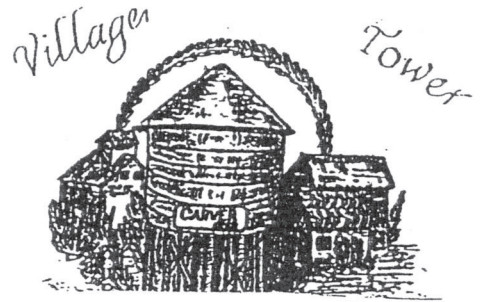


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## Work Session

The council held a special work session where several issues were discussed with the city engineers, attorney, administrator and the city planner. The council reviewed the Bluff Ordinance changes. Additional input was given to be considered again by the appropriate committee. Enforcement of the ordinance was talked about.

Then the council discussed issues relating to the information on the water tower and the booster station, along with the recommended sites. The water tower size was relayed to the council. For starters they city was looking at a half million gallon and then an additional million gallon tower in the future would be necessary. The location of the booster station was reviewed. Question was asked which of the six sites were the most efficient. The engineer pointed out that the site at the Water Treatment Plant was beneficial and could be merged in the future with the water system. Question was asked if the line could be installed to the area by 2006. It was the engineer's opinion that this could be done and a permit would be required from the state. The second site favored was located at the Fire Station/Public Works facility site. The attorney suggested requesting a feasibility study so that costs could be recouped from future developers.

The proposed sites for the water tower were also reviewed by the council at this work session. To continue research, it was necessary for the council to narrow down site locations. The water tower was proposed to be a half million gallons and the future tower at a different site to have a capacity of a million gallons.

The engineer discussed the WasteWater Treatment Study conducted. The city planner disbursed building permit projections up to 2010. The city attorney reviewed legal issued relating to necessary capacity for certain developments.

The engineer reviewed the options for the future booster station and water tower discussions. The booster station location recommended at the water treatment plant avoiding an underground station and this location would require a water main loop along highway #212 from Mount Hope Road to Country Road #147 and along the county road from the highway to the LyleWood Glen Phase II area. This loop would provide benefit to adjacent properties and would also require identification in the feasibility report. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing preparation of the feasibility report for the highway and county road water main loop. The mayor pointed out that this was the most expensive route and there were other advantages to the city and future developments. Again the engineer reviewed the proposed five sites for the water tower and that it was necessary to narrow down the preliminary sites. The best three sites were looked at again. Site 'C', if the city planned to develop north of highway #212, site 'B' would be the least expensive and located on higher ground than site 'A'. A council member pointed out that site 'E' was cost free and that maybe the council should consider inclusion of this site in the event that the other sites are not able to be purchased. The attorney pointed out that the city needs a water tower presently for fire protection and to provide service to developments on the east side of the county road. Motion was made and carried authorizing further discussions and study of water tower locations.

## Did You Know...

...that in the 1850's and 1860's many weddings took place in the Carver House Hotel between immigrant servant girls and immigrant homesteaders around Carver. The hotel, later called the Planter's House Hotel, was located at present-day Carver Gazebo Park.

## Carver Creek 9<sup>th</sup> Addition Elm Drive Improvements

The council held a Public Hearing regarding the Carver Creek 9<sup>th</sup> Addition Elm Drive Improvements. The engineer gave a detailed presentation on the proposed street layouts, water main, sanitary sewer and storm drainage improvements for existing and future residents along Elm Drive. These improvements would be done in conjunction with the Carver Creek Development. Assessments would be according to policy, with developer contributions to the properties that are benefited by the improvements. The developer would like to proceed as soon as possible. The council would be required to make a decision.

Question was asked concerning what the benefit was to closing the section of the road. Consideration would also be necessary regarding the fire truck turn around. The engineer explained the reconstruction proposal for the street. Comment was made that one would not be able to drive a fire truck down an eighteen foot road, plus the fire trucks were getting larger. Weight restrictions were discussed. Residential streets are seven tons and the old streets were five or six tons.

The council made the motion and carried with all ayes to table improvements on Elm Drive until additional information and discussions are held with the Fire Department.

