

## Fire Department

The Fire Chief reported that the American Legion Post donated money for equipment (air packs) for the firemen.

The council was also told about Chaska Fire Department's proposal for starting an Advance Life Support Unit. An ambulance would then be more readily available for services versus present system in place. The council supported this idea but would like to have the Chaska Fire Chief meet with the council to discuss the proposal.

The council briefly inquired about the Township Emergency Services formula. The City attorney is still working on this concept.

The Chaska Fire Chief talked with the council explaining that Chaska responds to approximately 900 calls per year. Waiting for an ambulance has become a problem on rescue calls. Chaska anticipated growth rate also projects more fire department responses per year. If Chaska were to secure their own ambulance, this would leave the city of Carver as a small pocket being served by Allina. Carver is being asked to support Chaska's efforts. Chaska would then also serve Carver with this ambulance service. Motion was made and carried to forward a letter of support to Chaska.

## Oak Street Lift Station Proposal

The council discussed with affected residents the tentative plans to purchase the HRA home on Third Street for the purpose of a lift station to serve the municipal utilities system. Residents asked related questions for tentative plans. Many expressed the desire to have the house remain. Concerns were voiced regarding values to their own homes. One resident said that they did not wish to live next to a lift station.

The city's reasoning was explained to the homeowners present. The city needed a larger holding tank and this location was in the flow pattern for the sewer. Question was asked if this larger tank was necessary due to new development. Rehabilitation of the house would be expensive. Three sites have been reviewed for this purpose. This particular site was concluded to be the best suited for their needs. Residents inquired about the design, landscaping and possibly lilac bushes being planted. Inquiry was made about odors from the lift station. There would be odor at times. Methods of preventing odors was questioned. Motion was made and carried authorizing the purchase of the house at this site. One resident stated that it was her opinion that she had not been listened to at all.

## Miscellaneous

Transfer switches for the storm water lift station should be installed. In case of flooding, these switches will be necessary. Council consensus was that the work should be done. Public Works Department should start installation.

A phone from Verizon for the lift station alarm system was a new concept was presented. Utilities Supervisor was of the opinion it would be cost effective. He further explained that the only cost after purchase would be for alarm calls made. The system would pay for itself within a short period of time, plus savings on phone bill. The current system does not indicate which lift station is experiencing problems, the new system would indicate where the problem was.

The council adopted The Sprinkling Ordinance establishing procedures for water supply emergencies by motion.

Motion was made and carried approving water rates increase.

Council was asked to schedule a Public Meeting to discuss the Well #2 and pump house with residents.

The council discussed the Sunny Ridge drainage restoration project. Bonding issue was talked about. Motion was made and carried authorizing a Feasibility Study on the Sixth Street Ponds. The council reviewed the feasibility study presented by the engineer for the project. The project cost was more than bids received to do the work. Motion was made and carried authorizing plans and specifications to be drawn up on the project.

Downtown Improvement Project is still being discussed by the state. Council would like the work done for SteamBoat Days. The engineer explained that the state was discussing some issues. The State had approved the variance for parking on Broadway.

Several residents were present at the Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting concerning property values for this year.

The "Petitions from Residents" agenda item was discussed by the council. The administrator recommended removal from the agenda; allowing the staff to talk to residents and resolve issues thereby freeing up time at council meetings for other issues. If necessary, residents could request council input and then come before the council.

**"Nothing loved is ever lost."**

## Church By The River

Project Manager for the Church By The River Restoration Project and member of the Heritage Preservation Commission has resigned. The administrator was of the opinion that Public Works Director and employee could handle the project. The council's consensus was that the Public Works Department take on the restoration project.

Public Works Director has taken steps to resolve the problem of getting contractor to continue work on site.

## Community Park

Administrator informed the council that engineered wood chips are required on public playgrounds. Purchase of said chips was made by motion and carried.

Engineer stated the quotes received for the Community Park Soccer Field were good, but the city can not approve quotes for over \$35,000 without going out for bids. Further explanation was given that if the city wants to do only grading this year and do the irrigation next year; then one of the quotes could be accepted. If the entire project was to be done this year, then the city would have to take bids.

