



*Dedicated In Loving Memory of Terry Wickenhauser
And also in Honor of Treva Lundquist*

Building Permits

The council reviewed a letter from the attorney concerning the issue of financial assurances concerning building permits. After conducting some research, since there were apparently no other cities with a similar requirement of financial assurances from contractors the attorney made some conclusions. The attorney questioned whether or not the information necessary to implement financial assurances requirements was data the city wanted to have. Most of the data necessary would be classified as private data further imposing the question of did the city really desire to be in control of this private data. This type of criteria would also thereby require the city to formulate subjective decisions. Could a requirement of an escrow account until completion be an alternative, it was asked. The attorney was of the opinion that this requirement would have to be subjected to all of the contractors and developers who would then protest still another fee, and it would not be a good policy to pursue.

Waste Water Treatment Plant

The council reviewed the drafted resolution authorizing the negotiations with the Metropolitan Council regarding the wastewater treatment plant. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution indicating the city's willingness to transfer the City of Carver's wastewater treatment plant to the Metropolitan Council and to interconnect to the metropolitan system. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing signature of the drafted letter to the Met Council regarding the waste water treatment plant.

Park and Recreation Board

The Park and Recreation Board talked about the revision of the Community Park Priority List and briefly talked about the revised five year Comprehensive Plan which was tabled until they could converse with the city planner. The Warming House was briefly talked about with a motion recommending approval to the council for the quote to construct the house.

The Park and Recreation Board requested an explanation regarding the interest with the Park and Recreation funds. It was the board's contention that interest from Park Dedication Fees should be available to the board for park development. It was also their opinion that fees for park rental should also be forwarded into the Park and Recreation's account.

The board also decided to forward invitations to the school district's Youth Baseball Association and the Carver Skating Club and at the next meeting to continue discussions for field scheduling and equipment necessary.

Miscellaneous

The City Planner questioned whether or not the letter had been drafted and forwarded onto MN DOT concerning the proposal for Highway #41 over the Minnesota River. The tentative schedule for completion of the bridge on state highway is tentatively 2040.

The council discussed scheduling a meeting with the Metropolitan Council Representative. The city planner suggested waiting to set the date. The council voted by motion to schedule a special meeting at the Church-By-River and to invite Mr Julius Smith from the Metropolitan Council to attend this meeting.

The council discussed the revisions made to the Mission Statement for the City of Carver. Motion was made and carried accepting the revised Mission Statement. [See Side Bar - "Mission Statement"]

The council discussed the intersection of County Road #147 and Highway #212 where there has been still another car accident and a resolution must be sought to alleviate problems. Question was asked whether or not a stop light could be installed. The engineer informed the council that the state does not track accidents by locations. The administrator would conduct research on alternatives for resolutions for this intersection and what can be done to help eliminate any more serious injuries at this location.

The council discussed issues pertaining to the topics related to the city's fire department and a special meeting to discuss topics was reviewed. Suggestion was submitted that two council members meet with the fire chief and then forward recommendations to the council. The general consensus agreed with this notion and the meeting will be scheduled.

Several staff members met with the individuals from the SouthWest Metro Transit and discussed metro transit in the Carver area.

RiverSide Park

The Park and Recreation Board listened to the presentation from two University Of MN Metropolitan Design Center representatives regarding the RiverSide Park proposals. They discussed recreational possibilities for the park, which included restoration to its natural state and athletic fields throughout the park, as well as other ideas for the park. The U of MN offered their services and would design three scenarios for the board to consider.

City of Carver's Mission Statement

"The City of Carver, a historic Minnesota River Community, will deliver quality services in an economical manner to meet the needs of our citizens. The City Council will provide leadership and make policy which is mindful of Carver's future and respectful of its past. The City Council will be aided in these efforts by the City's capable and dedicated staff, community volunteers and civic organizations."

