



Wanted

Author: Unknown

Position: Mother, Mom, and Mama

Job Description: Long term team players needed, for challenging permanent work in an, often chaotic environment. Candidates must possess excellent communication and organizational skills and be willing to work variable hours, which will include evenings and weekends and frequent 24 hour shifts on call. Some overnight travel required, including trips to primitive camping sites on rainy weekends and endless sports tournaments in far away cities. Travel expenses not reimbursed. Extensive courier duties also required.

Responsibilities: The rest of your life. Must be willing to be hated, at least temporarily, until someone needs \$5. Must be willing to bite tongue repeatedly. Also must possess the physical stamina of a pack mule and be able to go from zero to 60 mph in three seconds flat in case, this time, the screams from the back yard are not someone just crying wolf. Must be willing to face stimulating technical challenges, such as small gadget repair, mysteriously sluggish toilets and stuck zippers. Must screen phone calls, maintain calendars and coordinate production of multiple homework projects. Must have ability to plan and organize social gatherings for clients of all ages and mental outlooks. Must be willing to be indispensable one minute, an embarrassment the next. Must handle assembly and product safety testing of a half million cheap, plastic toys and battery operated devices. Must always hope for the best but be prepared for the worst. Must assume final, complete accountability for the quality of the end product. Responsibilities also include floor maintenance and janitorial work throughout the facility.

Possibility For Advancement Promotion: Virtually none. Your job is to remain in the same position for years, without complaining constantly retraining and updating skills, so that those in your charge can ultimately surpass you.

Previous Experience: None required unfortunately. On-the-job training offered on a continually exhausting basis.

Wages and Compensation: Get this! You pay them! Offering frequent raises and bonuses. A balloon payment is due when they turn 18 because of the assumption that college will help them become financially independent. When you die, you give them whatever is left. The oddest thing about this reverse-salary scheme is that you actually enjoy it and wish you could only do more.

Benefits: While no health or dental insurance, no pension, no tuition reimbursement, no paid holidays and no stock options are offered; this job supplies limitless opportunities for personal growth and free hugs for life if you play your cards right.

Forward this advertisement onto all moms you know, in appreciation for everything they do on a daily basis, and let them know they are appreciated!

Fire Department

The fire chief informed the council that the "Jaws of Life" are in need of a hydraulic pump. Quotes had been gotten. The council approved by motion with all ayes to purchase a hydraulic pump.

The department has also been drafting guidelines to increase fire fighter membership. Neither the state nor the City of Chaska has any guidelines. The next area to make inquiry is from the insurance company. The department has five applications but only two openings. The chief was asked to continue researching the issue for guidelines to increase membership on the department.

Municipal Utilities

The council was told that the MN Pollution Control Agency requested that the city review their current staffing in the Municipal Utilities Departments. The salary for another employee was discussed. The Municipal Utilities Superintendent explained the necessity of another employee. Since the new treatment plant will soon be in operation it was the opinion of the individuals who reviewed the facilities that it would be necessary to hire another person. It is difficult to maintain all of the equipment, some projects require two people and the growth of the system necessitates increased work to be expected. Testing requires approximately two hours daily, which was not necessarily anticipated.

Then the council discussed the water fund, which is in the red. The department is also in need of a truck. The budgeting and costs were discussed. The council approved by motion the funds budgets. After further discussion, decision was made to not make any further repairs on an old truck.

Sanitary Sewer

The engineer explained to the council that the city's sanitary sewer line needs to be increased from Lime Street and County Road #40 to Third Street and to Oak Street. This project and the Main Street Lift Station are part of the 2005 Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement Plan. Generally, a feasibility study and preliminary survey are done when the decision is made to pursue. However, due to the present mild weather conditions and the availability of survey crews request was being presented for approval to conduct the preliminary survey. The engineer gave an estimated cost for the survey work and told the council that the funds for this project were included in the sanitary sewer connection fees. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving request to perform the preliminary survey for the Lime Street, Third Street, and Oak Street sewer replacement and Main Street lift station improvements. Suggestion was also submitted to forward a letter to citizens making them aware of the activities approved.

Currently staff is experiencing response time issues and high water level alarms at the existing lift station. The Main Street lift stations and sanitary sewer are both part of the 2005 Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement Plan. It was pointed out that also needed between 4th Street and Main Street is storm sewer improvements. A resolution would be necessary to proceed with the Feasibility Study needed to be done due to the complexity associated with the lift station and force mains. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing the Feasibility Study.

