



### *Down Town Utility & Street Improvements*

The council continued the Public Hearing for resident comments. The engineer presented handouts explaining the route of the proposed interceptor. Storm sewer may be installed at the same time since it is a potential improvement. Upon completion of the project, a Public Hearing will be scheduled for assessments regarding property owners benefited by the improvements. One property owner expressed concern of owners along County Road #40 being the only recipients expected to fund the project. The engineer responded that only a portion of the project would be assessed. Question was asked regarding curbs, gutters and sidewalks being proposed for only the core city or also extended to outer areas. At the present time these items were only being planned for the core city. The outer areas would be a different project. Parking on Main Street and loss of front yards was asked about. The Public Hearing was continued again for more discussion and clarification to homeowners.

The council consensus was to delay authorization for preparation of plans and specifications for the downtown utility and street improvement project.

The engineer reviewed residents concerns regarding the width of County Road #40 and Main Street. The engineers staked the area for visual purposes and citizens and the council toured the area. One resident calculated the numbers for storm sewer, curb and sidewalk and was of the opinion that the engineer's estimates were too high. Estimates were based on actual bids and assessments included costs, as well. Some street costs that would be assessed would be variable because the county and the Metropolitan Council would be paying for part of the street.

Parking on the west side of Ash Street was researched and discussed. Sidewalk widths were discussed. Presently, the width is calculated at five feet, but could be adjusted to three feet, which is the requirement for wheelchairs. Council member stated that maybe in the historic district the sidewalks could be narrower which might be more historically correct. Motion was made and carried with all ayes designating that parking be only on one side of the street of Ash Street with north or south side parking to be determined with the design process.

Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution ordering improvement and preparation of plans for the down town utility and street improvements. The details of the resolution wording were discussed.

### *Property Variance Request*

Business owner presented request for property variance of proposed purchase of property. Property presently has a Conditional Use Permit with possibility to build on the property. Variance requested involves seasonal outside storage of equipment. Question was asked of potential buyers with proposals had contacted neighbors for input. The sewer system would be required to be checked. The Dahlgren Township Board recommended approval of a variance for business owner for the Board of Adjustment. A Conditional Use Permit would also be required.

### *Did You Know...*

....that in January 1874 a greater portion of Carver children were suffering from whooping cough and that even town Dr. E.H. Lewis had contracted it.

### *Metropolitan Council Environmental Services*

The completed feasibility report on the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Interceptor included review of various alternatives. The identified Alternative #3 related to construction of a replacement for the existing Main Lift Station at Oak and Main Streets. This item required more discussion.

It is the mayor's belief that MN DOT will request the city's decision regarding the river crossing issue for the Highway #41 project. The mayor is concerned of a late response not being advantageous to the city's best interest. The council members requested reviewing changes to the drafted environmental impact study. The city planner stated that information from the Fish and Wildlife Service had been reviewed and their preference is for Route #C2. The mayor was of the opinion that it was important that the city issue a statement. The city planner was directed to draft a resolution identifying the Council's preference for the best route for the best interests of the area impacted.

The council discussed and reviewed the resolution drafted by the city planner and the attorney concerning the two alternate routes relating to Highway #41. The council adopted the resolution by motion carrying with all ayes.

### *Purchase Agreement*

Representative from McCombs, Frank Roos Associates attended the Dahlgren Township Board meeting regarding a purchase agreement Wal-Mart has with a Dahlgren Township property owner involving approximately twenty six and half acres. The township board was told that the proposed timeline for annexation into the City of Carver about 2008-2009. Comment was made that a road and sanitary sewer line would be required to be installed prior to this annexation. This access would be constructed off of the new road intersecting with County Road #147.

The City of Carver City Planner had attended the meeting regarding presentation for the Alternate Urban Area Review consent for the Mills Properties Inc, WalMart and Oppidan properties. Four properties would be included in this Alternate Urban Area Review. The portion of the Mills Properties bordering the Creekridge addition would not be included in the Alternate Urban Area Review area. The Dahlgren Township Board made and carried the motion with all ayes approving the consent allowing the City of Carver to act as the Responsible Governmental Unit to conduct the environmental review for the properties listed.