Request was made for a letter to be submitted by the city and the school district. Council member interjected that the intent was to get done the work for the amount of the grant money. The mayor pointed out that if the grass was to be watered, then the city would have to go out for bids. The attorney explained the process. Park member would like a letter from the school district outlining what the grant money can be used for. The administrator will check into this issue and get back to the Park and Recreation Board with this information. Motion was made and carried to go out for bids on the soccer field.

The engineer was instructed to draft specifications. Placement of fencing was questioned. Response was given for present plans by the park board members. Suggestion was submitted to have a neighborhood meeting with the Park and Recreation Board.

**"God put me on earth to accomplish a certain number of things. Right now I am so far behind, I will never die."**

## *Pumphouse and Well #2*

The council held an informational meeting with residents regarding the Pumphouse and Well #2 proposals. The engineer described the plans for the site, placement of the well, buildings and the style of the building. Questions were asked. The building would only be visible from the south. Citizen inquired about proposed water tower site in Carver Bluffs. Engineer responded that site elevation was not compatible with the present water tower elevation. The depth of the city well and the effect on private wells was discussed.

## *Generator*

Request was submitted to the council to purchase a generator for the public utilities departments. The generator would operate the well or the wastewater treatment plant. This generator is portable. It could be used for more than just emergencies. The attorney suggested that specifications be drafted and bids taken.

## *Park Dedication Fees*

It was the attorney's opinion that the suggested fee increase was substantial in a study presented by the financial firm representing the city. It was the attorney's suggestion to develop residential equivalency units. Motion was made and carried adopting the ordinance amending the section relating to public dedication and park dedication fees.

## *Bluff Ordinance*

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing concerning bluff ordinance revisions involving property with disturbed rail bed areas. One proposed development causing a dilemma is the Carver South proposal involving bluff setbacks. This site is unique because it is linear, cleared land and no longer retains its original characteristics of a bluff. This area cannot meet bluff setback requirements. In order to not set precedence, suggestion was submitted to draft amendments to ordinance rather than variances. Changes to the ordinance would address situations that have been significantly altered by railroad development prior to bluff regulations and are no longer characteristic of a bluff. The language for this ordinance revision would allow significant measures in protecting steep slopes, controlling erosion, protecting existing vegetation and provide landscaping to blend development into existing area. The intent would be to provide information to developers for bluff determinations. Erosion control methods should also be in place. Question was presented that ordinance creation was to accommodate developer. Response was given that this ordinance would not be written solely for a unique situation or a particular individual, but rather as a result to accommodate regular, normal community growth in general.

## *Yellowstone Raccoons*

No report this month

## *River View Estates*

Discussion was held regarding city fees. The developer informed the council that a request had been made for an easement and a new plat needed approval. The developer also voiced his opinion that the city fees were exorbitant. These fees were relevant to consultant fees for starting a development.

Inquiry was made regarding the State Fire Marshall's input on the plat. Fire Marshall has not been on site as of yet. The Fire Department also still had concerns relating to the turn around concept.

The attorney pointed out to the council that there was one unresolved issue pertaining to River View Estates. This involved property to be dedicated a public right of way. The developer is not willing to dedicate the parcel as public right of way or to grant an easement. The developer had been informed that this was a private issue. Subdividing the property precludes the creation of reserve strips. Since the subdivision process has been pursued, this parcel needs to be dedicated for public purposes, or at a minimum, an easement for roadway and utility purposes. The developer is contractually obligated to dedicate the parcel for street purposes if such request dedication is submitted. To proceed without dedication of the parcel or granting of an easement over the property, recommendation was presented to proceed with a simple motion to that effect. Past discussions were indicative that construction for Elm Drive without crossing this parcel of land. Proceeding in this fashion, eliminated dealing with any variance to city code concerning reserve strips. Motion was made and carried to the effect of allowing developer to do what he wanted without granting an easement or dedicating land with a three/two vote. [For technical lengthy wording of the motion contact the city office]

Council member was asked about his interest in this subdivision since there was no interest shown in other developments. Council member's defense was that his goal was to get the project done.