Land Use Issues

The council reviewed and discussed the issue of procedures relating to reimbursements to the city for the fees incurred for third party consultants in relation to land use matters and requests publishing of a summarized version be drafted by the city attorney. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the ordinance establishing procedures for land use issues. Then the council discussed adoption of an ordinance establishing the fees relating to land use issues. The city planner reminded the council that the attorney recommended that the land use fees be adopted by an ordinance versus a resolution. The Planning Commission had held a Public Hearing recommending approval. The fees were the same as those on the fees resolution with a few changes and the council reviewed this. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the ordinance establishing fees relating to the land use issues.

The council briefly discussed charges for user fees for city parks, rental fees or field use fees. Request was presented for the Park and Recreation Board to review this issue and submit their recommendations to the council.

Park and Recreation Board

A representative from "Women on Broadway" "Women on Broadway" spoke with the Park and Recreation Board members regarding the women's interest in contributing donations towards the refurbishing project of the caboose at Depot Park. There may possibly be two authentic train lights that could make a nice addition to the site. Tentative plans and research conducted were discussed concerning the caboose. It was the member's wishes to formulate a committee for the renovation project. A citizen whose hobby includes historical research expressed interest in involvement with this particular project. A notice being posted in the city's newsletter and the city's new website were talked about. (City's website: www.cityofcarver.com) Again, the men involved in the acquisition of the caboose were thanked for orchestrating the acquisition of the caboose.

In correlation to the caboose reality, the members are also researching the notion of obtaining a steam engine to accompany the caboose at Depot Park. Some pictures were distributed amongst the members for their review.

The members are tentatively also researching the notion of an ordinance pertaining to fees for the parks and it was their opinion that this was too premature to schedule fees for specific sports/field usage and rink usage, etc. Suggestion was submitted to postpone initiating a fee schedule until recreational activities can be monitored more accurately due to not only the growth of different programs but also the increased population. Devising a fee schedule later would be both more effective and appropriate.

However, the decision was made that the fee for park pavilion rentals remain at \$25. per event and a \$50 deposit refunded contingent upon inspection of adequate clean up. The board also discussed the appointment of an individual to execute the scheduling of all recreational sports and facilities as to avoid coordination conflicts. Paul Reimer has been responsible for this task in the past. It was the board's contention that he had done a good job. Motion was made and carried to hire Paul Reimer to schedule all recreational sports and facilities for the City of Carver.

Board members talked about the walking trails and making them aesthetically pleasing and reminding that snowmobiles are not allowed in parks. Suggestion was also submitted to invite Jane Thom to their next meeting for the purpose of discussing structuring and scheduling for the ball teams.

The board members also talked about establishing committees to make suggestions for the trails/park beautifications, new park developments, existing parks and for organization of recreational activities. The board made a motion and carried establishing committees. Committees would be expected to deal with specific goals and issues. Each committee would include volunteers but chaired by a Park and Recreation Board member. The following committees were suggested for creation: Trails/Park Beautification; Existing Park Development; Organized Recreational Activities and New Park Development.

The members discussed a 'Priority List'. The board reviewed their accomplishments. Their "to do list" needs to be prioritized. The board held a lengthy discussion on this issue. Estimated costs for different items would be obtained for the next meeting for the upcoming season which should aid in being able to better prioritize their "to do" list.

The number of board members was addressed. It was the board's opinion that more board members were needed. Reminder was interjected that it is harder to acquire a quorum when more people are involved. The board submitted motion recommending to the council that the number of board member on the Park and Recreation Board be increased. The Park and Recreation Board presented a proposed Ordinance Amendment to increase the number of non-voting alternates to the board. A council member stated that the Park and Recreation Board worked very hard on behalf of the city. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the ordinance amendment increasing board members.

City of Carver Deputy Introduction

Sheriff Bud Olson introduced several officers attending the council meeting. Deputy Larry Lessard will be the deputy working forty hours per week in the City of Carver beginning 2005. The council was told that Carver County's first sheriff was Levi Griffin from Carver. Deputy Lessard has been with the county's Sheriff Department for a little over four years. The council welcomed the deputy to the city.

The Fees Ordinance

Then the council reviewed the issue of the adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter Six, the Fees Ordinance and related section in various chapters. The council was reminded that none of the fees had been changed from the Fees Resolution adopted the previous year, but the financial consultants had recommended an increase in the municipal utilities rates and the elimination of the water treatment plant fee. The consultants had recommended increasing the fees for water sales for fewer than thirty thousand gallons of water use. Two council members were more comfortable with also increasing the higher end water users rates and to adjust the lower end water uses rates to reflect this. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to reevaluate and recalculate rates.

An Ehlers and Associates representative talked to the council about amending the Ordinance regarding the fees. She talked about eliminating the water treatment plant surcharge. She stated that by increasing the rates, the larger users of the water would pay more towards the water treatment plant. She suggested increases for the water rates.

Motion was made and carried adopting ordinance amending Chapter 6, the fees ordinance and related sections of various chapters as amended.

