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Public Safety

The deputy spoke with the council regarding ATV problems within the City of Carver. Also, problems were reported in Bluff Park with partying in areas restricted from access. Types of barriers was briefly discussed. Civil citations for trespassing could be done with the deputy following up in these areas.

Public Works

Public Works employee has been working with Carver County Emergency Services on updating the Emergency Management Plan. The council will review the plan and wait for updates.

Carver County's report of annual bridge inspections was discussed briefly. There were comments from the county on every bridge. Bridges have not been high priority items in the past and also most of the recommendations were minor and the Public Works Departments will look into these.

The Public Works Department cleaned out storm sewer catch basins. Many of the storm drains were totally plugged. This type of work will now be scheduled once or twice a year in the future.

All the parks are now open, except RiverSide Parks, which needs more work because of vandals. All the parks have been worked on.

Lift Station

Meetings have been held with residents regarding the proposed lift station site. The residents major concern is to keep the house at the site. High renovation costs are not understood. The issue will continue to be researched.

FREEDOM WILL PREVAIL



"It is never too late to be what you might have been"

- George Eliot



Village Hall

Two Carver Lions addressed the council regarding the Village Hall exterior renovations. Vinyl siding has been chosen. The color is to be determined yet. The Heritage Preservation Commission submitted color recommendation. The Lions approved the plan contingent on city approval. Motion was made and carried approving the Lions plan for the exterior remodel of the Village Hall.

The council also discussed approval of a message board on the Village Hall. The council consensus was to see the installation of an electronic message board. Input from the Heritage Preservation Commission was requested. Council consensus was in favor of an electronic message board.

Community Park

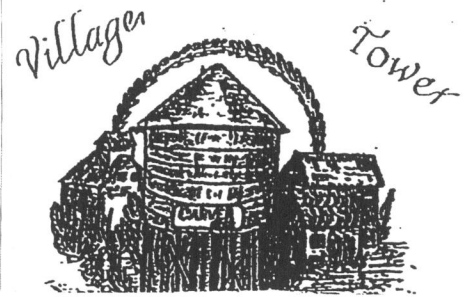
The city engineer presented plans for the soccer field at the Community Park. Two Park and Recreation Board members were also present at the meeting. Each board member stated that these plans exceeded what the Board wanted to do at this time. Suggestion was made that the Park and Recreation Board schedule a special meeting to review these plans.

Motion was made and carried directing the engineer to get separate bids that could be accepted separate or jointly.

Thanks should also be extended to the many volunteers who worked at the Community Park on the playground equipment. Ninety five percent of the playground equipment has been installed.

"I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles he has overcome while trying to succeed"

-Booker T Washington



Downtown Street Improvement Project

The city engineer presented the final plans, which would be used to get bids for the Downtown Street Project. Motion was made and carried adopting resolution approving the project.

Park and Recreation Board member inquired if the board would be reviewing the downtown project park plans. The council was of the opinion that they should look at these plans.

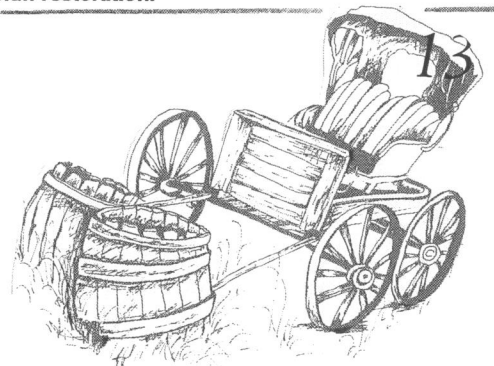
The engineer briefly discussed the downtown improvement project with the city. The Heritage Preservation Commission supported the idea of what is called bump outs (areas that round out into the street like oversized puddles if they were liquid). They also supported the idea of paver brick, more trees and benches.

The council also discussed the ramp at the Village Hall, which was not in compliance with ADA. The council consensus was that this should be brought up to code. This improvement would then increase proposed downtown improvement project costs.