The Fire Department submitted their recommendations for the Elm Drive issue. There were three options, 1) have a turn around for each street; 2) leave the street open, but have signage "emergency vehicles only"; and 3) leave open without any turn around. A citizen expressed opinion that street should be blocked off for safety reasons, another citizen expressed concerns for fire protection issues and several residents requested closure for safety reasons, which require addressing. A council member pointed out that the turn around would work as submitted in the River-View Estates Development plans. Suggestion of a locked gate was submitted. Further discussions would be pursued for closure but with fire protection issues addressed.

## Projected Growth Trends

The council reviewed the presentation on the report for the projected growth trends and demand for retail space in Carver and in the surrounding areas. Preliminary feed back on the initial concept plan was requested. The city planner was of the opinion that the concept plan would not be in compliance with the city adopted Comprehensive Plan. The developers would like to have zoning for commercial with the ability to revert to residential if the commercial idea fails. Senior housing designation was discussed.

## Miscellaneous

The Fire Chief informed the council that with the closure of the Belle Plaine bridge for repairs that the fire department will be called upon to serve some of the Belle Plaine areas since they will not be able to get across the river. The mayor requested that this issue be discussed with the townships at the quarterly meeting.

Lisa's Place requested permission to entertain clientele with live music on the patio once a month from 2 to 4 PM. Motion was made and carried with all ayes allowing Lisa's Place to have music once a month from 2 to 8 PM with the provision that there were no problems.



## *Main Street Lift Station & Utility Improvements*

The city council held a Public Hearing for the Main Street Lift Station and Utility Improvements. The engineer reviewed the feasibility of construction of a new lift station, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and street improvements along Lime Street between Fourth Street and County Road #40 and Third Street, along Third Street from Lime to Oak Street, along Oak Street from Third to Main and other adjacent areas to these said streets. The existing municipal utilities require an increase due to growth within the city. These areas have been included in the 2005 Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement Plan because of problems with these areas that have not been upgraded since their origination. The existing lot on the corner of Third and Oak Streets has been purchased by the city for the purpose of constructing a new lift station. Based on discussion with the existing property owners and the need for emergency power at this lift station site it was the city's intention to install a generator at this site for emergency power. The discussion of the MUSA line in conjunction with these intentions was reviewed. The council did not favor spending the money if the MUSA line would be tying into the utilities and it was uncertain where this line would be constructed. It was the superintendent's opinion that the topic would not wait until 2010. The upgrades were necessary now.

A citizen inquired whether or not these improvements were due to city growth and how these improvements would be assessed. The mayor stated that the homeowners would be responsible for the curb and gutter. A council member pointed out that a homeowner could not be assessed for greater than the increase in value to the home. Question was asked about whether or not the state requires constructing curb and gutter when street improvements are made. The engineer responded that the city makes the decision on what improvements are necessary and the state allowed the city to assess residents for these improvements. Another citizen stated objections to the construction of a lift station next to their property. It was also their opinion that if the city were growing at such a fast pace then this project should be affixed to another project.

A council member requested that this issue be tabled until location of the MUSA line would be determined. The mayor stated that the council should keep in mind that the Public Hearing was not to approve the project, but to order the project and authorize the preparation of the plans and specifications for the project to keep moving forward. Question was asked why the council had made the decision to locate a lift station on the lot in the city. The engineer responded that options were reviewed and at that time, it was concluded that this location was the best-suited site. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing the preparation of plans and specifications for two options with additional information to be obtained for lift station and street improvement proposal.

## *Did You Know...*

...that in 1860 Swedish settlers established the last Saturday of every month as Market Day in Carver.

## *Booster Station Site*

The council reviewed the Booster Station Study Recommendation had been submitted that the station be placed at the water treatment plant inside the building. The engineer reported that in order to meet start schedule that it was recommended that the council choose the site for the station and authorize proceeding on the plans and specifications. The attorney recommended authorizing a change order. Motion was made and carried with all ayes selecting the booster station site identified as site 'D' and approving connection work.

## *Proposed Gravel Pit*

A San Francisco township resident talked with the council regarding the proposed gravel pit expansion on County Road #45. The property owner requested a Conditional Use Permit from the county. Many residents are concerned with this proposal becoming a reality. The city was asked to attend the Public Hearing at the county.