Heritage Preservation Commission

Are you aware that the Heritage Preservation Commission has been busy down at the Church-By-River matting, framing and hanging historic pictures of Carver? You could help if you have any old Carver photographs that the Heritage Preservation Commission could borrow for copying.

The Commission and council are trying to develop strategic planning to "achieve better historic preservation" and to "preserve Carver's historic downtown".

The council was updated on the Heritage Preservation Commission's wishes to preserve old brick farm homes in the new areas of development and to form a committee to plan strategies and talk with developers on preservation of these types of structures. It was the mayor's opinion that this type of activity was outside the commission's authority. One council member disagreed. Determination was made that a committee should be comprised of members of other existing boards and commissions. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing the comprising of a committee to preserve old brick homes in and around the City of Carver.

Lisa's Place

The proprietor of Lisa's Place has requested the Patio Opening as weather permits on the premises as before. Additionally, she has asked to have outdoor entertainment on weekend days. The city had not received complaints previously with the patio. The bands would finish playing by 9 PM. The neighbor's should be contacted for their input. The attorney suggested that a model ordinance be created for this type of action. Motion was made and carried with all ayes allowing the opening of the outdoor patio at Lisa's Place.

Dahlgren Township

The township of Dahlgren held their Annual Town Meeting on March 8th 2005 at the Township Hall. The township board members reviewed proposals for development of the Worm, Olsen, Finkel and Song properties, as well as Tollefson Development proposals. Decision was made that when the issue of annexation is proposed, legal representation will be sought for the township.

A Carver County Commissioner attended the Dahlgren Township meeting to explain some of the county departmental reorganization occurring. Further explanations were given that within this reorganizational proposal is the effort to combine the Treasurer, Auditor and Recorder departments. Presently these positions are elected offices requiring special legislation, which is being researched. The township was also told that bids had been let for the proposed new highway #212. The County Board had reached the decision to bond for monies for county highways to be constructed throughout the county. Reminder was also given that the county is celebrating its 150th birthday with various programs planned to celebrate this event throughout the year.

The law called HAVA required for township elections were briefly discussed. A HAVA machine may be required at township elections, which is a costly program. The Secretary of State would like to ensure that every handicapped individual is able to vote. This particular machine would help to ensure that this occurs. However, presently it is not clear if townships would be included in this requirement. The board also decided by motion to continue to hold elections in March versus in November.

The township discussed police protection with the Carver County deputy representative attending the meeting. The board was updated on Contracting Services available from the sheriff's department. There are two types of service available, base level services and contract level services. A Community Service Officer could be implemented in the township. The board was told that during 2004 there had been twenty animal calls, one hundred fifty three situation calls and seven hundred twenty four service calls. The department will continue to respond to emergency calls. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to continue the service as in the past.

The canvas of votes results for election of officers were as follows: Art Buckentine was declared elected Supervisor for a three year term and John Stelten was declared elected Treasurer for a two year term.

The board accepted a Moratorium put in place concerning the inclusion of land from the township into the Alternate Urban Area Review study for the City of Carver for a one year period. The board also met with representatives assisting the engineering firm in the City of Carver regarding the assembling and analyzing of maps and existing conditions in the Alternate Urban Area Review study area. They are working on identifying developable versus non-developable land within the community of the township. Presently in this firm's possession are maps of Dahlgren Township showing existing development, natural features, road and other features effecting potential development of the area. The board reviewed this material.

Mt Hope Cemetery

The council talked with the Lions representative regarding the Mt Hope Cemetery restoration of the fence. The Lions were working on this project. They updated the council on the information obtained. Several companies had been contacted, but only one agreed to duplicate the fence. They were told that the cost to repair the fence would be over half the amount to repair as it would to duplicate and have a new fence. One original post had been located on site and it would be used to duplicate the remaining posts. The original arch entrance cannot be used due to deterioration. The Lions are researching to find the date of the cemetery's founding as to have that date engraved on the entry arch. {See sidebar "The Carver Story"}

The restoration costs for the fence were discussed. It was the city attorney's opinion that the project should be bid out for competitive quotes because of the cost. The Lion's representative pointed out that other firms were not willing to construct the fence historically. Five firms had been contacted. The consensus of the council was that if quotes could be obtained per the Lion's specifications, then the Lions could proceed with the project of restoration of the Mt Hope Cemetery fence. Motion was made and carried authorizing the Lions to proceed with the project per specifications outlined. Gratitude for taking on this project was expressed to the Lions organization.



