December 22<sup>nd</sup> - Happy Birthday Sandy!
- December 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve  
Through January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
School Winter Break
- December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day
- December 27<sup>th</sup> - Fire Department Meeting Night
- December 29<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Mirandal
- December 31<sup>st</sup> - Happy Birthday Stephanie!  
New Year's Eve

There will not be a December issue of the "Villager Tower"

#### January 2002

- January 1<sup>st</sup> - New Year's Day
- January 3<sup>rd</sup> - Happy Birthday Luciel  
Happy Birthday Harvey!
- January 7<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Leon!
- January 8<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Andy!



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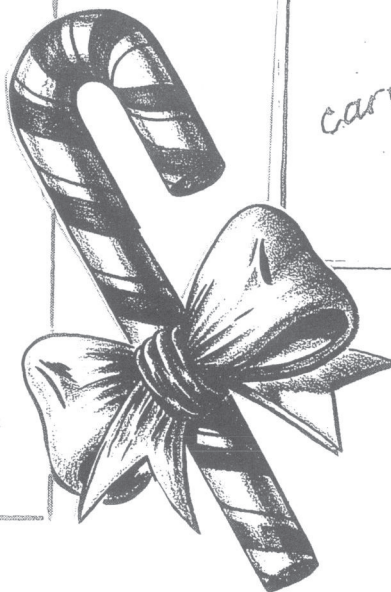
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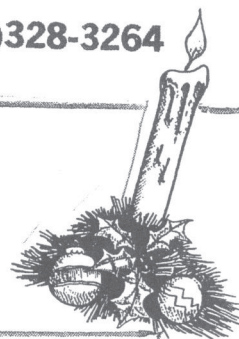


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