



Dedicated in Memory of Glen Kerber

Planning Commission Position

The Planning Commission members discussed the posting for an open alternate position. It was the Planning Commission chairman's opinion that there was not enough advertisement for the open position and would like additional advertisement prior to submission of a recommendation to the city council. The city planner stated that it was too late to advertise in the city's newsletter, expressing the busy schedule in the future months and Public Hearings that a quorum was necessary at this particular meeting. Numerous applications had been received previous to a vacancy. Recommendation was made to advertise in the city's newsletter. Again the city planner pointed out that the deadline had passed for the city's newsletter for advertising the vacancy. Suggestion was made to appoint an individual for a short term or on a temporary basis pending additional advertising for the vacancy. Question was asked if another candidate was still interested. The city planner stated that this was a separate issue, which could be addressed at a future meeting. Decision was made that the city staff was to provide attendance records and have the suggested interested individual serve on the Planning Commission on a temporary term of six months until the city had advertised the open seat.

Alternate Urban Area Review

Studies

The Planning Commission discussed the northwest and southwest Carver Alternate Urban Area Review studies. The city planner presented a brief overview of the three scenarios. The traffic report is the same for both areas. Receipt of public input is being received until the 25th of October. A Public Hearing had been scheduled for the 24th of October and the Public Hearing held in conjunction with the township was scheduled also.

Association of Metropolitan

Municipalities

The council was told that the Association of Metropolitan Municipalities was organized in 1974 to help cities deal with the Metropolitan Council. Their membership includes seventy-six cities. The council discussed the dues. The city planner was of the opinion that this organization could be beneficial. Motion was made and carried to join the association for a year.

Conservation Design

The city engineer presented a brief introduction on the Conservation Design techniques to the Planning Commission members. The members reviewed the Storm Water Management Philosophy, which included the Development Philosophy and Engineered Design Practices. In the future there would be more discussions and presentations. The Management Philosophy involves accomplishing four goals which are 1) Preserve and incorporate the existing natural areas into development; 2) Reduce the amount of impervious cover; 3) Preserve or enhance soil permeability and 4) utilize appropriate BMP's for effective storm water treatment. This process should be engaged immediately to ensure incorporation and protection of the site with the developer right away. The developer, the engineer, city, county and the public should be involved. The costs related to this program are addressed in the Surface Water Plan within the Comprehensive Plan with rate control funding and the majority of the costs falling upon the developer. The design components are for the planning and education, which includes updating the Comprehensive Plan, Natural Resource Planning, the county's ravine and bluff plan, the wetland inventory and assessment and the surface water management plan. The members reviewed the various techniques discussed. Questions were answered. The Planning Commission and the city council would have to initiate a final decision as to the types of techniques and the ordinances would require amendments. The Planning Commission by motion recommended to the council to draft a conservation design for developers.

Fourth Street & Giffillan

Request had been submitted to the council for a four-way 'Stop' at Fourth Street and Giffillan. Visibility is poor. This intersection is a designated school bus stop, crossing the street is required. It is the resident's opinion that this situation is hazardous. Request was also made for "School Bus Stop" and "Pedestrian Crossing" signs. Question was asked about the decision designating the stop. In the past a traffic study was required to determine the appropriate solution. Crosswalks were discussed. The sheriff's department needs to be alerted of offenders. Suggestion was submitted to contact the bus company to inquire bus stop decisions and choices. Motion was made and carried authorizing erection of stop signs, crosswalks, pedestrian signs, warning signs, and bus stop signs to create a four-way stop at the intersection.

"Great art is the expression of a solution of the conflict between the demands of the world without and that within." - Edith Hamilton

Carver Black Sox Bingo

Submitted by: Gwen Reimer

The Carver Black Sox will be holding a Turkey & Ham Bingo night on Friday, November 17th at Carver City Hall from 7 - 11 PM. Food and beverages will be available. Any questions, call Gwen at 952) 448-2422.