I have carried
you on eagles
wings and
brought you
here to me. —
Exodus 19:4

Elm Drive

The council received a petition requesting city improvements on Elm Drive. These improvements would complete the ninth and final phase of the Carver Creek Plat. In order to proceed a feasibility study is necessary to be authorized to review the scope of improvements, cost and the assessment options. The project will affect the existing residents along Elm Drive and a Public Hearing is required to review the feasibility report with everyone. A similar project was done along Fourth Street West. Financial securities and agreements will be required from the developer. The engineer recommended authorizing to proceed. Notation was also made that the lift station at the west end of Elm Drive would be eliminated. There was a brief discussion on the proposed project. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting resolution ordering the preparation of report on improvement.

Disclaimer

The 'unapproved' minutes of the council and the township have been referenced for the purposes of reporting news in the "Villager Tower" and creating the contents of this newsletter for the purpose of informing residents in the City of Carver and the townships surrounding the city.

"The Carver Story"

From the Carver Story it reads:

"The foregoing section on early settlers is surely very incomplete. It would probably be impossible to find data on them all. By 1858 settlers were coming thick and fast. Under date of "the third Saturday of October, A.D. 1863" the following persons signed the constitution and by-laws of the Carver Cemetery Association (name later changed to Mt Hope Cemetery). These charter members paid a \$2.00 fee and received a four-grave cemetery lot."

"The Carver Story" — Lucie K. Hartley

Submitted by John von Walter:

The best guess date for the date of the creation of Mount Hope Cemetery would be 1855. In the summer of 1855 an unidentified man was killed when he was knocked off the steamboat *Equator* at the Carver levee. The first Sheriff of Carver County, Levi Griffin from Carver, said a few words over the man before his body was buried in Mount Hope Cemetery. The unidentified man is said to be the first burial there. Ironically Levi and Eliza Griffin's daughter, Angelette Alberta Griffin, two years old, died later that summer on August 16, 1855. Hers is the first burial known by name in what became Mount Hope Cemetery. This was 150 years ago this year....

The land for Mount Hope Cemetery was purchased from Frederick Greiner, who in 1862 would come to be the third Sheriff of Carver County. Greiner owned a farm 1854-56 between Chaska and Carver, and it is most likely that Mount Hope Cemetery land came from a part of the Greiner farm.

The Mount Hope Cemetery land wasn't surveyed until 1863 when Carver drug store owner and surveyor John O. Brunius did the surveying work.

Prayer

Author Unknown

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen"

When you read this, please stop for a moment and say a prayer for our troops around the world. Of all the gifts you could give a US Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine and others deployed in harm's way, Prayer is the very best one.

"There are three ways to get something done: do it yourself, hire someone or forbid your kids from doing it."

For All of You



Juvenile Diabetes Carver Run

The Juvenile Diabetes Carver Fun Run is scheduled to happen on May 7th, 2005 in Carver, MN. Get those bikes polished, get that gear ready, and whatever else you need. There is a \$15 per person donation required. Advance tickets or tickets at the door are all available at all three Carver saloons. The registration begins at 10:30 AM and the run begins at noon. There will be a raffle afterwards after five. Anything on wheels welcomed. Any questions, contact Harvey's, Lisa's or the Silver Bullet. See ya' there.