The council was informed of additional traffic costs, emergency services costs and the necessity for input. The proposed expansion warranted a traffic study, which was also available. The fire department confirmed that this proposal would result in an increase of calls.

## *Certified Local Government*

The city planner informed the council that the city qualifies to be a Certified Local Government (CLG) with the State Historic Preservation Office. The city attorney read and approved of the agreement in the CLG program details. The primary benefit to this classification is the accessibility to a special pool of grant funds that are only available to participants of the CLG. Also, technical assistance through the State Historic Preservation Office would also be available. Council member pointed out that the primary negative factor to this agreement is that the city thereby agrees to review proposed projects consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's standards for rehabilitation, but those standards are already incorporated directly into the City Code of Ordinances as the basis for review in the historical district. The Heritage Preservation Commission recommended approval for the CLG Agreement. Motion was made and carried approving entering into the Certified Local Government Agreement with the State of MN Historic Preservation Office.

## *Bluff Ordinance*

The city planner addressed the council regarding the Bluff Ordinance informing them that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the ordinance with the amendments. The issue was discussed at length. Motion was made and carried adopting the ordinance amending the Carver City Code relating to bluffs, ravines, natural resources and steep slopes.

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The Bubbling Brook would lose its song if you remove the rocks.

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Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.

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## *Carver Arts Celebration*

I hope you had the chance to visit the downtown area on Sunday June 26th to experience our very first Carver Arts Celebration. It was such a tremendous success that we hope to make this an annual event. Being that this was the first year, we scaled back on our plans - kind of like dipping your toes in the water before the big splash! You can bet that next year will be bigger and better - maybe even two days?

Our profits from this event will be donated to the restoration of Carver's Depot Park. Unfortunately, because it was the first year, the profits were quite small. But at least we didn't go in the red! But all hope is not lost. I encourage you to buy raffle tickets for the two paintings donated by Reid Galey- Carver in the 1800's and Suzanne Thiesfeld- Carver Today. Tickets will be available for purchase at all town businesses. The drawing will be held at the Taste of Christmas celebration in December. You'll want to attend that too!

As I have always maintained.... "A community is only as strong as the volunteer efforts of its citizens". At this time I would like to thank the following people for their hard work and selfless effort:

From the Lions:

Marvin and Evelyn Grimm, Harlan Thiemert, Doug Dauwalter, Tom Larson, Lowell Peterson  
From the Carver Women's Business group:  
Suzanne Theisfeld and Martha Kurtz  
From the HPC: John and Kathleen Von Walter  
From the bars: Keith, Lisa and Bruce  
From Olio's: Cathy Guy  
From my heart: The most generous human being I have ever known- Al Young.

All of these people gave their time to do something for the community- yours and mine. When you see them, praise their efforts. They deserve it. THANK YOU!!!!

Linda Schutz- Coordinator

## *Temporary Living Center*

The Planning Commission reviewed the request for Conditional Use Permit for a multiple-family dwelling request from Temporary Living Center for an extended care HalfWay House at two locations within the city limits. Due to an error in the mailing process another public hearing would have to be scheduled but the Planning Commission did review the preliminary presentation and held a lengthy discussion on the issue. The representative for Temporary Living Center explained that their mission was to offer adolescent girls a safe and loving environment to recover from chemical dependency addictions. The presentation included excerpts on who and what the organization was about, program components and the changes necessary to be located in the city, why the city was chosen and the impact on the city. Many comments, objections, acceptance, commendations, and oppositions were heard.

## *Did You Know...*

...that in the early 1870's Carver was shipping 160,000 bushels of wheat annually.



## Spring Creek Development

The Spring Creek Development representatives gave a presentation to the Park and Recreation Board for the proposal of trails in the neighborhood and the restoration of the creek along what's referred to as the 'Snake Road' (the old County Road #147). Question was also presented regarding park dedication fees exchange. Restoration proposals and costs were reviewed and discussed. The city planner would ensure that the DNR and the WaterShed District were notified and asked for their recommendations. The board's consensus was that the members should physically tour the site proposed for restoration.