School District #112

Referendum

School District #112 representative attended the city council meeting to discuss the referendum on the ballot for the November 7th General Election. He told the council that there were two proposals on the ballot, one to build and one to operate the school after it was built. These two referendums were expected to amount to over ninety two million dollars. Question was asked about people not voting. Only casting votes would count with the proposals. The questions were asked regarding the location of the school, sporting facilities, etc. Blue prints were asked about. There is a footprint drawing available on the schools website (District112.org). Question was asked about data on housing in the past several months. It was stated that the growth will continue. Temporary classrooms are already in use. There is a need for an additional school. It was also stated that construction would take two and half years if the referendum is passed.

Snow Plowing Policy

The Public Works Director and the Municipal Utilities Supervisor had drafted a Snow Plowing Policy. The changes were reviewed with the council. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the Snow Plow Policy. Both men were commended and thanked for their work on the policy.

Did You Know...

...that in 1857 when the investor-members of the Carver Land Company platted and divided the Town of Carver, land company investor Alexander Ramsey received as owner Lots 1 and 2 of each and every platted block of Carver, as well as other assorted lots. Alexander Ramsey was formerly the Territorial Governor of Minnesota and later Governor of Minnesota, U.S. Senator and U.S. Secretary of War.
that on Wednesday evening, March 12, 1947 Carver Police Constable Carl Luthy suffered a triple fracture of his right leg when he was struck by a car while walking his beat and crossing West Main Street near his Carver home.

"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all."
 - Stanley Horowitz

2006 Carver Heritage Preservation Award

The City of Carver and the Carver Heritage Preservation Commission are pleased to announce the creation of an annual award to go to the most outstanding historic preservation effort in the Carver Historic District.

The award will go to the owner(s) of properties who make the year's best effort at preserving or restoring the exterior of any store, house, barn, or structure located in the Carver Historic District. The award may also be given for historically sensitive enhancements to the Historic District, including additions, porches, outbuildings, or the infill of empty lots.

After nominations have been received in mid-November, the Carver Heritage Preservation Commission will view nominated properties and decide the annual award winner by a majority vote at the November Heritage Preservation Commission meeting. While the award is intended to be an annual one, there may be some years when no significant preservation effort took place, or when no property has been nominated.

The award, a plaque, will be presented by the Mayor of Carver in December at the annual Carver Holiday Party, or the first practical Carver City Council meeting thereafter. A temporary sign may also be placed outside the annual award winning property, but only if so desired by the owner.

Anyone can nominate a property for the 2006 award by using the following form and returning it to the Carver City Hall no later than November 16, 2006.

Nomination Form, 2006 Carver Heritage Preservation Award

Address of Nominated Property _____
Owner(s) of Nominated Property (If Known) _____
Nominator Name (Optional) _____
Reason for Nomination _____

Date

*Nominations must be for a City of Carver Historic District Property (see the City of Carver Website (<http://www.cityofcarver.com/>) "History of Carver" link for listed properties. Nominations must be returned to the Carver City Hall by November 16, 2006.

Fish and Wildlife Service

Assistant Refuge Manager, Terry Schreiner told the council that the DNR had assisted the Fish and Wildlife Service in purchasing land. There was discussion regarding types of firearms permitted in the refuge and the council was requested to allow the continual use of some weapons. The area within the city limits would be restricted to slugs, black powder, bow and arrow. Concern was expressed concerning allowance of hunters so close to trails. Suggestion was submitted to post hunting season dates and inform residents that hunting would be allowed in the area. Trapping is also allowed in the refuge. The city attorney pointed out that the city ordinance does not allow rifles within city limits. The ordinance could be amended allowing the Fish and Wildlife Service to regulate the city's property for hunting in the city limits and setting up buffers to protect residents. Citizens do call the sheriff's department with concerns when seeing hunters with guns. A deer had been cut up at RiverSide Park, and building of a deer stand on city property had been reported last year. There needs to be further research done and better outlines for both hunters and residents to know the rules and regulations, as well as areas where hunting is allowed or not allowed. Discussion was held regarding turning over the hunting controls to the Fish and Wildlife Services and defining buffers. The consensus of the council was to draft changes for next year. The attorney suggested a public meeting scheduled in January to discuss the issue.

