



## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

### *Congratulations!!!*

Congratulations to the candidates of the November elections. The City of Carver mayor continues to be incumbent Jim Weygand. Two council member elects are Cindy Monroe and Paul Andrescik. Congratulations!!!

### *Christmas Trees*

Request was submitted by the FFA of Chaska to sell Christmas Trees in Depot Park again. A permit was required. The sales of the trees would begin the weekend of Thanksgiving. Motion was made and carried approving the permit for the sale of the trees.

### *Public Works Report*

The council was told that seeding would be done in Bluff Park. There has been increased vandalism activities at the park. Work was required to be done at the townline watermain because of erosion. The ice skating rink has been ordered for the Lions Park.

The council was also told that the snow removal equipment is ready for the winter season. Snow plowing will take longer to finish this year with the additional streets in developments. A truck would also be added to the fleet.

Public Work Director updated the council on the progress that has been made with the NPDES II Permit regulations. This is a major project, which is being worked on.

### *RiverView Estates*

The City attorney presented the council with the paperwork for the amended resolution for the RiverView Estates development, which was discussed at a previous meeting. The paperwork was delayed due to his absence. An argument followed concerning the second amended resolution pertaining to RiverView Estates. The phrase in question was 'pending litigation'. A second version was presented and statement was made regarding 'example of displayed nor that the site was the best location for the lift station. The 'dirty politics'. Statement was made that the council was in place to represent the majority of the residents. Motion was made with three ayes and two nays approving the adoption of the amended resolution.

A council member reported receiving several calls regarding the RiverView Estates development. These calls expressed opposition to the development and perception of a coalition between council members. One council member stated that he has no control over perception.

### *Bluff Restoration*

Final review of the bluff restoration project was discussed by the engineer and the public works supervisor. Required criteria had been completed. In spring the area will be rechecked.

### *Bluff Ordinance Revisions*

The update regarding bluff ordinance revisions and recommendations of the engineering firm representative were briefly discussed. The representative wanted the ordinance to be presented to the Planning Commission and to schedule a Public Hearing. Council comments were re-requested. The attorney stated that the Planning Commission has sixty days to review the ordinance.

Motion was made and carried with three ayes and two nays that the staff present the Planning Commission with the Bluff Ordinance prepared by the planner.

### *General Obligation*

### *Improvement Bonds*

Ehler and Associates finance firm updated the council with the bond sale results. Two bids had been received. Motion was made and carried adopting resolution accepting proposal on the competitive negotiated sale of General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2002 providing for their issuance and levying a tax for the payment thereof.

### *Carver County Sheriff's Department*

The Carver County Sheriff's deputy informed the council that the Pilot Project has begun. By month end, the department and city should have recorded times that service has been given in the city.

Problem areas were discussed. Continued patrol was requested in the troubled spots. Notation was also made that people are not stopping at the four way stop signs on Fourth and Broadway. There have been drug arrests in the park areas. More patrolling of the park area has been done.

*"The difficult we do immediately - The impossible just takes a little longer"*  
*Seabee Motto*

### *Village Hall*

The Park and Recreation Board discussed ongoing problems with the hall rentals. The most recent additions to the list of grievances was another mess left behind, broken table, missing trash receptacles, floors not cleaned, tables and chairs not cleaned and two vehicle accidents due to alcohol. Discussion regarding the presence of security or law enforcement personnel was held. A recommendation to this effect is to be submitted to the council. The cost of law enforcement will be asked for also.

### *Snow Mobile/Weapons - Hunting Ordinance*

The Park and Recreation Board reviewed the Snowmobile Ordinance. The access from Ash Street bridge to Ash Street was recommended to be closed because the bridge is unsafe. Parking of snowmobiles will be allowed at the downtown park and between the Church-By-The-River and Fire Station.

The Park and Recreation also recommend that no firearms be allowed to be shot in city limits. Bow and arrow will continue to be allowed.