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing for the application for development of property referred to as Spring Creek Residential Development. This development consisted of medium density residential development consisting of single family homes. The development is approximately seventy five acres. Request has been submitted for Comprehensive Plan amendment, rezoning, Planned Residential District, Conditional Use Permit and Preliminary plat approval. The City Planner recommended continuing the request until the next meeting in order to discuss the issues relating to trails, transportation and environmental impacts.

The Planning Commission also reviewed the facts concerning Centex Homes providing various concept plans and had submitted an Environmental Assessment Worksheet forwarded to various review agencies. The development will be impacting the buffer zone, however, they are proposing to mitigate this impact on site. The council recommended the site for a future water tower to be evaluated along with two other proposed sites. One site would be permanent and another temporary site had been looked at. The purpose for this discussion was the need to incorporate these proposed sites into the preliminary plat if the site were chosen in the future.

Representatives at this meeting stated that the Spring Creek Development was a low impact, secluded neighborhood friendly, environmentally sensitive project that protects the community's interests and standard of living expected. A presentation was given.

## MN Harvest Apple Orchard

Have you checked out MN Harvest Apple Orchard (Sponsels) in Jordan lately? They have 'pickin' in the dark going on, they have other events you might want to check out, they, of course, have apples and apple related eating items for your enjoyment! You can go to their website, if you have a computer to check out all the fun things going on there, just log on to, minnesotaharvest.net and check it all out. Then drive up there and see just how much fun you can have. They are also offering horseback riding on 'Dreamy Hill Trails'. Riding is available seven days a week from 10 AM to dusk, all year long. The standard trail ride is for an hour at the cost of \$25 per person. You can call and make reservations by phone at (952) 492-2785 or if necessary, toll free 800) 662-7753. Be sure to check out their website for more detailed information.

## Carver Fire Department Highlights and Community Calendar

### August 2005

- August 1<sup>st</sup> - Council Meeting
- August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Woman's Organization Meeting
- August 3<sup>rd</sup> - Lions Meeting
- August 4<sup>th</sup> - Drill Night
- August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Scott! Scott Carver Thresher's Steam Festival
- August 8<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Sid!! Park and Recreation Board Meeting
- August 10<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday John! (Chelsea's Dad) SteamBoat Days Committee Meeting
- August 11<sup>th</sup> - Carver County Fair (8/10 through 8/14) [Sesquicentennial 1855 - 2005]
- August 13<sup>th</sup> - Happy Anniversary Darren and Andrea
- August 14<sup>th</sup> - Happy Anniversary Jerry and Dianel
- August 15<sup>th</sup> - MN Renaissance Festival (through September 25<sup>th</sup>)
- August 16<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Russell!
- August 17<sup>th</sup> - Council Meeting
- August 18<sup>th</sup> - Drill Night
- August 19<sup>th</sup> - Heritage Preservation
- August 20<sup>th</sup> - Comprehensive Plan Work Group Meeting
- August 21<sup>st</sup> - Happy Anniversary Mark & Vicki!
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> - Planning Commission Meeting
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> - Happy Birthday Karil
- August 24<sup>th</sup> - Fire Department Meeting Night
- August 25<sup>th</sup> - MN State Fair [August 25<sup>th</sup> through Labor Day]
- August 26<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Jerry!

## 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.

## Carver Lions

No report this month

## Carver Youth Baseball/Softball Youth Association

No report this month

## Women's Business Group

No report this month

## Did You Know...

...that during the summer of 1871 an outbreak of Scarlet Fever occurred in Carver, with at least one person dying, the daughter of a certain Mr Busse.