## *Carver Lions*

The Carver Lions would like to extend thank you's to everyone who participated in the pancake breakfast event. Thank you to everyone who helped with the breakfast. Thank you to everyone who came and ate. Thanks to those who did the diabetes testing.

Plans for SteamBoat Days are underway. Welcome to new Lions member, Dan Meyer. Always looking for more members. Come and check them out. Always a fun time. Lots of fun, work to be done. Fun people. Just ask any Lion.

## *Carver Softball/Baseball Youth Association*

No report this month

## *Carver South Proposal*

The Planning Commission had tabled the Conditional Use Permit and Preliminary Plat for Carver South pending on issues to be addressed. The City Planner and Engineer had reviewed the following issues and the Planning Commission reviewed the following: clarification of bluff issues; driveway set back; reconstruction of Seventh Street; turn around; and erosion controls. Resident also requested that the developer meet with residents affected by proposed development.

The Planning Commission recommended approval for the Conditional Use Permit for eight townhomes meeting conditions submitted. Those conditions involved submittal of a final landscape plane with final plat showing exact location and materials to be removed for proposed 'selective clearing'; turn around easement provided to the city; cul-de-sac turn around determined adequate; homeowner's association created to own and maintain private street and outlot 'A'; and that engineer's and attorney's requirements are met.

The Planning Commission also recommended approval of the preliminary plat of Carver South meeting the following conditions: Seventh Street reconstruction; homeowner's association; and attorney's, and engineer's requirements met.

## *Carver Ridge*

Carver Ridge Public Improvement Petition was submitted to the council. Motion was made and carried adopting the petition for local improvements.

Motion was made and carried by roll call vote adopting resolution declaring the adequacy of petition and ordering preparation of report. Motion was made and carried by roll call vote adopting resolution approving preliminary plat of seven lots, one out lot and an access parcel of Carver Ridge for Carver Partners, LLC and rezoning the property from agricultural to residential.

Carver Partners LLC requested approval for final plat from the Planning Commission for Carver Ridge. The final plat consists of seven lots for single-family homes and two outlots for future development of single-family homes. This plat is consistent with the approved preliminary plat. Approval requested at this time because these lots can be served with municipal utilities presently. A feasibility study for serving the balance of the property is being worked on. The Planning Commission recommended approval for Carver Ridge with the following conditions: submission of the Conservation Easement must be prepared in written form and filed with the final plat; all conditions and requirements of the engineer and the attorney must be met; a developer's agreement detailing all development and construction requirements be prepared and signed by the developer; financial guarantees and park dedications submitted prior to release of the final plat for filing and the quit claim process is resolved with the city.

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## Tentative Agenda

Continued session of the Board of Appeal & Equalization

May 6<sup>th</sup> - Monday Evening 6:30 PM

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approve Agenda
- 3) Consent Agenda
- 4) Public Safety
- 5) Municipal Utilities Report
- 6) Public Works Report
- 7) Engineer Report
- 8) City Planner Report
- 9) Administrative Report
- 10) Liaison Reports
- 11) Other Business
- 12) Adjourn

## Local Businesses' Buzz Words....

**Dahlgreen Golf Course**.....it's that time of the year again, weather warming....go get those golf clubs, check out the Dahlgreen Golf Course Website at [www.dahlgreen.com](http://www.dahlgreen.com) under 'New for 2002'. Don't have a computer, call someone you know who does and they can tell you about it or stop in at the library and check it out.

**Berry Harvest**.....due to weather, it is anticipated that when you are ready to pick strawberries at Berry Harvest; that the plants will be ready about mid-June. Call ahead to check out the status at 952) 448-6545. Julie or Roger will be able to tell you how the schedule looks.

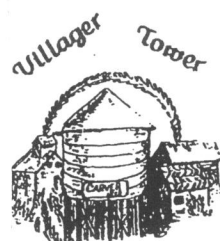
## Harbey's Bar; Lisas and the Silber Bullet ...