### *RiverSide Park*

The Park and Recreation Board discussed problems related with RiverSide Park. Property owner adjacent to the entrance expressed concerns explaining that there is traffic, speeding, vagrants, littering and continual dumping of rubbish. Appropriate personnel have been notified of abandoned trailer full of debris. Local state patrol officer has patrolled the area and made several arrests. Officer suggested posting "Patrolled by Police" sign next to curfew sign. This may deter some. Suggestion was also made to involve the Chaska Police and also community involvement. The local officer patrolling the area has shown significant improvements regarding the traffic. Suggestion was submitted to invite the US Fish and Wildlife representative to the Park and Recreation Board meeting to discuss possibilities of selling RiverSide Park property.

The installation of a gate at the park entrance was discussed. It was expected to be installed soon. The property owner near the entrance would lock the gate at 10 PM until the first snowfall. Recommendation was to be submitted to the city council to obtain signs stating "Patrolled By Police". Motion was made and carried authorizing erection of signs in the parks.





## *Municipal Utilities*

The Public Utilities Superintendent attended classes pertaining to land application biosolids. The city will be required to make a decision whether to haul sewage to the treatment plant in Shakopee or apply it to farm land. The public utilities superintendent will review this issue further later.

Work on the well house has begun. The water tower capacity is one hundred thousand gallons. Fluoride and chlorine levels were briefly discussed. The topic of homes on the gray water system was also briefly touched upon.

The council briefly reviewed the issue of the acquisition of property on Oak Street. An easement for the lift station is required. Motion was made and carried to purchase the property on Oak Street.

The council was informed that the closing process occurred on the Oak Street property and insurance is in place. The plan schedule was asked about. Individuals affected would like to see concrete visual impact of the proposal. Also, salvaging of products from the house were asked about as well. The council was not in favor of the idea due to the responsibility entailed with such an undertaking. An alternative discussed was that the staff remove items individuals desired to possess and then sell the items. One council member offered to help with this type of venture. Individuals could point out particular items wished to be salvaged if the staff were present. The items then would be collected and put on a neighborhood garage sale. The staff was to put together a plan to this effect.

The proposed schedule presently involved demolition of the house sometime in January or February. The lot would remain empty for approximately two years while the city maintained the lot. The engineer explained that the lift station design would be similar to the existing lift station, but the building for the generator would be on the south side. Landscaping was discussed. One citizen opposed the plan, expressing disbelief that plans were not visual. The mayor explained that several options had been considered.

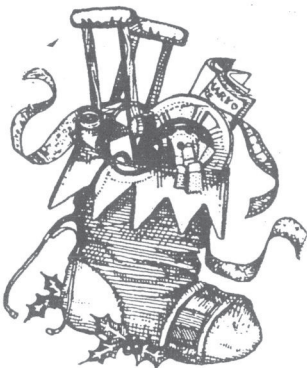
Motion was made and carried adopting resolution ordering improvement and preparation of plans for Well Number #2 and Pumping Facility.

The mayor asked what the anticipated target date was for opening the Water Treatment Plant. Plans and specifications have not been approved yet. The design could be done over winter with construction to begin in spring. The mayor's opinion was that the process should continue. The city attorney suggested increasing the fee for the treatment plant.

The council again discussed the purchase of the property on Oak Street. The cost had increased due to expenses incurred by the HRA. The house would be demolished in order to construct the lift station. Question was asked about using the existing garage for storage. Motion was made and carried approving the increase in cost of the house.

The engineer and public utilities supervisor met with owners regarding the land acquisition of the water treatment plant site. Recommendation was submitted to continue negotiations for land acquisitions. Recommendation was also made to authorize preparation of Right-of-Entry agreement, as well as coordinating quotes for required testing. Motion was made and carried authorizing preparation of a Right-of-Entry agreement and receipts of quotes.

The council was also told of the need to review street and utility improvements for municipal utilities on Mount Hope Road. The study requires updating.