Bluff Restoration

City staff, Carver Soil and Water Conservation District and property owner all met to discuss bluff restoration. Suggestions were submitted how to restore and maintain the area.

The council discussed other bluff areas requiring attention. Thus far, there were only two. Deadlines are needed to be established, as well as for reviewing properties being worked on for bluff restoration.



"Never, never, never, never give up"

- Winston Churchill

Carver Ridge

The city engineer discussed meetings held regarding Carver Ridge pertaining to the allocation of sanitary sewer costs involved with developing the area. Three options were talked about and the related effects regarding sanitary sewer connection charges.

Revelation was communicated by the developer concerning the amount of work done on city property, which was unusual. In most developmental work the infrastructure is brought to the end of their plat. The lift station will have extra capacity which the developer opposes bearing full cost. It was the developer's opinion that shared cost could be done with coinciding developer who would utilize this infrastructure in the future. Another Public Hearing would be necessary if this route were chosen.

The developer also voiced disagreement with having to pay for the infrastructure on public property. It was the developer's opinion that connection fees should pay for this part of the project. Plus it would also allow the city to collect more.

The city engineer was directed to contact the neighboring developer, relate the issues at hand and get input of their opinion on this situation.

The city held a Public Hearing on 2002 city infrastructure improvements/Carver Ridge area lift station improvements. The engineer passed out the Feasibility report on the Carver Ridge Lift Station. Report was given that the County Road #147 extension project is scheduled to start in September of 2002. The lift station and force main needed at the Carver Ridge area was explained by the engineer.

The engineer further informed the council of the proposed trunk sanitary sewer improvement costs based on unit prices for 2002 construction in conjunction with the County Road #40 and #147 improvements scheduled for the fall of 2002. Anticipated additional costs involved traffic control, directional drilling/jacking, easements and the like due to the restricted right-of-way and traffic issues.

These estimated costs include a ten percent allowance for contingencies and a twenty percent allowance for engineering, legal, fiscal and administrative costs. City policy in the past requires the developer to pay for the cost of extension of municipal utilities from their development and the city has paid for over sizing. This equation, thus far involves the developer, the city and a property owner. Another observation submitted was that the city possibly should pay more because a future developer will benefit from these improvements. Therefore, at that point in time, that developer would pay the city more to join in on the utility extension. This theory would need to be defined prior to an assessment hearing.

Developer inquired about approval of the final plat for seven lots and a mass grading permit for the remainder of the property. Approval of such permit would be based on the engineer's approval of the grading plan.

The Carver Ridge final plat approval was recommended following conditions are met. The four conditions involved the City Conservation easement be prepared and filed with the final plat; conditions and requirements of the engineer and the attorney be met; a Developer's Agreement detailing development and construction required prepared; and financial guarantees and park dedications submitted prior to final plat filing. Attorney pointed out the issues of city entry settlement and boundary lines. Motion was made and carried adopting ordinance to rezone property from agricultural to residential for Carver Ridge. Motion was made and carried by roll call vote adopting resolution approving final plat for residential and outlots for Carver Ridge.

Broadcasting Contract

The City of Chaska cable does not have a contract with the City of Carver. The City of Chaska would like to contract with Carver to continue broadcasting the meetings. A second option to be considered would be to have staff personnel to take on the responsibilities. Chaska would be willing to provide technical assistance to this individual. Chaska was of the opinion that with a contract all the meetings would be covered and aired in their entirety. Motion was made and carried to contact Tom Redman regarding entering a contract for cable broadcasts.

Church By The River

It was reported that the roof on the church has been completed.

Carver South Development

Klingelhutz requested a Conditional Use Permit for town homes in the Carver South Development area. Approval was also requested for preliminary plat for eight town home lots and one outlot with a private street serving the town homes. The proposed project was explained to the council.

Seventh Street was briefly discussed pertaining to upgrades. This would not have much benefit to property owners and would probably be the responsibility of the developer. No turn arounds were proposed.