### *Water Towers*

The council reviewed options for painting the new water tower. Statement was made that darker colors keep the water warmer. The public utilities supervisor agreed with this comment, however, added that the darker color fades faster, as well. His recommendation was for a neutral color. The engineer pointed out the extra expense for including the logo on the tower. Comment was also added that the first water tower requires painting. Some council members expressed their desire for continuity of all the towers.

The council was informed by the attorney of negotiations with proposed commercial business for access on the water tower site. Drafted easement acquisition agreement was made for council consideration. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the easement acquisition agreement with Mills Properties.



## *Fire Department Open House*

Got your calendars marked? For what you ask? For the Fire Department's Open House on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 2 PM to 5 PM. You can have a hot dog with or without chili while you mosey around and check everything out. Coffee and juice will also be served to quench that thirst. Information booths will be strategically placed at the site. You can check out Excel Energy or talk with the Carver County Sheriff's Department personnel, the Carver County Dive Team, or the representatives from the National Weather Service. Got a question for the MN State Patrol? They will be attending. The Ridgeview EMS will also be there to answer any questions you might have or if you are just interested in hearing more. Stop by. There will be Live Drills and truck rides for all those who want to participate.

More important than anything, the Fire Department is presently recruiting new members and encourages anyone interested in giving a little back to their community to come and complete an application. The department is especially seeking men or women who are available during the weekdays, if possible.

The Open House would be a perfect opportunity to talk with the personnel if you are interested and get any questions, concerns, or just need to know information or to apply if you want to be a part of this terrific team. Stop by. See ya' there.

## *Social Host Ordinance*

The city administrator discussed the proposed ordinance involving the Social Host Ordinance which Chaska had already adopted it. The county was considering adopting it. The city attorney was unclear of the council's opinions on the matter, but was of the opinion that if the City of Carver favored adopting the ordinance, revisions would be required. The City of Carver is not required to adopt the ordinance even if the county adopts it. The attorney explained some of the consequences if adopting this ordinance and if it was challenged some of the drawbacks involved. The issue would be discussed further.

## *City Hall*

The city council discussed proposed locations for the city hall. Question was asked if the parking requirements would suffice at the old school house. The staff would research this issue. A council member stated that it was important the city hall remain in the downtown area. Another council member was of the opinion that other locations were better suited for expansion efforts. Ensuring use feasibility was also an important factor to be weighed in the decision process. Before design plans are completed the parking requirements were necessary to be determined.

## *Did You Know...*

....that in March 1927 the Steamboat *Sencerbox* came to the surface after 71 years in the Minnesota River. It was wrecked in November, 1855, about a mile from Carver.

## *T-Mobile*

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing regarding the wireless communications facility whereupon T-Mobile requested a Conditional Use Permit. The Conditional Use Permit involved construction, operations and maintenance of a monopole/communications facility proposed to be located at the Lions Park. The city planner told the Planning Commission board that she could not recommend approval of this item in order to do further research the sharing of the project site. Other approvals were also necessary involving approval of a lease with the city for usage of the site and the approval of mitigation for impact to the Historic District. T-Mobile's goal was to replace the existing wireless tower and provide support for two additional wireless carriers including themselves. A concept plan was being drafted to include architectural elevations for how additional users and equipment could be located on the site. The T-Mobile representative reviewed the process of how Radio Frequency Engineers generate studies determining where there is a need for a cellular site in a specific area and how effectively this proposed site would provide coverage. Then the search ring is identified based on coverage and capacity needs, topography, and other locations of sites. Question was asked if the Conditional Use Permit was for each carrier. The Conditional Use Permit request involves only the tower. Conditions can be attached to the Conditional Use Permit.

## *Carver Quilt and Craft Club*

Now that school has started and all the summer events are calming down the Carver Quilt and Craft Club will resume their craft day, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 4 PM in the lower level of the Village Hall. Bring your project and oh yea, don't forget, bring your lunch too and if you want, bring a friend. We are doing scrap-booking, beading, quilting, needlework, whatever your project is, that's what we are doing. Join in with the group and have lots and lots of fun with the others while we all work on our projects. Sound fun? Then come on, load it up and get it down to the hall. Call Linda Schutz at 612) 987-5454 for more details.