## *County Road Speed Limit Study*

Carver County had been contacted to inquire about the required procedures for requesting speed limit study. A phone call or a letter is required to request a study to be done on County Road #40, both east and west of the downtown area. However, the council needs to be aware that speed studies do not always return with recommendations anticipated. Frustration has been experienced because studies rely heavily on the speed currently being driven.

The last speed study was done in 1973 concentrating on the area east of downtown. The present 30 mph is located where it is based on the statutory locations where urbanized area begins. The area west of the downtown area had a speed study on County Road #40 in 1997. Upon completion of County Road #147, the county would request a speed study be done. It was the opinion of a county employee that at the time of a speed study done on County Road #147 that the speed study be also done on County Road #40.

Discussion was held regarding the 30 mph sign nearest to the intersection of Lime Street and County Road #40. It was the council's opinion that the sign should be relocated further out of town. The quickest way to achieve that directive would be to forward a letter to the county. The engineer and attorney were directed to draft the letter to the county.

## *Miscellaneous*

The Carver Depot has been sold requiring the council to transfer Tax Increment Finance note to approve the transfer. Motion was made and carried adopting the resolution authorizing assignment of Tax increment note of 1997.

Changes to the Snowmobile Ordinance was questioned. The ordinance was to be forwarded to the Park and Recreation Board for their review and recommendations.

Motion was made and carried approving the prosecution contract with Carver County.

The council was updated on SkyView Lane utility and street improvements report. The report had been completed in 1998. The engineer recommended that a feasibility study be completed and reviewed at upcoming meetings. There was no action at this time.

The council reviewed the variance request for bluff encroachment for a deck. The city planner briefly reviewed the history of the request with the council. Motion was made and carried with three ayes and two nays adopting resolution approving the bluff set back variance.

## *Fire Station/Public Works Building*

The council reviewed the preliminary schedule for the Fire Station/Public Work Building. Many decisions will be necessary. A tentative start date being considered is May of 2003. Suggestion to form a committee to discuss plans with the architect were brought to the council. Recommendations of individuals who should serve on the committee re to be brought to the council.

The public works director submitted suggestions for the Public Works/Fire Station Building Committee. The engineering firm suggested a three member committee. The engineering firms recommendation from experience that the committee should consist of a Fire Department representative, the Public Works Director and a council member. An aggressive schedule was also suggested. Motion was made and carried appointing a three person committee for the Public Works/Fire Station Building project. The committee will be Paul Schultz, Dave Diethelm and Council member Webb. Motion was made and carried to draft plans and specifications for the project. To keep the public updated, the council will be kept apprised of developments and the City Hall is open to view information.





## *Water Distribution Plant*

A water distribution plant had been discussed in 1998. Presently the county has completed an electronic base map of the city. Due to the rapid growth in the city a determination is necessary of what their distribution system should look like in the future. Estimated costs were talked about and water connection fees could be used to pay for the system.

Council member inquired about the status of the Surface Water Management Plan. Work had begun in 1998, continued into 1999 and the project is a large scope plan. Memos had been forwarded to administrators. However, letters haven't been forwarded to various agencies. These letters need to be forwarded to various agencies. Public Utilities Supervisor was of the opinion that if the water distribution plan would be an AutoCAD program, approval should be given for the work to be done. Council member expressed concern of costs for many of these projects. Explanation was given that many of the major projects are going through the city, but the passing through of fees are some of the costs. Motion was made and carried to proceed with the Water Distribution Plan.

## *Sixth Street Update*

The city engineer and the public works director have checked Sixth Street. The street does not show much distress at this time. Some filling is required. It is in good shape when considering the age of the street. The engineer recommended to continue rating the condition of the pavement and to continue working on an assessment policy identifying percentages to be used for future street improvements. The city attorney stated that a lot of money should not be sent on an assessment policy because there was one already in place.

## *Highway #212 ByPass*

The council was told that MnDOT (Minnesota Department of Transportation) is seeking feedback from cities along the corridor of Highway #212 regarding frontage roads accessing the highway. As these accesses are removed, road in place of these can be addressed with city's planning issues. Information received has a major impact on the city. Several issues involve the closing of County Road #40 and moving an access to Mount Hope Road. One issue of concern for MnDOT is the costs of right-of-way acquisitions. Motion was made authorizing city staff and consultants to work with MnDOT and their consultants on future frontage road locations, access issues and cost participation issues.