Did You Know...

....that according to the Carver County Assessor's report of June 28, 1856 the total value of property in Carver County was \$161,164, with \$94,480 being in real estate and \$66, 674 in personal property. Today the value of real and personal property of a great many individuals in Carver exceeds the value for the whole county in 1856.

....that in October 1865 Steven Kult built a large brick store in Carver which burned to the ground in a disastrous fire in May, 1870. Rebuilt in the summer and fall of 1871, it reopened in November, 1871 as a clothing store with an attached tailor shop.

Congratulations Carver Lions

Submitted by: John von Walter

The Carver Lions Club on September 28, 2006 received a Community Effort Preservation Award from the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota, the state's largest nonprofit historical preservation organization. The award was granted for the Carver Lions' outstanding efforts in restoring the Church-By-The-River in the Carver Historic District.

Originally built as a Presbyterian church in 1913 for \$600 by Carver master builder Olaf Hanson, the Gothic & Queen Anne Revival "Church-By-The-River" boasted beautiful stained glass windows and a hand-crafted oak pulpit and lectern. Unfortunately, its site at 109 East Main Street, next to the Minnesota River, made it susceptible to flooding and resulting deterioration. Two years after the great flood of 1965, the last church service was held on September 24, 1967 and bats and pigeons began taking up residence.

After several attempts to restore it, the City of Carver purchased it and received a Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) grant, but that was not enough to fund the work. The stained glass was removed for protection and the walls were rotting. The Lions Club of Carver then took on the restoration as a service project and completed the work in 2003, after thousands of hours and dollars of both donated and paid labor and materials.

Today, the Church-By-The-River is used as a community gathering space, hosting City Council sessions, city commission meetings, holiday parties, special events, rentals and other community meetings. It now holds a large collection of framed vintage photographs and artifacts documenting Carver's place in history.

Among Carver Lions present to receive the award at the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota's annual award presentation, held this year at the Sheldon Performing Arts Theatre in Red Wing Minnesota, were Harlan Thaumert, Doug Dauwalter, Ken Frey, Lowell and Cheryl Peterson, and Marvin and Evelyn Grimm.

The Preservation Alliance of Minnesota has been recognizing the efforts of preservationists around Minnesota since 1985 by presenting Preservation Awards to individuals, groups, and organizations noted for outstanding work in historical preservation. Well known Preservation Awards have included the Duluth Lift Bridge in 1988 and the Orpheum Theater in Minneapolis in 1994.

Congratulations Carver Lions!

The Gehl House

In the last issue of the "Villager Tower", there was an article about the 'Gehl House'. John von Walter has forwarded additional information regarding the 'Gehl House'. It is only appropriate to share this information with our readers.

You will remember that the home is located in San Francisco Township. It is currently listed on the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota's 2006 list of the state's ten most threatened historic properties. The Heritage Preservation Commission members were honored guests invited to tour the Gehl House and encouraged to help find a group to make alternative use of the house, or to move it to another location. To date the Heritage Preservation Commission has proposed two ideas for possible use of the Gehl House: As a youth hostel operated by Hostelling International, and as an American Indian museum/interpretative center. Others who have suggestions for possible uses of the Gehl House should contact Tom Kerr of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 952-858-0722.

Carver County Sheriff's Department

The deputy discussed important issues in his report to the council. One issue of concern was that it appears that at the intersection of Highway #212 and County Road #147 there is an accident at least once a week.

The other issue of increased relevance is the matter of complaints of a cat problem in the core city. It appears that there is an abundance of complaints of stray cats and missing cats.