Municipal Utilities

The council discussed the authorization of a booster station and water tower preliminary design and site evaluation report with the city engineer. The engineer explained that due to the elevations, the city couldn't service areas in the northwest part of the city and areas west of County Road #147 with the existing water system. Due to the proposed development improvements are necessary to the system. Before construction plans can even be considered a Preliminary Design and Site Evaluation Reports must be done. Because of the construction schedule it is necessary to get a water tower on site and the booster station becomes a critical item for serving the areas by early 2006. It was explained that once the tower was in place a booster station would pump water to the tower until a new well was constructed. Therefore, the engineer was requesting authorization to study where to place the water tower. The council scheduled a work session to review this issue.

The council reviewed the Geological Study & Analysis and also reviewed Phase II - Test Well construction with the city engineer. To determine where the city would get water to supply the future growth in the Comprehensive Planning area a water supply study is necessary. It was explained that the existing FIG aquifers are a poor source of water to supply this area, therefore other aquifer or drift sources need to be evaluated. There were discussions regarding the increased use of the Mt Simon aquifer, however the state has limited the use of this aquifer. The engineering firm requested authorization to start the work on the test well construction phase. Costs were talked about and these costs would be reviewed further.

Engineer's Report

The council discussed expiration of final plats. Some items have expiration dates during construction phases and the recording of the plat, but once improvements are in then there is no expiration on construction of the homes.

Comment was made that it appeared that the completion date for the new trunk highway of #212 had been extended. The engineer stated that the proposed completion date is anticipated to be scheduled for October 31st of 2008.

The mayor asked the engineer if the city had solidified landscaping plans at the water treatment plant site. The response given was that the plans had not and that some basic plans had been suggested. Suggestion was submitted that neighbors schedule a meeting to discuss the landscaping. It was stated that the contractor would be planting grass, evergreen trees for screening and flowering crab. The council consensus was that the neighbors submit their input.

The council also discussed scheduling a work session to review future utility issues, having test wells in areas in the designated Comprehensive Plan areas and water pressure issues occurring in the northwest corner of the city. These issues need to be addressed. At this point the engineers would also update the council on various utility studies being conducted. Recommendation was to schedule the work session in January. Motion was made and carried with all ayes scheduling a work session to be held at the Fire Station/Public Works Facility to discuss future utility issues, including test wheels, booster station, water tower, etc.

Heritage Concept Plan

The City Planner and the Heritage Development representative were present at the Park and Recreation Board meeting. The board reviewed a variety of diagrams of which one include the provisions for underground parking. Appearance of the structures will be the stressed focal point of the development. Barrack type appearances were being avoided. Costs were estimated to be in the two hundred thousand ranges. The representative discussed ample on-street parking availability, street exceeding the fire department standards, ponds, and on-site hydraulic requirements. Questions were answered concerning the trail system access. It was announced that there would be limited access to the trail to limit traffic through individual properties. There will be a landscape plan. Suggestion was submitted for consideration of 'resting areas for benches for the open-space requirement in the proposed residential development. The Park and Recreation Board was being asked if they wanted park land or payment-in lieu of dedication for this development. The purpose of the question was to provide the developer with guidance. Motion was made and carried with all ayes by the Park and Recreation Board to accept the park dedication fee in lieu of land in the Heritage Phase II Development. The board also made a motion recommending that the board be advised prior to plans for the Phase II Development Finalization the Homeowner's Association requirements involving a Tot Lot, and maintenance of the Tot Lot.

The Planning Commission discussed the very different plan from original plans two years ago with representatives from the Heritage Development. The forty acres will have a total of two hundred twenty two units as opposed to the four hundred fifty eight originally planned. The Mayor stated that the new plan reflected a loss of density and affordability since the proposed original plan was eleven and a half units per acre versus the new plan was five point six units per acre. The plans now included three four-plex units equating to twelve units, two six-plex (12 units), nine eight-plex (72 units), eleven 10-plex (110 units) and one sixteen plex (16 units) and the pricing approximately \$180 thousand to the upper \$200 thousand.

The developer described the town homes as 'innovative and creative'. Varied designs encompass the overall general appearance attempting to achieve a better and approachable appearance. Underground parking for twelve buildings are planned and six private streets with dead ends, along with a private 'tot lot'. The Planning Commission further discussed water pressure, traffic, turn lanes, environmental review, ground breaking and completion dates. Then there was discussion about shelters for such things as tornadoes since there were absences of basements in this development. The consensus of the group was positive.

Some board members commented on the development having a smooth transition from Phase I to Phase II architecturally and another member commented on their approval of all the green vegetation. The gabled appearance was talked about. The developer also stated that there would be a landscape plan including the planting of trees along County Road #147.