## *Church By the River*

The city planner has spoken to volunteers about the work being done at the Church-By-The-River and the availability of grants. Since Carver is not a Certified Local Government there are relatively small amounts of funding available for historic preservation projects. The city needs to update their ordinance, in order to achieve CLG (Certified Local Government) status, in order to be eligible for more historic grant. The state could be invited to the city to explain the CLG. A motion was made and carried to pursue gaining CLG status for the city.

## *DownTown Street Improvements*

The council discussed setting a bid date and authorizing the staff to prepare resolution approving plans and specifications. Motion was made and carried authorizing the staff to prepare a resolution approving the plans and specifications and setting bid date for January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003 for the DownTown Street Improvements project. Adopting the resolution ordering the improvement would also be necessary. Motion was made and carried adopting the resolution ordering improvement of the DownTown Street project. Motion was made and carried adopting resolution approving Plans and Specifications, as well as ordering advertisement of bids for the Down Town Improvements project.

## *2003 Budget*

The council held the Public Hearing on the 2003 Budget. One resident expressed complaint that the taxes increased 18%. The mayor explained that property values increased and the budget increases causing taxes to increase. Decision was necessary whether or not the budget should be revised. Another resident stated that there was a 25% increase. There were questions and answers. The budget would not be approved until required waiting period occurred. At that time approval would take place. The council scheduled a meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the impact of the proposed budget and property values increases. Then the council would meet again on December 16<sup>th</sup> to close the Public Hearing at which time the budget would probably be approved.

## *Carver Bluffs*

The final plat for Carver Bluffs 8<sup>th</sup> addition has been approved by the Planning Commission. The final plat meets requirements of the Planned Residential Development as approved and is consistent with the Carver Bluffs Central preliminary plat. The city planner recommended approval with conditions. The final landscape plan is to be submitted for approval by the city planner before releasing the final plat for filing; city engineer and attorney requirements are met; a development agreement or amendment detailing all development and construction requirements is prepared by the city attorney, developer signature and financial guarantees are submitted before final plat filing is released; and approval must be received from the Carver County Water Management regulations.

Motion was made and carried adopting the resolution approving the final plat of thirty six residential lots in Carver Bluffs 8<sup>th</sup> Addition.

## *City Administrator Vacancy*

The council discussed approval of offering the city administrator position to Mr James Elmquist. Council elect member conversed with candidate and the council consensus involved in the discussions with candidates were all in favor of offering the position to this individual. Motion was made and carried forwarding offer of employment to candidate James Elmquist.

## *Carver Lions*

The Carver Lions are holding their Second Annual Outdoor Christmas Decoration Contest. There are cash prizes for the winner of first, second and third place. The judging will be held the week of December 15-21<sup>st</sup>. Hurry! Hurry! You don't have much time left to get those outdoors all lit up and entered into the contest. The deadline for registration is December 13<sup>th</sup>! That's the end of this week! Registrations are available from the city hall and can be returned to Dianne at the hall for the Lions. Quick! Let's get competitive!

New members are always welcome. As you can see, they have lots of fun. There's community projects, there's parties, there's saving historical buildings, meeting and making new friends all the time. What are you waiting for? They meet the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall.

The Carver Lions would also like to extend the warmest Holiday Greetings to everyone.

## *Carver Youth*

## *Baseball/Softball Association*

Watch for upcoming news regarding the CYBSA in the beginning of 2003. Meanwhile, the CYBSA wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## *YellowStone Raccoons*

The Yellowstone Raccoons 4-H Club wishes everyone Happy Holidays!