"One's philosophy is not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes... and the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility."
- Eleanor Roosevelt

Fire Department

The Fire Chief reported to the council that the Open House at the Fire Station had been a huge success and they had a great turn out. There were many positive comments at and about the Open House and of the department as a whole. The department put on a good show. Plans will be in place for another open house next year, and where needed there will be improvements made. The Fire Department also extends their thanks to everyone for another successful open house event. Job well done.

The council was also told that Fire Chief Scott had been nominated to participate on a board regulating EMS criteria. This would involve a two year commitment for a meeting a month. The council consensus encouraged the chief to pursue the nomination.

Spring Creek 2nd Addition

The City Planner told the city council that Centex Homes requested that the city accept the deed for Outlot A of Spring Creek 2nd Addition. This type of request has not ever been presented to the council previously. Guidance for proceeding was requested. The city attorney reviewed new open space legislation for the future. These types of requests from developers in the future can be expected to occur. The council discussed the pros and cons of acceptance of Outlot A. A trail is present through the parcel, which the city is responsible for maintaining. The property is approximately thirty-five acres and is the remnants of the "Big Woods". The council was in agreement to accept the parcel. The city planner and the attorney were to draft acceptance resolution for the parcel.

Tower - Antenna

A representative from T-Mobile was at the council meeting to talk to the council members about the possibility of locating a tower in the city. Notation was made that the Lions Club should be approached regarding the issue since the tower would be in the Lions Park. It was explained that T-Mobile was interested in replacing the existing pole. Several small buildings would be placed at the base. The council was of the opinion that the Park and Recreation Board should address the issue. The City Administrator was directed to schedule the issue on the Park and Recreation Board's agenda, as well as extend invitations to the Lion's Club members.

Hidden Bluffs

The city engineer informed the council that the developer for Hidden Bluffs has requested project acceptance. As part of the project close-out the developer requested to provide a one year warranty bond. The council would have to approve this request since the time is less than required by the Developer's Agreement. The city attorney cautioned that if the council granted a one-year warranty, additional requests would be submitted from other developer's for the same consideration. Motion was made, tabled and discussed further that approved acceptance for a two year warranty bond. The council expressed inquiries regarding the entrance monument to Hidden Bluffs development.

Spring Creek Lift Station

The city engineer explained to the council that the Spring Creek Lift Station project had been bid and awarded in April 2006. The design elevations were based on an older set of the development plans. The latest plans lowered the sewer to serve homes constructed in the Rottlund development. Therefore, unfortunately, the lift station had not been redesigned nor lowered to reflect the latest development plans. After many meetings, the final option believed to be the best long term was to reconstruct the lift station. Quotations had been received and reviewed. The lowest quote was received from Barbarossa and Sons. The attorney cautioned issues that would arise with Landwehr Construction. It would be their opinion that changes should have been in the form of a change order. The engineers had agreed to indemnify the city and hold the city harmless. Motion was made and carried with all ayes accepting the quote from Barbarossa and Sons subject to Bonestroo executes an Indemnification Agreement in favor of the city, Bonestroo provides notice to Landwehr under the city's contract, Bonestroo prepare the notice for the city, an acceptance contract with Barbarossa with performance and payment bonds and insurance certificates and that the city's portion for the work not to exceed agreed amount.

Mt Hope Assessment Appeals

The council was told that there property owners who appealed the assessments for the Mt Hope Road Improvement Project and after mediation the preliminary settlement was reviewed and approved. The council requested that the attorney add subdivision three to the Section of the Carver Code of Ordinance to allow for an exception for a building more than 250 feet from municipal utilities lines. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the Mt Hope Road settlement agreements. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting amended ordinance for exceptions of mandatory hook up to city municipal utilities in certain circumstances.

Public Property

Motion was made and carried adopting ordinance amending Carver City Code of Ordinances prohibiting smoking in city buildings, city work areas, public place and certain vehicles.