## *Carver's Women's Business Group*

The Carver Women's Business Group is busy with plans for the Carver Village Christmas Celebration, scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup> this year. Santa will once again arrive by fire truck and greet the kids. Upstairs of the Village Hall the group has plans to have a Winter Market indoors to keep everyone warm and toasty instead of freezing. Inside you will find antiques, arts, collectibles, and of course, those vintage finds. There will also be a silent auction for beautification efforts, as always, for Depot Park. Don't forget, mark your calendar now.

## *Did You Know...*

....that in May 1871 Ferdinand Strache refitted his Carver House Hotel and opened it for a dinner and dance for 75 couples who were entertained by the Watertown Brass Band.

## *City Lot*

The Planning Commission reviewed and discussed the city lot owned at the corner of Third and Oak Streets. Introduction was made of the origin of corner lot becoming a city asset. The Planning Commission was researching options for this lot, which once had been proposed to house a lift station. Proposals were presented for the lot to be a tot-lot/youth playground or a park of some kind. The lot is small. Statement was made that the downtown area has seen some changes. An observation was formulated that there is no trail system from either the Lions Park or the Community Park so there is no park access for the downtown community. Validity of proposed park was given that if it were a park, the different organizations would use the downtown area if there were a park available. The Planning Commission reviewed equipment fitting with the historical environment. Discussions had been held regarding compliance with the historical aspect. The Planning Commission board members were told that the Heritage Preservation Commission is researching ordinances to address smaller lots in the core city area. Funding of such a project was reviewed by the board. The city would help financially. It was almost certain that other local organizations would also help. The city planner pointed out that this site is not currently included in the current or drafted park plan and if this site were to be seriously considered then this item needs to be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan. Flood zone location was questioned. This site is in the flood zone restricting usage and stringent requirements/regulations and or guidelines. Then there was also the issue of whether or not a lift station would be constructed on the site. That answer should be final in the upcoming months. Concern of loitering in this area was talked about. Another site was reviewed. RiverSide Park was also discussed. The largest drawback for the River Side Park area is the annual seasonal flooding and/or destruction and probable damage to equipment. The Park and Recreation Board's concern centered on the area not being included in park plans and funding availability. Property ownership was questioned at the end of Broadway between the public utility building and the levy, but this is considered right of way property. Concerns of children playing in the congested downtown area was frowned upon by one member. The city planner stated that the area by the levy had issues but was a nice area by the river.

## *Did You Know...*

....that Old County Road #147, also called North Broadway, and unofficially dubbed "Snake Road" by the locals, was at a very early date called the "Carver and Waconia Road". It serviced immigrant settlers and farmers transporting themselves and goods to and from settlement areas in the Waconia area and downtown Carver, and to its steamboat traffic on the Minnesota River.

....that in 1881 Carver brickmaker J. M. Nye and Company made 1,250,000 bricks.

....that in 1880 twenty-five year old Swedish immigrant Charles Samson was the Marshall of Carver.



## *Centex Homes*

The city planner reviewed with the Planning Commission the request for change in architecture and amendment to the Conditional Use Permit for the building elevations and designs for Centex Homes. The areas involved are designated as the Cottage Row and the Quads involving the units on lots two through fifteen and the town homes. These changes are essential due to the changes within the housing market. The present plan designs have been eliminated as a result of market research. The prices are not affected. The conversion of one makes the unit smaller in width with larger side yards for entry and patios and deeper garages. The elevation enhancements for the Carriage units increase better visual rearrangement of the quantity of bricks, cleaner front elevations for more landscaping, more variation in siding texture, better home layout, a more exclusive and private side yard patios, and better concealed meter rooms and panels. The proposed enhancements for the Cottage Row homes included more demand for open interior homes, larger windows and additional square footage for the living room with more exterior light. The members discussed shielding patios with landscaping being the preferred solution.

Comment was made that along the creek trail the benches & plaques have been installed. Compliments were issued for language on the plaques supplied by the Grimm family and the Heritage Preservation Commission.