Carver Depot Caboose

Submitted by: Paul Young

The Caboose Committee has scheduled a preliminary plan for restoration of the caboose at the Carver Depot Park. Our schedule is as follows: 1) electrical wiring, 2) cleaning the interior, 3) removal of seats, stove, toilet and ice box, 4) removal and repair of the windows and screen and 5) weld the end platform and fix the steps.

Volunteers are needed to help us with these items. We have been told by the folks at 'The Depot' that lots of people have been inquiring about the caboose. A sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board will be posted. Interested persons should stop by 'The Depot' and sign up if they would like to be part of this very worthwhile cause. (Be sure to put your phone number so we can call you with times too). Once this posting is made, we will be checking it and retrieving the names to contact to attempt organizing days/times to meet to work on the caboose. If you are interested and can't get to 'The Depot' to sign up, you can call Paul Young at 952) 448-7132 or Skip Low at 952) 48-4637. If you want more information and can't reach either of us call City Hall during the day at 952) 448-5353. See you at the park soon.

Carver Pizza Parlor Night

On Sunday, May 22nd from 5-7 PM the Carver SteamBoat Days Committee is extending invitations to everyone in and around Carver to come and celebrate and help raise monies for the upcoming SteamBoat Jubilee in September. They are planning a Pizza Parlor Night at the Village Hall. This is a way for everyone in the community to get to know one another and to just get together. They are planning on pizza, salad bar, root beer floats, pop and fun! Be sure to come and share in the fun and as you can see by the menu, if you don't like pizza there are other goodies too.

Did You Know ...

...that the Minnesota River Valley outwash plain of sands and gravels at Carver indicates that the valley floor was formed by glacial river melt water at the edge of a retreating glacial ice lobe.

... that in 1878 Carver's first shade trees were planted in front of the Planter's Hotel by its proprietor, Charles A Bloomquist.

... that in the early 1880's Andrew Peterson, a Carver merchant, was active in the prohibition movement against alcohol.

Carver's Women's Business Group

You can't say that the grass has time to grow under these gal's feet. The women are busy planning their first and hopefully to be come an annual event called "Carver Art Celebration". This event is scheduled for June 26th, Sunday, at Noon and wrapping up at 5 PM. Funky Minds is already planning for fun projects for the kids and Chuck Tuma is going to tell railroad stories. How cool is that? Don't all kids like railroad stuff?

The downtown area will have artists displaying their artwork and possibly selling to the guests as well. Box lunches, pop and water will be sold. You can bet all of those box lunches will be absolutely delicious. Lisa's will have entertainment provided on the patio by the popular "Vodka Tonic Band".

Three days prior to the event there is scheduled to be what they define as 'plein aire painting' workshop. (Plein aire means painting the view before you outside). You will see these artists out and about somewhere in Carver. These artists will then be displaying their paintings that they have created of the beautiful settings that Carver offers.

There will also be a quick draw in the gazebo scheduled for this event. Everyone will have the opportunity, if you want, to try their hand at drawing 'still life' that is set up before them. Instruction and helpful hints will come by way of a real artist. After thirty minutes, your masterpiece will be sprayed with a matte varnish and off you go to show off your creation to everyone. A very nice remembrance of your day in Carver! The Carver Hair Salon will be offering the kids a chance to have their hair painted or spiked. Now that sounds like much more fun than face painting, don't you think? This event is being advertised but more importantly, the women want the town's people to come and stroll through and see what's going on in the streets of Carver and to take in the art and feel like you are part of the wonderful event and town. There are more activities in the planning stages. Be sure to come.

Tentative Agenda

City Of Carver Council Meeting
First & Third Monday of each month
Monday Evening 6:30 PM

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Approve Agenda
- 4) Petitions, Requests and Communications
- 5) Consent Agenda
- 6) Engineer's, Planner's and Attorney's Reports
- 7) Administration
- 8) Liaison Reports
- 9) Other Business
- 10) Adjourn

Happy Mother's Day to All Moms Everywhere!