Sympathies Extended

Sympathies are extended to the family of Gary Bandimere who passed away October 3rd, 2006.

Heritage Preservation Commission

There is a vacancy for an "alternate" member on the Heritage Preservation Commission. The group meets the third Tuesday of each month. The term is for three years and must be a Carver resident. The commission is an advisory group to the city council. The members' goals include having an interest in the restoration and future development of the aesthetic elements of the city.

Carver's Women's Business Group

On December 2nd from noon till three Santa and his reindeer are scheduled to arriving in Carver, along with the horse drawn hay rides. Be sure to come and check this event out and bring the little people to come and say 'hey' to Santa. He will be awfully disappointed if there are not any 'wee ones'. So bundle them up and come on in to town. See ya' there!

The Taste of Christmas and Decorated House Tour will be held on Saturday, December 9th, 2006. Watch for more details. Homes are still needed for the Tour. If you would like to have your home on the Tour this year, please contact Barb Swanson at 952) 448-4580 or Suzanne Thiesfeld at 952) 448-4870. The women would like a grouping of historic homes, new homes, homes in the city and homes in the country. It's a really fun event and all participants receive a ticket to the Carver Christmas event.

Tickets for the 'Taste of Christmas' are available at Hazelnut House, Mustard Moon, Swanson and Associates, Klein Bank, The Depot and at the Village Hall. Or you can buy tickets at the door for \$25.00. The 'Taste of Christmas' event is scheduled for 6:30 PM to 9 PM at the Church-BY-The-River. There is live music, great food and good times to be had by all. Be sure to come and join in on all the fun.

Southern Stars Girl Scouts

The Southern Stars Girls Scouts will hold their 2nd Annual Holiday Boutique at the Village Hall on December 2nd from 10 AM to 2 PM. Here is the perfect opportunity for holiday shoppers of all ages to buy those unique gifts for family, teachers or maybe friends! There will also be 'shopper helpers' for small children who want to shop for special gifts while their parents browse on their own. Many of the items are priced \$3 or less and are handmade by local Girl Scout troops representing the Southern Stars Service Unit. Enjoy a bake sale too. Santa will also make an appearance that afternoon. Proceeds fund local Girl Scout projects and field trips. They will also be accepting non-perishable food shelf items as a community service project.

Red Cross Blood Mobile

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in the Village Hall on November 20th. Volunteers are needed to assist with this project. Shifts are for two to four hours helping in the canteen or greeting donors. Volunteers are also needed to call homes to schedule appointments to give blood and a call list would be provided. Interested in volunteering contact Evelyn Grimm at 952) 448-9465 or Joan Rein at 952) 448-2459.

Did You Know...

...that on April 2, 1886 the Merchant's Hotel in Carver burned down, killing two people. Dead were a Swede from Bloomington who was boarding there, and Andrew Swanson Skara, the Swedish immigrant father-in-law of the hotel's owner, August Johnson. The rest of the Johnson family was saved, as was most of their furniture, but the hotel was underinsured at \$1000 and never rebuilt.

Carver Youth Baseball/Softball Association

Submitted by: Jane Thon, President of the Carver Youth Baseball/Softball Association

Happy Thanksgiving to all Ballplayers and their families. Research is already underway for the Boys Baseball for next year. Watch for updates in future newsletters. There is also some work being done on streamlining the registration for-mat and that will be announced also in future newsletters. Again thanks to all for a good 2005.

Tentative Agenda

City of Carver Council
Monday Evening 6:30 PM

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Approve Agenda
- 4) Petitions and Requests
- 5) Consent Agenda
- 6) Municipal Utilities Report
- 7) Building Inspector Report
- 8) City Planner Report
- 9) City Engineer Report
- 10) City Attorney Report
- 11) Administrator Report
- 12) Liaison Reports
- 13) Other Business
- 14) Adjourn

Did You Know



...that U.S. Navy Rear Admiral John Dahlgren (1809-1870) invented the Dahlgren Gun and wrote a number of books on naval ordinance. His cannons were used in Civil War action against Fort Wagner and Fort Sumpter, and he helped the Union capture the cities of Charleston and Savannah from the Confederates. Named after him were Dahlgren Township in Carver County, Minnesota and the naval ship U.S.S. Dahlgren. Dahlgren Township first called Liberty Township, received it's new name from the many Swedish immigrants who settled the township in its early years. John Dahlgren was the son of the Swedish Consul in Philadelphia, Bernard Dahlgren.