Question was asked about sales of constructed homes at this time. The representative for Centex Homes responded that the market is very bad and that this type of housing recession had not happened in the past nor had it affected the economy as it has at this time. The interest rates were said to be good and that they would drop again, but this is not the problem. The problem is the inventory, the foreclosures, and the prices of homes. It was the representative's opinion that land values need to drop in the next year. The land/home growth seen recently will most likely not be repeated again. Comment was further made that there are approximately three thousand six hundred homes on the market in the metro alone and does not include new homes constructed or anticipated to be built. Of the twenty seven units currently constructed, and the upcoming units proposed, all had to have price reductions. It is the hope of the developer that with the construction of the new highway that next year would be more profitable. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the amendment to the Conditional Use Permit for the town homes at Spring Glen for the purpose of changing building elevations.

## *Did You Know...*

....that Carver's Riverside Park was the site of the Carver County Fair from 1884-1922. The fair was put on by the Carver County Agricultural Society, with much involvement by Carver merchants.

....that in May 1871 Carver founder Axel Jorgenson had lumber on the ground to build a jewelry and silversmith business in Shakopee.

## *Post Steam Boat Days Update*

Submitted by Gregg Witt

Car Show winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Wayne Theamert's 1970 Chevelle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeremy Jensen's 1973 Ford Torino Grand Sport, 3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Kolbow's 1961 Chevy Impala, 4<sup>th</sup> Gary Frey's 1969 Hurst Olds, and 5<sup>th</sup> Susan Proechel's 1937 Ford Club Coupe. Burnout winners were 1<sup>st</sup> Brian Beutow's 1972 Chevelle and 2<sup>nd</sup> John Vizslay's 1987 Ford Mustang. Thanks to all the sponsors and volunteers that helped make the show possible!

## *East Union Country Fare*

The East Union Lutheran Church cordially invites you all to come and participate in their Annual Country Fare on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM until 2 PM. They feature handmade crafts, a quilt raffle, collectible items and antiques, baked goods, garden produce and a delicious lunch. And don't forget the pumpkins. The proceeds benefit the Kim Walsh family, the East Union Heritage Scholarship Fund, and the Lutheran Social Services.

The beautiful quilt being raffled was created by the East Union quilting group. Raffle tickets are \$1 for one ticket and \$5 for six tickets. You can't buy these anymore. It's an art. (Ask Linda)

## *Carver Community Youth Baseball Softball Association*

Submitted by Jane Thon, Carver Youth Baseball/Softball Association's President

Carver Youth Baseball/Softball Association is already starting plans for next year. Current meetings have been set to work on future plans for T-Ball, Boys Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch and Baseball for Grades 3 through High School.

We are moving forward on a recommendation from last year to get the pitching machine inside starting in February. Also we are going to try and get the pitching clinics started with practice time in the gym between instructions.

Some Thank You's that are very deserving in helping our program be successful are due. We want to thank everyone for their support of the Food Stand at our games. The profit will be used to help with some of our instructional classes that will be offered. Carver Lions, thank you for your support of our program. Park and Recreation employees. Thank you for keeping our fields in good playing conditions. Coaches, thank you for all the time you give to our youths. Without you, or our youths, they would not be playing ball in Carver. To all of the youths that took part in our Softball/Baseball program, take the time to thank your parents, grandparents and friends for supporting you. Daryl Ziegler, thanks for creating our registration web site. The site was used for over 80% of our registrations.

As always, I am sure I have forgotten someone, but consider yourself very much appreciated. And 2008 is just around the corner.

## *2007 Carver Heritage Preservation Award*

The City of Carver and the Carver Heritage Preservation Commission are pleased to accept 2007 nominations for the Second Annual Carver Heritage Preservation Award, to go to the year's most outstanding historic preservation effort in the Carver Historic District. Last year the award went to Gregg and Meg Witt for their restoration work on their Broadway gas station and adjacent commercial building

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 HPC 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 2007 award by using the following form and returning it to the Carver City Hall by Friday, November 16, 2007.

\*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, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. Forms can be gotten from the city at City Hall.

## *Disclaimer*

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## City News

The residents of Carver can participate in a Carver Forum on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October from 6 PM to 8 PM. The council has scheduled an informal Question and Answer meeting for residents. The meeting will be held at the Church-By-The-River. So if you have any questions for the city council or city staff, be there.