## SteamBoat Days Schedule of Events (Tentative)

### Friday - September 9<sup>th</sup>

- 7 PM - First Medallion Treasure Hunt Clue Released
- 7 PM - 11 PM - Black Sox Bingo
- 8 PM - Midnight - Street Dance

### Saturday - September 10<sup>th</sup>

- 11 AM - 3 PM - Car Show
- 10:30 AM - Pet Show ( Lion's Tent )
- 1 PM - 3 PM Water Fights ( Carver Fire Department )
- 1 PM - 4 PM Live Music ( Lions Tent )
- 2 PM - 6 PM - Black Sox Bingo
- 4 PM - 4:30 PM - Carver Kids Choir ( Funky Minds )
- 4 PM-7 PM-Live Music ( Lions Tent )
- 7 PM - Polka Mass at St Nicholas Church
- 8 PM - Midnight - Street Dance

DUSK - Fire Works !!!!! ( South end of Broadway )

### Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

- 7 AM - Noon - Breakfast ( Fire Department )
- 10AM-5PM-Jump Zone (Gazebo Park )
- 11 AM - 1 PM - Strolling Clowns
- 12:30 PM - KIDDIE Parade
- 1 PM - 2005 SteamBoat Days Parade
- All After the Parade
- Live Music
- Kid's Show ( Gazebo )
- Arial Rides ( Old Carver Department)
- Quilt Raffle Winner Announced

If you have a computer available to you, go to the City of Carver's website [ carver.govoffice. Com] for more information on specific events during SteamBoat Days.

## Anniversary Party

By: Patricia Kane

It's an anniversary party. The Klein Bank has been operating in Carver for one year. They would like you to come and celebrate with them on their first anniversary. Their 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary celebration is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at the Carver Branch office on Broadway Street in downtown Carver. They invite you to come and have a hot dog and share in other goodies with them - "on us!" they say. You can join in and join 'us' from noon to 3 PM.

And also, don't forget - \*\*\* Enter you name in our basket for a chance on winning a \$100.00 Savings Bond \*\*\*

See ya'll there!!!!



# CARVER STEAMBOAT DAYS

SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2005

FOURTH ANNUAL

## CAR SHOW

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- BURNOUT CONTEST AT RIVERSIDE PARK

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VISIT <http://carver.govoffice.com> FOR ALL THE STEAMBOAT DAYS ACTIVITIES FOR  
SEPTEMBER 9th, 10th, & 11<sup>th</sup>



# 2005 SteamBoat Days Parade September 11<sup>th</sup> 2005 1 PM Carver MN

Complete your entry form and return it today!!!

By: Tim Craig, Parade Chairman

It's time to reserve your spot in this year's parade. The Steamboat Days parade always draws large crowds and is a great opportunity to "show what you've got!" We will be assigning parade line-up numbers in advance on a "first-come/first-serve" basis.

Steamboat Days Parade: parade line-up begins at 11:30am – the parade begins promptly at 1pm. Lineup numbers, guidelines and a map of the parade route and surrounding area will be provided in your confirmation letter. Please provide a brief description of your entry. Basically, provide us with what you want the announcer to say about your entry. Also, include any special requirements/assistance that your entry may require from the committee. To help defray Steamboat Days costs, 'for-profit' businesses will be asked to donate \$25 in order to participate in the parade. This fee will be waived for Steamboat Days Donation Board contributors and non-profit organizations – if you donate, do not pay this fee!

Children's Parade: will begin promptly at 12:30pm in front of the Carver Post Office near the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway. The route will be short (2 blocks) and will be enjoyable to both participants and If you are no longer the contact person for your business or group, please direct this invitation to the appropriate person. Questions? Need more information? Call Carver City Hall at (952) 448-5353 or Tim Craig 952-368-7218(home) or 952-926-6646(work).

## City-Wide Garage Sales

### REGISTRATION FORM

By returning the registration form, along with your \$10 fee, your sale will be advertised in numerous metro-area communities, as well as the Star Tribune list of super garage sales. Each sale will be assigned a number that will be listed on the site map. Maps will be available at the Village Hall and city businesses a few days before SteamBoat Days. Maps will also be placed at various vendors and at the garage sale sites throughout that weekend. The \$10 fee goes to the SteamBoat Days General Fun, which pays for all the events each year. Your contribution to the City of Carver event will be recognized by a sign posted in your yard. Thank you for your support! Sales will be advertised generally, Fri-Sat 9-5. If you want different hours, I will list on the maps.

PLEASE RETURN BOTTOM PORTION:

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ITEMS TO MENTION ON MAP : (ie: kids clothing sizes, furniture, appliances, exercise equipment, antiques, etc.)

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REMEMBER to include your \$10 fee  
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