Carver Lions Club

The city council was asked to hang the plaque that the Carver Lions had received for restoration of the Church from the Preservation Alliance of MN in the Church-By-The-River.

The Halloween Party sponsored by the Carver Lions was a huge, huge success again. There were 13 young adult volunteers and an adult who helped make the whole party a success. There were one hundred and fifty attendees at the party. Wow! Thanks to everyone who participated, who attended, who helped and were involved behind the scenes. There was 162 pounds of non-perishable food collected for the food shelf. All door proceeds were also donated to the food shelf. Thanks for making that possible. See y'all next year for our 22nd Annual Halloween party!

The Lions will be getting ready to help make the city festive for the upcoming holiday season. They will be getting the decorations out of storage for the gazebo, the city's entrance threshold, and the streets. It's always a nice display when they finish and one can't help but feel that the holidays are just around the corner. The music will be heralding the townspeople again this year. They will also be co-hosting the Taste of Christmas, as well.

The Lions will also be hosting a Pancake and French Toast Breakfast on November 12th, Sunday morning at the Village Hall. They will begin serving at 7:30 AM.

Carver Lions Pancake & French Toast Breakfast

The Carver Lions will be hosting a Pancake and French Toast Breakfast with Homemade style Sausage on Sunday, November 12th from 7:30 AM to 1 PM at the Village Hall. \$6.00 at the door children 6 - 12 years old will only be charged \$2. and children under 6 eat free. What a deal. Come on in and visit with others and enjoy a good breakfast. While you are there, "Give a Gift of Sight" - bring in old prescription glasses or sunglasses to be recycled and donated to those in need. See you there!

Carver Fire Department Highlights and Community

Calendar

November 2006

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| November 1 st | - Lions Meeting |
| November 2 nd | - Drill Night |
| November 5 th | - Happy Anniversary Russell & Jackie! |
| November 6 th | - Council Meeting |
| November 7 th | - Election Day |
| | - Carver's Women's Business Group Meeting |
| November 11 th | - Veteran's Day |
| November 13 th | - Park and Recreation Board Meeting |
| | - Dahlgren Township Board Meeting |
| November 14 th | - Happy Birthday Bob! |
| November 15 th | - Lions Meeting |
| November 18 th | - Happy Birthday Zachary! |
| November 20 th | - Drill Night |
| | - Council Meeting |
| November 21 st | - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting |
| November 22 nd | - No School - Thanksgiving Break |
| | - Happy Birthday Tim! |
| November 23 rd | - THANKSGIVING DAY |
| | - Happy Anniversary Loren and Debbie! |
| November 27 th | - Comprehensive Plan Work Group Meeting |
| | - District #112 WorkShop Day - No School |
| November 28 th | - Planning Commission Meeting |
| November 29 th | - Happy Birthday Ken! |
| November 30 th | - Meeting Night |

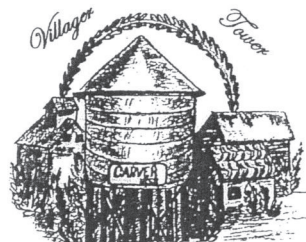
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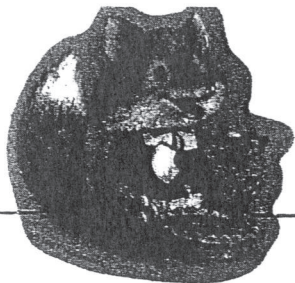
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