The council was told that the project manager for Lylewood Glenn 2nd met with the Park and Recreation Board and the Planning Commission members to discuss changes in the plans. Statement was also made recognizing that there was moratorium in place and that there were other items that could be done in the meantime.

The City Engineer reviewed the Phase I - Geological Study and Analysis and Review Phase II on test wells and the Water Supply Plan. The areas proposed for consideration on the Comprehensive Plan involve 1200 to 5200 acres.

Water table issues needed to be dealt with on the site. The council reviewed designs. It was stated that the ten unit complex would have a front porch and two-car under ground parking. Each garage would also be accessible from the living area. A tot lot was also talked about and it was the developers desire to start construction in 2005. A township member asked when work would be started on the west side of County Road #147. The answer given was that it was thought that it would be at least two or three years.

The developer had changed their design to accommodate their own construction plans because the original plans would have resulted in their having to redesign. Council member voiced concern regarding the lack of affordable housing in the city.

RiverSide Park

The Park and Recreation Board was approached by a resident requesting involvement in the RiverSide Park project. Ms Williamson has a degree in Natural Resource Management and expressed interest in participating as a liaison working with the student from the University. Reminder was given of limited budget. Ms Williamson stated she would draft a concept plan. Statement was made that the university students have limited time for the project and Ms Williamson could generate continuity for the project.

Heritage Preservation Commission

The council was invited to go to the Church-By-River and view the walls of the church. The Heritage Preservation Commission members stained frames, obtained historic pictures of Carver and hung them throughout the church. Motion was made and carried with all ayes thanking the Heritage Preservation Commission for all their hard work and fine work in the church.

Skating

The Park and Recreation Board discussed scheduling skating events. The Funky Minds owner approached the Park and Recreation Board with inquiry about the new 'Carver Skate Club'. Members and parents would be invited to the next meeting so that they all could discuss joint efforts in coordinating use of the skating rink.

The administrator told the council that he had met with the Park and Recreation Board about park fees and a suggestion was submitted that 'non resident' definition be shown as "anyone outside of the Carver Fire District" and that the fee be increased for use of the ball fields and ice rink. Question was asked if there would be any open skating at the skating rink. The administrator told the council that he had met with the Park and Recreation Board about park fees and suggestion was submitted that 'non resident' definition be shown as "anyone outside of the Carver Fire District" and that the fee be increased for use of the ball fields and ice rink. Question was asked if there would be any open skating at the skating rink.

During the bidding process for the Community Park ice rink an ice resurfacers had been included in the specifications explained the Public Works superintendent that it was also determined that the maintenance equipment could not be paid with park dedication fees. The cost for the equipment had to come from the budget. The Capital Purchases Budget was reviewed, the Park and Recreation Board reviewed the issue with the superintendent and the decision was made how to handle the dilemma and the resurfacers could be purchased. Question was asked about what item was being forfeited so that the resurfacers could be bought. The Athletic Field Machine would now be planned for purchase in 2006. Comments heard last year about the ice rink was that the rink was rough. This year compliments were being voiced about the ice rink. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to approve the purchase of an ice resurfacers and the reworking of the budget delaying buying an athletic field machine until 2006.

A smaller rink being constructed for the children was requested. The response given was that possibly next year, next to the larger rink, a smaller one could be also made for the children.

Carver Bluffs

The city attorney advised the council that the three newer subdivisions in Carver Bluffs are required to be included in the Homeowner's Association. This was an internal problem in Hans Hagen Homes and attempts were being made to establish a new association for the eight, nine and ten phases of Carver Bluffs Development. The council was told that this was not a city problem.

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Miscellaneous

The council was also told by the city planner that several prospective developers for the land in Dahlgren Township will be attending the Township Meeting to introduce themselves.

The council discussed the Organization Resolution. The council member expressed their desire to be council liaisons for the various committees. Mike Webb was interested in the Planning Commission, Cindy Monroe, Heritage Preservation Commission and Acting Mayor, and Daryl Ziegler would be the liaison for Park and Recreation Board, SteamBoat Days Committee and Community Leader's Group. Motion was made and carried with all ayes designating liaison members and approving the resolution.

The council reviewed approval of the Solid Waste Abatement Grand Funds use and Clean-up day. It was approved by motion to use these funds for Carver's clean - up day scheduled for May 21st. A letter is to be drafted forwarding appropriate necessary information for this issue.

The council discussed scheduling a work session meeting for the purpose of discussing setting goals and visions for the city.

The council was told that the city's website address has changed. The new web site is: www.cityofcarver.com

The council reviewed the purchase of a truck for plowing which had been budgeted for since 1999. The Public Works superintendent researched the issue. He further explained that the purchase was justified since this truck would allow streets to be cleared in less time, one down another still available, more dependable and reduce overtime. The cost of this truck was talked about. Motion was made and carried to purchase a single axle plow truck with plow per state bid quotes.