## *Carver Liquor*

Gary and Dale have been in the Carver Liquor established seven months ago is going well. They would like to thank everyone for their support and business. Carver Liquor is strong and growing thanks to all the community support. Be sure to stop in and check out our growing wine selection; as well as to meet Gary and Dale. And if you are looking for a Christmas present for that special person, we have gift certificates available. Carver Liquor hours presently are Monday through Saturday from 10 AM to 10 PM. Make note that the winter hours will take effect after the first of the year so in January the winter hours will be Monday through Wednesday at 10 AM to 8PM; and Thursday through Saturday will be 10 AM to 10 PM. Need to find out what they have in stock, call them at 952) 448 - 9862.





# Happy NEW YEAR



## Carver Fire Department and Community Highlights December 2002

- December 2<sup>nd</sup> - Council Meeting
- December 4<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Pattil
- Happy Birthday Shayla!
- December 5<sup>th</sup> - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
- Drill Night 6:30 PM
- December 6<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Tommy!
- December 9<sup>th</sup> - Park and Recreation Board
- December 10<sup>th</sup> - Council Meeting
- December 16<sup>th</sup> - Council Meeting
- Drill Night 6:30 PM
- December 17<sup>th</sup> - Planning Commission
- Happy Anniversary Carol and Ken!
- December 21<sup>st</sup> - First Day of Winter
- December 22<sup>nd</sup> - Happy Birthday Sandy!
- December 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve
- December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day
- December 26<sup>th</sup> - Fire Department Meeting
- December 29<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Miranda!
- December 31<sup>st</sup> - New Year's Eve
- Happy Birthday Stephanie!



## Carver Village Christmas

The Carver Village Christmas on December 7<sup>th</sup> was a SMASHING SUCCESS!!! Events around town between one and three got really busy. Santa at the Gazebo, Horse drawn hay rides were a big success. Christmas trees were being sold at the Depot Park. Harvey's serviced a special lunch, which you can bet was delicious. Stepped into a local business to be served Hot Chocolate or cider and cookies! Music was donated in the park and was fantastic it was reported. Popcorn was served in the park. The finale being the house tours of five houses and the Church-By-The-River. There were forty two guests for the house tours. All the money raised will be donated towards the restoration of the Church-By-The-River.

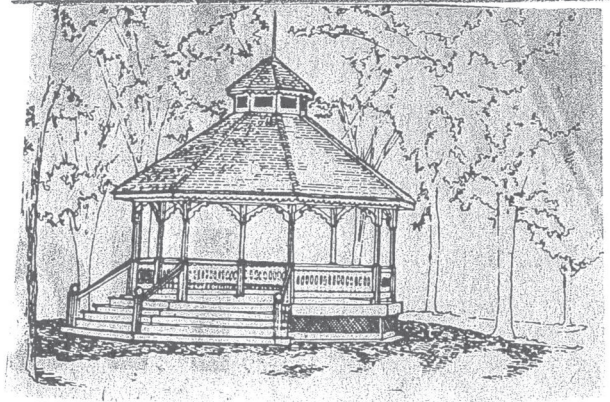
The Carver Village Christmas was made possible by the efforts of the Carver Lions, Carver Fire Department, Objects and Art and Mustard Moon of the Corner, local business, house tour hosts and of course, that man in the red suit; SANTA! Thank you everyone!!!

## "Operation Smile"

The Children's Surgery International (formerly Operation Smile) associated with Second Alarm's Chili Feed held each year in Carver has given one of our own an opportunity of a lifetime. Leon made a trip to Acapulco, Mexico with US doctors who perform corrective surgery on citizens who are underprivileged.

Carver's Second Alarm volunteer group is made up of retired firefighters. The annual Chili Feed donates their proceeds to the Children's Surgery International so that this surgery can be done. This year, the team requested a representative to witness the program. Leon was the chosen candidate.

So, now you have a first hand account of what this team does. Be sure to ask him. I'm sure he would be happy to tell you all about the experience. Congratulations Leon!



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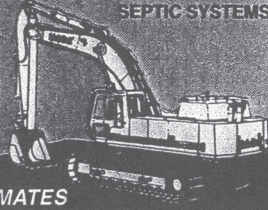
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