The engineer shared his comments with the city on the project. There are bluff issues that the proposed bluff amendments should aid in addressing these concerns. The Planning Commission Public Hearing addressed the question of adjacent lot erosion. A site investigation was completed. Presently, there does not appear to be existing erosion occurring. Working with the developer would be done to protect the existing bluff and toe of the bluff area. Private road extension, ponding, municipal utilities, snow and easements were all discussed at the Planning Commission meeting. Question was asked regarding upgrade of 7th Street including widening, curb, gutter and storm sewer. The issue was discussed. Conclusion reached was that the street should be 28' wide per the Fire Department's comments and curb and gutter should be present.

It was stated that this would be a good project to involve the Carver County Soil and Water Conservation to monitor.

The city attorney told the council that Klingelhutz has requested a change to his proposal for ten town homes instead of eight. This would allow cost absorption for rebuilding Seventh Street. An amendment to the Comprehensive Plan is necessary to process this change request. A Public Hearing to consider the Comprehensive Plan amendment and revised preliminary plat was scheduled for the end of May at the Planning Commission Meeting.

Sunny Ridge

The council held a Public Hearing on Sixth Street/Sunny Ridge Lane Pond Improvements project. The scope of the project was reviewed with an audience. Questions were asked about work being done in the area. Motion was made and carried to proceed with construction of the project to correct problems in the area.

Park and Recreation Board

The Park and Recreation Board submitted several recommendations to the council. The board would like to have a heavy weight gate at RiverSide Park, signs stating hours and fines and request that the Sheriff's Department lock this gate. The board requested clarification of the season. The board also requested the purchase of a set of bleachers for Bluff Park.

Council member also stated that the board would like a picnic table and a small shelter at Depot Park. Costs for some of the items requested were to be checked into.

Sky View Lane

The council was told that SkyView Lane is in tough shape. Patching is only a temporary fix. Recommendation was made that this street be repaired next. Discussion had occurred in 1998 and a feasibility study completed, but the project was not done. The study can be updated. Patching and overlay of this street would not be to the best interest to the city and residents at this time. Motion was made and carried authorizing the engineer to update SkyView Lane feasibility study.

Municipal Utilities

The city engineer discussed with the council the topics of Well #2, the pump house, bid opening and water treatment plant design study. Also the completion of paperwork required applying for a possible Drinking Water Revolving Loan funding.

The council was also told by the engineer that the Carver Bluff's Homeowner's Association is talking about putting in a private well at Carver Bluffs. The proposed plan would pump from the well into the storm water retention pond and then pump from the pond for the use in the sprinkling system. This service would come from a different aquifer than the city. Options were also proposed.

Conditional Use Permit

Citizen requested conditional use permit constructing a deck into the bluff set back. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on the issue, recommending approval with the conditions established. Motion was made and carried approving the Conditional Use Permit based on conditions given.

Carver Lions

The Carver Lions have had new installation of officers. They are as follows:

President	- Marvin Grimm
1 st Vice President	- Harlen Thaemert
2 nd Vice President	- Keith Wickenhauser
3 rd Vice President	- Ken Frey
Secretary	- John Posselt
Treasurer	- Ben Lano

Congratulations to the new officers. Thankyou for the past officers work and service.

The biggest project at present that the Carver Lions have been working on is the plans for the exterior of the Village Hall. The colors and design have been decided. There are still some issues requiring working out. The Lions want to see an improvement on the building to make it look more presentable and a more historical appearance.

Another exciting July event that the Lions are looking forward to is their Lions Youth Exchange Program event with approximately thirty foreign exchange students. The Carver Lions will be hosting a summer picnic and softball game for the international exchange students on a Friday night at the Lions Park. This should be a fun experience for everyone.

Carver Softball/Baseball Youth Association

No report this month.

"To accomplish great things, we must not only acct but also dream, not only plan, but also believe"

- Anatole France

YellowStone Raccoons

The YellowStone Raccoons 4-H members are preparing their entries for the Carver County Fair for August 7th through the 11th.