Carver Lions

The Carver Lions are just way too busy to slow down long enough to take the time to articulate what they are all up to. So we'll just improvise for them and report a synopsis for ya'll. They are busy meeting on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall. They are moving forward with the restoration of the Mt Hope Cemetery fence, busy with ongoing projects, their families, hobbies, etc. They always welcome anyone at their meetings. If you are interested in only helping with projects you can contact Keith Wickenhauser at Harvey's or if you just want more information before attending a meeting, call Keith at Harvey's. You just couldn't associate with a finer group of people ya' know. Come and check them out.

Twins Game

Do you like baseball? How about the Twins? Do you like the New York Yankees? Would you like to see the Twins play the Yankees? Well, here's a deal you can't pass up. We are going to the Twins game in June at the Metrodome. Specifically on June 4th, Saturday. So if you don't like to drive in the cities and you want to go see a baseball game, we have all the answers for you.

All you have to do is to contact one of these following businesses and we'll get you all set up. You contact Carver Liquors, Hans Hagen Homes, the HazelNut House or Harvey's Bar and Grill. Tickets will be available April 15th. Transportation will be available to the metro-dome. A coach bus has been reserved for this event. This is a first come, first serve basis, so don't take too long to think about it. The tickets are \$35 per person. At 3:30 on June 4th, we will all meet at the Carver Fire Station for appetizers and beverages. At 4:30 PM the coach bus will be loaded and we'll be off to watch the Twins play ball with the Yankees.

Carver Youth Baseball/Softball Youth Association

No report this month

Villager Tower

The area is growing so fast, there are new people and new faces everywhere you turn. For the newest arrivals, welcome and if you are interested in the newsletter and like what you see, have something to add, please contact me, businesses are welcome to introduce themselves, as well. The staff of the newsletter is very small, it is myself and my family who contribute most of the work in comprising the newsletter and then there is the editors, John von Walter and Judy Burton. John has also been contributing with sub-missions like your "Did You Know" pieces which people really enjoy. Thanks for reading and contributing. You can reach us at 952) 448-5126. Look forward to hearing from you.



Carver Fire Department Highlights and Community Calendar


April 2005

- April 1st - Happy Birthday Joe!
- April 2nd - Happy Birthday Kelly!
- April 4th - Happy Birthday Wayne!
- April 11th - Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Dahlgren Township Meeting
- April 13th - SteamBoat Days Committee Meeting
- April 14th - Happy Birthday Barb!
- April 17th - Happy Birthday Cheryl!
- April 18th - Happy Birthday John!
Council Meeting
Drill Night
- April 19th - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
- April 20th - Happy Birthday Scott!
- Lion's Meeting
- April 22nd - Happy Birthday Al!
- April 25th - Comprehensive Plan Work Group Meeting
- April 25th - Through April 29th - Street Sweeping
Comprehensive Plan Work Group Meeting
- April 26th - Planning Commission Meeting
- April 28th - Fire Department Meeting

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May 2005

- May 1st - Happy Birthday Texan!
Happy Birthday Barb!
- May 2nd - Council Meeting
- May 3rd - Carver's Women's Business Group
- May 4th - Happy Birthday Darrin!
Lion's Meeting
- May 5th - Drill Night
- May 7th - Juvenile Diabetes Fun Run
- May 8th - Mother's Day!!!
- May 9th - Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
SteamBoat Days Committee Meeting
- May 11th - Happy Birthday Nola!
- May 13th - Happy Anniversary Scott & Pattie!
- May 14th - Happy Birthday Tim!
- May 15th - Council Meeting
Drill Night
Comprehensive Plan Work Group Meeting
Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
- May 17th - Happy Birthday Scheryl!
- May 19th - Happy Anniversary Leon & Scheryl!
- May 21st - Carver CLEAN UP DAY - Community Park
(8 AM - Noon)
- May 24th - Planning Commission Meeting
- May 26th - Happy Birthday Ellie!
Fire Department Meeting
- May 30th - Memorial Day
- May 31st - Happy Birthday Karalyn!

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