Alternate Urban Area Review

A township resident requested being included in the Alternate Urban Area Review with the City of Carver. Purchaser's of Dahlgren Township property are planning on requesting to be annexed into the city at a later date. The parcel total consists of approximately one hundred sixty two acres. The township board expressed their desire to study this issue further prior to making any decisions.

The township board also received additional requests to be included in the Tollefson Alternate Urban Area Review .

The township discussed how much township land should be allowed to be included in the City of Carver's Alternate Urban Area Review . The clerk was directed to research questions regarding this issue.

Still another township property has presented request to the Township Board to be included in the Alternate Urban Area Review study with the City of Carver. The board discussed the fee involved with the established Orderly Annexation Agreement established.

DID YOU KNOW.....

that on May 26, 1877 CarverTownship was dissolved and was reorganized under law as a Carver Village.

Dahlgren Township

The township board reviewed request received for a Conditional Use Permit to develop residential wooded lots on residents property. Another party had expressed interest in purchasing the present house, buildings and an additional twenty seven acres. Also another neighbor expressed interest in purchasing three acres for property bordering said party for additional privacy. The proposal involved construction of a road on the railroad bed. This individual owns an easement along the railroad bed. Once a road is constructed the sixty-six foot requirement falls into place, which leaves seventeen feet on each side of this sixty-six foot requirement. Another owner had also been contacted in relation to this issue to express interest in absorbing the seventeen-foot strip. The other property owner had not been approached for the other seventeen-foot strip. The proposal at this time was to construct a 'T' at the end of the road for lot three. The issue would be discussed further at the County Planning Commission meeting. The township's concern involved the road to be built to meet township specifications . The road would be privately maintained.

The county Planning Commission requested additional information and areas to be addressed prior to considering approval of the Conditional Use Permit for the request of wooded lots in Dahlgren Township.

Tollefson Development

Tollefson Development representatives attended the Park and Recreation Board meeting for the purpose of introducing themselves and presented information concerning the proposed Tollefson Development project. The individuals shared slides of completed development comparatively similar in size by acreage as presently considered. The individuals introduced the Tollefson 'Concept Plan' in order for the Park and Recreation Board members begin to compose their own "wish list" for what they deem to be a priority in proposed future development. The discussion included items such as a community center, a water park, a pool, and a skateboard park. At this time, the proposed acreage for development involved approximately eight hundred acres on the west side of Carver. The intent was to concentrate on establishing park areas first since the goal is for a traditional neighborhood development which emphasizes "within walking distance" to parks, stores, etc. The decision made was to keep the lines of communication open even though these issues were early in the planning processes.

Crazy Town Skaters

Crazy Town Skaters representatives were at the Park and Recreation Board meeting to discuss the possibility of constructing a SkateBoard Park during the summer when the ice skating ring was not in use. The individuals explained clearly the preferences necessary for a Skate Board Park and described other area parks. The board stated that the request would be considered and they would contact the Crazy Town Skaters with their decision.

DID YOU KNOW....that in August 1871 John Helgeson bought out his partners and became sole proprietor of the Carver brickyard. By fall of that year he hoped to have turned out one million bricks.

Carver Softball/Baseball Youth Association

Representatives from the Community Youth Softball/Baseball Association discussed the needs and field usage with the Park and Recreation Board members. They reviewed scheduling and expectations. There is an increasing demand for field usage. Registration forms for sign-up have been forwarded. There were ninety teams last year comprised of students from surrounding communities including Carver. Question was asked if Carver residents could be identified and an estimated count given? Upon input of registrations then a total could be tallied. There were also discussion concerning field 'expectations'. A list of these expectations could be submitted to coaches and parents for responses. Anticipated problem preventions were also addressed. Determination had been made that this was a continual and rapidly growing program.

Depot Park

The Park and Recreation Board members were given a progress report regarding the caboose in Depot Park. One of the members has gotten the blueprints necessary to aid in the refurbishing of the caboose. There have been a number of individuals who have contacted board members interested in helping with the renovation project. The board members consensus was to continue forward with plans for refurbishing. One of the board members has contacted the historical society of the C & W Rail Road. There will be an article in the Chaska Herald featuring the caboose. Be sure to watch for it. The caboose was built in 1966. The plans are to renovate not only the outside but also inside. Maybe you'll have to ask the committee working on this project, if there will be informational guides tours provided too? (Maybe during SteamBoat Days they would consider the idea?) In 1981 the rail road rebuilt their entire fleet of cabooses. It is these blueprints that will aid in the refurbishing of the caboose now resting in Depot Park. There will be a new slogan on the exterior. Anyone wishing to assist in the project is encouraged to come help. "The more the merrier" is the motto encouraged. Lots and lots of 'man-power' (forgive the cliché), all genders welcomed and needed. Expertise go hand in hand along with the people power. So don't be shy, don't be afraid, step right up and if you have any interest in participating, contact Paul Young and Skip Low.