The group had a guest speaker, LaVonne Kroells from the American Heart Association at their last meeting. She spoke to the members about the history of the heart association. She explained what the blood donated is used for, who can and cannot donate blood. The next time the Blood-mobile is doing their blood drive, the YellowStone Raccoons are going to put up the posters announcing the blood drive. The YellowStone Raccoons also donated money to the heart association.

The members are making a scrapbook of their year's activities in August. That should be quite a fun experience for the club members and a good trip down memory lane to reminisce.

The club is going to make a 'Scare Crow' for the Emma Krumbie's Fall Harvest ScareCrow Contest. That should be fun!

There is no July or August meeting for the club. Then it's onto the State Fair!

Carver Softball Tournament

Carver Fire Department will hold it's 36th Annual Softball Tournament at the Carver Community Fields on July 12th, 13th and 14th. Raffle tickets that are sold are to help with equipment purchases. The department attempts to update their equipment without raising taxes. The Carver Fire Department's goal has always been to provide the best possible service to the community while holding down cost to the members.

The Carver Fire Department invites everyone to come to the softball tournament to meet old friends, make new friends, watch some good softball games and experience the taste of one of those delicious hamburgers.

Tentative Agenda

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

**"Talents are best nurtured in solitude;
but character is best formed in the
stormy billows of the world"**

-Goethe

Fire Department

Highlights/Community Calendar

July 2002

- July 1st - Council Meeting 6:30 PM
- July 4th - 4TH OF JULY - BE SAFE
- July 8th - Park and Recreation Board Meeting
- July 10th - SteamBoat Committee Meeting 6:30 PM
- July 11th - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
- July 12th - July 14th - 36th ANNUAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT
- July 13th - Happy Birthday David!
- July 15th - Drill Night
Council Meeting 6:30 PM
Happy Birthday Krissy!
Happy Birthday Tony!
- July 16th - Carver Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting
- July 23rd - Planning Commission Meeting
- July 24th - Happy 31st Anniversary John!
- July 25th - FD Meeting Night
- July 28th - Happy Birthday Diane!

Happy Birthday Floyd!
Happy Birthday Berthal

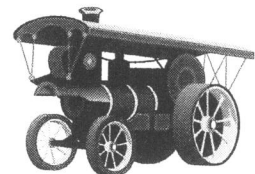
Just for Grins

When I stopped the bus to pick up Chris for preschool, I noticed an older woman hugging him as he left the house. "Is that your grandmother?" I asked. "Yes," Chris said. "She's come to visit us for Christmas." "How nice," I said. "Where does she live?" "At the airport," Chris replied. "Whenever we want her, we just go ~~off~~ there and get her."

**Scott-Carver Threshers
39th Old Time Harvest Festival
First weekend in August, 2002**

Swap Meet
Antique & Craft
Festival

First weekend in
May, 2002



Both events
held at
Scott-Carver
Threshers'
Showground
Jordan, MN

**"To strive, to seek, to find, and not to
yield."**

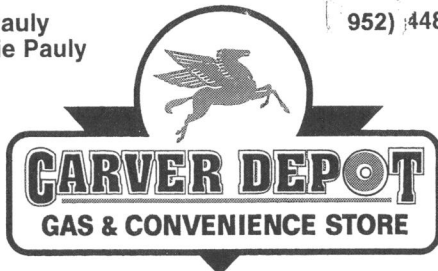
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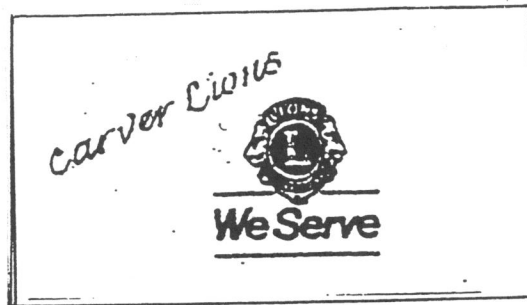


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