## Carver Card Club

The Carver Card Club is back. They are set up for cards, games, and conversation for Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of October at 1 PM until 7 PM in the basement of the Village Hall. Your host is Evelyn Grimm. Anyone interested in sharing their favorite dessert to serve with the coffee, let Evelyn know at (952) 448-9465. See you there.

## Carver Fire Department Highlights and Community

### Calendar

October 2007

- October 1<sup>st</sup> - Council Meeting
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> - Lion's Meeting
- October 4<sup>th</sup> - Fire Department Drill Night
- October 6<sup>th</sup> - East Union Country Fare Quilt & Craft Club
- October 7<sup>th</sup> - Happy Anniversary Kari & Guy!  
Happy Anniversary Kim & John!  
Happy Birthday Megan!
- October 8<sup>th</sup> - Park and Recreation Board Meeting  
Dahlgren Township Board Meeting-Special Meeting Card Club
- October 9<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Linda!  
Happy Birthday Laurie!  
Question & Answer Forum
- October 11<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Ryan!
- October 12<sup>th</sup> - Columbus Day
- October 13<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Sonjia!  
Fire Department Open House
- October 15<sup>th</sup> - Fire Department Drill Night  
Council Meeting  
Happy Birthday Andrea!
- October 16<sup>th</sup> - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
- October 17<sup>th</sup> - Lion's Meeting
- October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> - MN Education Association
- October 19<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Annette!
- October 21<sup>st</sup> - Happy Birthday Larry!
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> - Comprehensive Plan Work Group Meeting
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Planning Commission Meeting
- October 25<sup>th</sup> - Fire Department Meeting Night
- October 26<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Carl!  
Happy Birthday Kate!
- October 27<sup>th</sup> - Halloween Party
- October 29<sup>th</sup> - Happy Anniversary Glen & Joycelyn!
- October 31<sup>st</sup> - Halloween  
Happy Birthday Phil!



## 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



## Carver Lions

The Carver Lions are again sponsoring the Halloween Party at the Village Hall. When you ask? Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 5 PM to 7 PM. The Costume Party is for preschool age through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. The cost to participate is \$2.00 plus a food item for the food shelf. Best costume wins prize! Interested in helping at the party with the youngsters, contact a Lions for more details and contact name.

The Lions sponsored the Fire Department Golf Tournament at the Dahlgren Golf Course by sponsoring a hole on the eighteen hole course, the bar and have three teams participating.

The Lions helped out at the Southern Valley Battered Women's Shelter. Mulch was needed on the playground. So the Carver Lions purchased that mulch and hauled it all by wheel barrel to the playground for the children. Thanks Lions.

The Lions wish to express their thanks to everyone who helped with SteamBoat Days. Once again, it was a successful great event and everyone should be proud of themselves. The Lions also would like to say that they sure hoped everyone enjoyed those fantastic fireworks! Thanks Lions...they were absolutely awesome, right everyone???

Please be sure to come and join the Lions for a dinner meeting. They love new visitors! Even if you don't think you want to become a member, but are just curious about this wild and crazy bunch of good people, come and join them! They love guests and welcome you. They will be meeting again in September on the first and third Wednesday of the month.

## Halloween Party

Hey kids! Listen. There's a party coming up. It's a costume party. You can dress up to be anything you imagine you want to be with mom's permission, of course. It's that time of the year again. The end of October. What happens then? That's right, the goblins, the ghosts and the witches all come for "Tricks 'n' Treats". Dress up and be ready to party at the Carver Village Hall on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM. For two hours, until 7 PM you can participate in games, prizes and fun. The Lions make this possible for the youngsters! So mark your calendar and bring the kids to a fantastic party. It also helps the less fortunate too. Just a food item for those in need and \$2.00 and I just betcha' that that money pays for food and prizes for the kids. Could be wrong, but ....start thinking kids. Not much time left. Count the days until the party...





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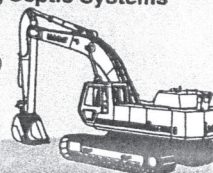
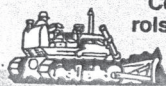
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