Tentative Agenda

City Council Monday Evening 6:30 PM

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Approve Agenda
- 4) Petitions, Requests
- 5) Consent Agenda
- 6) Public Safety
- 7) Truth in Taxation Public Hearing
- 8) Municipal Utilities
- 9) City Engineer Report
- 10) City Planner Report
- 11) City Attorney Report
- 12) Liaison Reports
- 13) Other Business
- 14) Adjourn

Water Supply Issues

The engineer addressed the council regarding issues relating to the Geological Study and Test Well information. The council needed to discuss location for test wells, results of these tests, future well information and other planning issues for future plat land, DNR and the Mount Simon aquifer. The reason testing is done is to find a good location to serve the anticipated growth in the city. The highest elevation would also be necessary. At the work session the engineers and the council also talked about the Water Treatment Plant capacity. Then the council discussed the costs of proposed improvements and how the new developments may be required to contribute to expenditures. There was discussion of keeping affordable housing available in the city.

Water storage amounts were questioned. The city currently has one hundred thousand gallon water storage tank. Estimates dictate that in the future it will be necessary to store three million gallons of water. The engineers commented that several water towers at different elevations work the best.

Question was asked about requiring the Heritage Development to have a separate well for watering their landscaping. Question was asked if it was possible to have two water lines brought to the house (treated and untreated) the untreated for use of outside watering. It was said that Texas has this system. This idea made sense. The engineers would research the issue for cost and feasibility.

Then the council discussed the Booster Station and the design and site evaluation of the preliminary water tower. The booster station was necessary for Heritage 2nd because his area is higher than the land where the current water tower is located. A booster station is a pump station that moves the water to a higher level improving the water pressure.

The council discussed authorizing Phase II of the test well construction with the engineer. The engineer explained that the Water Supply Planning Study for the Comprehensive Plan area would be done in three phases. These phases would be the Geological Study and Analysis; Test Well construction; and Aquifer Pumping of Test Wells and Well Siting Analysis. The study would determine where the city's water would come from to supply the future growth anticipated in the proposed planning area. The engineer explained that the pre-sent FIG aquifers are a poor source of water so other aquifers need to be evaluated. The state will ask if the FIG areas were tested.

The construction costs were discussed. The engineer estimated costs, as well as indirect estimated project costs and pointed out the amounts that are part of the current agreement with Tollefson and the city. Motion was made and carried with three ayes and one nay authorizing preparation of construction documents for Phase II - Test Well Construction South of Highway #212.

The engineer explained to the council that because of elevations the city cannot serve areas in the Northwest section of the city and areas west of County Road #147 with the existing water system. A schedule of work was reviewed pointing the times that work should be done to have a booster station in operation by 2006. The time frame is critical. Question was asked if it made sense to determine the placement of the water tower prior to test wells being dug. The engineer responded that they know approximately where the tower would be placed and the area to be served. Cost of production well versus test wells was asked about. It was stated that a lot of information can be gotten from a test well, but could not be made into a production well. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing the engineering firm to proceed with the Preliminary Design and Site Evaluation Reports for the booster station and water tower. Increase of water pressure to areas was also discussed.

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Did You Know...

that the land for Mount Hope Cemetery in Carver was purchased around 1855 from Frederick Greiner, who from 1854-56 was homesteading a farm site between Carver and Chaska. Frederick Greiner in November 1855 was elected Carver County Sheriff, replacing Carver's Levi Griffin. ... that in February 1868 pioneer blacksmith John Bloedel (born 1834) lost his Carver blacksmith and wagon making shop to a fire. Four years earlier his property had been involved in another fire.

An Adventure with Grandma

I remember my first Christmas adventure with Grandma. I was just a kid. I remember tearing across town on my bike to visit her on the day my big sister dropped the bomb: "There is no Santa Claus." She jeered. "Even dummies know that!"

My grandma was not the gushy kind, never had been. I fled to her that day because I knew she would be straight with me. I knew Grandma always told the truth, and I knew that the truth always went down a whole lot easier when swallowed with one of her world famous cinnamon buns. I knew they were world-famous, because Grandma said so. It had to be true. Grandma was home, and the buns were still warm. Between bites, I told her everything. She was ready for me. "No Santa Claus!", she snorted. "Ridiculous! Don't believe it. That rumor has been going around for years and it makes me mad, plain mad. No, put on your coat, and let's go."