Did you see all those motorcycles in town, on the road? Do you know that they are the people who participated in the Fun Run sponsored by the local taverns who are pleased to announce that as a result of the FUN RUN over the weekend, there will be some kids who will be going to camp. The final tally is not in yet, but thus far, the group of individuals who participated raised \$13,000 for American Diabetes. GOOD JOB EVERYONE! THANKS to everyone who participated.

## Fire Department Highlights and Community Calendar

### May 2002

- May 1<sup>st</sup> - Happy Birthday Barbl  
Happy Birthday Texan!  
Lions Meeting
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting  
Drill Night - Fire Department
- May 4<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Darrin!
- May 6<sup>th</sup> - Council Meeting
- May 12<sup>th</sup> - Mothers Day
- May 13<sup>th</sup> - Park and Recreation Department Meeting
- May 14<sup>th</sup> - Happy Anniversary Scott and Pattil
- May 15<sup>th</sup> - Lions Meeting  
Happy Birthday Tim!
- May 18<sup>th</sup> - Armed Forces Day
- May 19<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Scheryll
- May 20<sup>th</sup> - Council Meeting  
Drill Night - Fire Department
- May 21<sup>st</sup> - Yellowstone Raccoons 4-H Meeting  
Happy Anniversary Leon and Scheryll
- May 26<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Elliel
- May 27<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day Observed
- May 28<sup>th</sup> - Planning Commission Meeting
- May 30<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day  
Fire Department Meeting Night
- May 31<sup>st</sup> - Happy Birthday Karolyn!



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# Spring — It's Really Here

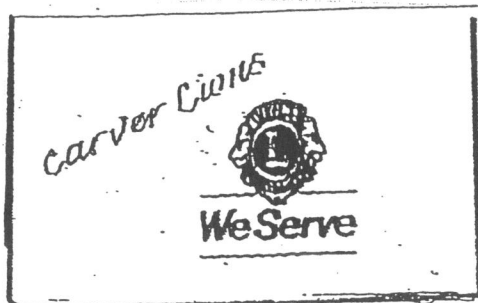
By: John Wetrosky

Some signs of spring are rather subtle by nature and only those who have ventured forth from the TV set will notice the change. I call it "You Know Spring is Really Here When...."

- ...You stub your toe on a leftover dog bone that has been uncovered by the retreating snowfield and you skid to a stop on the rear end of your new khaki pants.
- ...When the mailman gets stuck while shoving junk mail into your mail box at the end of your land and he leaves a nasty note pasted to the mailbox door.
- ...You feel that first prick of a mosquito drilling for blood behind one of your ear lobes and you pull the first wood tick off your dog's neck.
- ...You hear some newsman or newswomen giggle about your taxes being due April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ...You see some guy happily blowing leaves from his driveway onto his neighbor's driveway.
- ...You discover that littering along the road is actually still being practiced even after the government has spent a jillion dollars telling us we shouldn't throw things out our car windows.
- ...Every business along the highway starts setting up a greenhouse from which to sell plants.
- ...You see big men strolling into farm machine shops with some broken piece of equipment dangling from one of their huge paws. They never look happy.
- ...Your bill for laundry soap suddenly skyrockets because your kids have found a mud puddle just too inviting to pass by on the way home from school.
- ...Bank loans for boats and trailers outnumber loans for home improvements.
- ...The first lighting bolt takes out your computer's mother-board and fries your portable telephone.
- ...People line up in front of the county auditor to complain about their property taxes.
- ...You hear your first argument between a high school baseball coach and a surly umpire.
- ...You discover you've added some dimension to your waist while hibernating through the winter. Shirts that fit last fall now look and feel like they've shrunk and you accuse your wife of poor washing machine techniques. After that accusation you go outside the house for awhile and enjoy the warm weather.

Yes, spring has arrived and we've survived another winter on the tundra. Doesn't that thought just leave you with a feeling of accomplishment? Or is that just a muscle twinge left over from the last snow shoveling of the season?

See you next time. Okay?



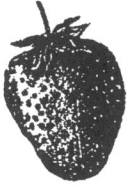
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