"Go? Go where, Grandma?" I asked. I hadn't even finished my second world-famous, cinnamon bun. "Where" turned out be Kerby's General Store, the one store in town that had a little bit of just about every thing. As we walked through its doors, Grandma handed me ten dollars. That was a bundle in those days. "Take this money" she said, "and buy something for someone who needs it. I'll wait for you in the car." Then she turned and walked out of Kerby's.

I was only eight years old. I'd often gone shopping with my mother, but never had I shopped for anything all by myself. The store seemed big and crowded, full of people scrambling to finish their Christmas shopping. For a few moments, I just stood there, confused, clutching that ten dollar bill, wondering what to buy, and who on earth to buy it for.

I thought of everybody I knew: my family, my friends, my neighbors, the kids at school, the people who went to my church. I was just about thought out, when I suddenly thought of Bobby Decker. He was the kid with bad breath and messy hair and he sat right behind me in Mrs Pollock's grade-two class. Bobby Decker didn't have a coat. I knew that because he never went out for recess during the winter. His mother always wrote a note, telling the teacher that he had a cough, but all we kids knew that Bobby Decker didn't have a cough and he didn't have a coat. I fingered the ten dollar bill with growing excitement. I would buy Bobby Decker a coat!

I settled on a red corduroy one that had a hood to it. It looked real warm and he would like that. "is this a Christmas present for someone?" the lady behind the counter asked kindly as I laid my ten dollars down. "Yes", I replied shyly. "it's for Bobby." The nice lady smiled at me. I didn't get any change, but she put the coat in a bag and wished me a Merry Christmas.

That evening, Grandma helped me wrap the coat in Christmas paper and ribbons (a little tag fell out of the coat, and Grandma tucked it in her Bible) and wrote, "To Bobby, From Santa Claus" on it - Grandma said that Santa always insisted on secrecy. Then she drove me over to Bobby Decker's house, explaining as we went that I was now and forever officially one of Santa's helpers.

Grandma parked down the street from Bobby's house and she & I crept noiselessly and hid in the bushes by his front walk. Then Grandma gave me a nudge. "All right, Santa Clause," she whispered, "get going."

I took a deep breath, dashed for his front door, threw the present down on his step, pounded his doorbell and flew back to the safety of the bushes and Grandma. Together we waited breathlessly in the darkness for the front door to open. Finally it did, and there stood Bobby.

Fifty years haven't dimmed the thrill of those moments spent shivering, beside my Grandma, in Bobby Decker's bushes. That night, I realized that those awful rumors about Santa Clause were just what Grandma said they were, 'ridiculous'. Santa was alive and well, and we were on his team.

I still have the Bible, with the tag tucked inside: \$19.95.

He who has no Christmas in his heart will never find Christmas under a tree.

- Author Unknown

Fire Department Highlights and Community Calendar

February 2005

- February 1st - Ovary Club Meeting
- February 2nd - Lion's Meeting
- February 3rd - Drill Night 6:30 PM
- February 7th - Council Meeting
- February 9th - Ash Wednesday
- SteamBoat Days Committee Meeting
- February 12th - Lincoln's Birthday
- February 14th - Valentine's Day
- Park and Recreation Board Meeting
- Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
- February 15th - Happy Birthday Kim!
- Happy Birthday Katie!
- Happy Anniversary Dwight & Janet!
- Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
- February 16th - Lion's Meeting
- February 18th - Happy Birthday Mervel
- February 21st - President's Day
- Drill Night 6:30 PM
- February 22nd - Washington's Birthday
- Happy Birthday Sandra!
- Council Meeting 6:30 PM
- February 23rd - Planning Commission Meeting
- February 24th - Fire Department Meeting Night
- February 27th - Happy Birthday Dad!
- February 28th - Comprehensive Plan Work Group Meeting



Carver Lions

The Carver Lions would like to share the following information with residents and it is important to know and understand how important and useful our Carver Lions are to the community, and to the world. Since their inception the Lions have donated over 1.1 million dollars to local and national charities and causes. How impressive is that? Has anyone thought to thank them? Our Lions work very hard to make these contributions possible. The most recent donation the Lions contributed to was the latest largest world disaster, the Tsunami Disaster Fund.

Presently the Carver Lions are making plans and getting ready for their Annual Pancake Breakfast, which is scheduled for March 13th at the Village Hall. More information will follow in the local newsletters and on the city's website.

And of course, for the sake of the newest residents and reminder to others, the Lions meet the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall and guests are welcomed to come and see what the Lions are all about. So stop in and say hello. Check them out.

Carver Youth Softball/Baseball Association

It's time again for the Carver Youth Softball/Baseball Association Registration for summer fun. Boys should be getting their notices from District #112 Baseball. T-Ball, MN Valley and Prairie League and Girls Softball registrations will be coming soon. Watch for next months notice. If e-mail addresses are available then registrations will be e-mailed. Looking forward to the upcoming season!!!

Did You Know....

that in 19th Century Carver there were no less than seven hotels in town: The Luksenburg (ca 1852, location uncertain), the Temperance Hotel (1856, South Broadway), Carver House, later called the Planter's Hotel (ca. 1861, Broadway at East Third Street), Basler House (ca. 1870, Broadway at East Main), the Mercantile Hotel (burned 1886, location unknown), the Minneapolis Hotel (ca. 1870, East Fourth Street between Oak and LimeStreets), the Neunsinger, also called the Central Hotel (1897, Broadway at West Fourth Street on the present City Hall site). Of these seven, the only one standing is the Temperance Hotel.

"Women On Broadway"

Women on Broadway are in the process of making plans for a summer event in Carver. It is scheduled for June 26th. Knowing the fine ladies, we can all be sure it will be fun, eloquent and wonderful huh?

The ladies reported that their Christmas House Tours were a smashing success. There were one hundred and thirty guests who toured the ten homes on the route. Again, thanks are extended to the wonderful people who allowed us to tour their elegant homes and spent all that time and hard work to make it so beautiful. Good job! Thanks. Deep down we all know it was well worth the time and effort. The "Taste of Christmas" party was also very successful and lots of fun in the Church-By-River. The reindeer and Santa can not be forgotten. Which by the way was also all made possible by the Carver Lions and the Carver Fire Department. There was hot soup and hot beverages and horse drawn wagons. Due to the lack of that white stuff (if you can believe that in MN) the sleigh had to be left behind. There were lots and lots of visitors and children who joined in all the festivities. And we wish to thank everyone who participated and helped to make it all possible. It certainly made for a memorable event in the City of Carver once again! Thank you ladies and gents. See y'all next year... and as Santa says, "and to all a good night".

SteamBoat Days

It's never too early or too late to be thinking, planning, preparing or scheduling for the next SteamBoat Days event. The SteamBoat Committee would like to share the following information for those of you who might be interested in helping resolve the situation or have another great idea. The next SteamBoat Days will not be able to have the carnival (rides) like last year's event. Therefore, the committee is seeking volunteers to run children's games and contests. Anyone is welcome and shifts can be very flexible. The committee meets the second Wednesday of every month at the Village Hall @ 6:30 PM.

Rural Growth Centers

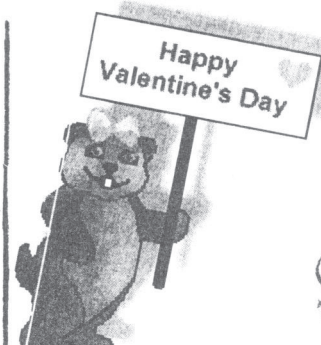
The City Planner reported to the council that it had come to her attention that Carver County and the Metropolitan Council intended to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding relating to rural growth centers. The city could potentially be affected by this memorandum since the city is considered a rural center and would be thus classified as such if the city chooses to accept growth. There had not been sufficient time for council review of this memorandum prior to the county's anticipated acceptance, therefore, the mayor forwarded a letter outlining concerns to the county with this memorandum. The adoption of this document had been postponed for receipt of input from the cities. Attendance to these meeting will occur. Council member voiced surprise that this document was drafted without including the affected areas.

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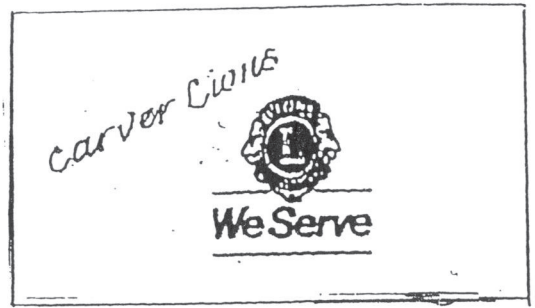
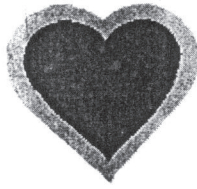
...that in 1871 the Carver house of William Benson had to be moved about sixty feet to accommodate the H & D Railroad. Charles Johnson contracted to do the work and William Benson was reimbursed for his lost property.

... that shipping a crate by steamboat from St Paul to Carver in 1858 cost one dollar, plus forty cents for temporary storage of the box until it was picked up.

...that two teeth from a long extinct wooly mammoth were found in the Carver gravel pit a few years ago. The gravel pit was created by outwash from a retreating glacier, one of many that covered Minnesota during the last Ice Age some ten thousand years ago.



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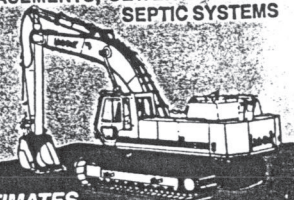
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