

Dedicated In Memory of

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Excel Energy

Representatives from Excel Energy attended the council meeting to discuss recent outage to the entire city and the restoration time of electricity. The council was told that due to the Main Street West bridge work reconfiguration of overhead wires was necessary for contractors to conduct work on the bridge. These power lines are the primary feed to the entire city. An underground cable failed on Jonathan Carver Parkway. Decision was required to conduct repairs. The decision was based on the quickest repair. The bridge work construction will require moving lines twice. Council member questioned possibility of advance notice so that residents are prepared for the possibility of an outage.

The representatives also informed the council of the proposed substation to be constructed in Dahlgren Township and how this will be utilized in relation to the City of Carver. Construction could begin late in the summer of 2012. Questions were asked regarding this proposed new substation.

Dahlgren Township

The Dahlgren Township Board discussed and decided that it would be best that the Board of Equalization and Review not be on an open meeting policy but remain at the township level. This decision was approved with an all ayes vote.

Depot Park

The city engineer discussed with the council the placement of a gate well structure over the existing storm sewer piping and placing the structure on the river side of the levee at the Depot Park and this would provide a long-term solution for repetitive flooding occurring in the area at the Fourth and Lime Street area of the Minnesota River. This type of gate structure would allow the Public Works personnel a safer site for pumping water during rainy event while the gate is closed. It would also provide for a safer pedestrian route. Presently pump hoses are necessary across the sidewalk. It would also keep flood water on the rivers side of the levee.

This type of gate structure had been discussed in the past. Railroad requirements in the past hindered proceeding with the solution proposed presently. Carver County owns the upper Right of Way presently and there are no active tracks.

The council was told that quote packages had been prepared and submitted to four contractors. Two quotes were returned. A final permit is still necessary from Carver County and there is a lead time for obtaining shop drawings and then the manufacturing of the gate for the structure. The engineer anticipated installation later in the 2012 summer. Funding would be through the Storm Water Utility Fund and the proposed costs were reviewed by the council. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the low quote from Kusske Construction Company.

Resident's Guide

The City of Carver has introduced a guide to Parks and Recreation as a part is "Resident Summary" series. The guide provides information on parks planning including future park areas and details regarding the duties of the Park Board.

Community Park Fencing

The council was told about the Community Park Fencing projects including two softball fields and the baseball field fencing. New fabric (metal fencing) would be placed on all three fields. Damaged and heaving posts would also be replaced. Tension wire will be added to the bottom of each fence line helping to eliminate curling of the fence. Additionally the backstop on the baseball field would be lengthened to run from dugout to dugout in order to decrease the number of foul balls escaping the fields. A bull pen will be added on the first baseline next to the batting cages. The project is scheduled to begin in early August when field use decreases.

Two quotes were received from two companies. The improvements would be covered with Park Dedication Funds. The council was reminded that the park improvements were included in the 2010 Park Dedication Study as a planned improvement to the park system. The park board approved the Community Park Softball and Baseball Field project. Questions were asked regarding the fencing and answers given. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the Community Park Softball and Baseball Field fence project and award the project to Century Fence.

MN Twins

Remember, if you want to join the others and hop on the bus at the Community Park to go to the MN Twins game at Target Field, contact Kristy at the Parks and Recreation office. Everyone is welcome. Tickets are on the Home Plate View Deck. You won't have to drive. The Twins will be playing the Cleveland Indians on July 27th, Friday. Board the bus at 5:45 PM and the game is scheduled to start at 7:10 PM. Time is running out to make your reservation. Contact Kristy right away.

Wanted - Election Judges

Election Judges are needed for the August 14th Primary and the November 6th General Elections. Application materials and additional information on the role of an Election Judge are available on the city's website. If you don't have a computer, contact the city personnel at 952.5353. State law permits individual to be absent from work without penalty to serve as an election judge. The employer must be given at least twenty days notice and can choose to reduce an individual's wages by the amount of compensation received from the city for being an election judge. Applications are due by July 11th, 2012.

Lions Park Court Reconstruction

The reconstruction of the tennis and basketball courts at the Lions Park site has been completed. As part of the project, a new hoop was installed creating a youth basketball area in the park. A special thanks to the Carver Lions Club for supporting part of the project cost.

Rescheduled Riverside Park Concert

Wednesday, July 11th catch the rescheduled free concert at Riverside Park at 6 PM until 8 PM. The entertainer scheduled is "Shirts and Skins". Their venue consists of Pop, Rock and Modern Country. Pack up the cooler, the kids, the blankets and come on down for great music!

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."

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Shop for a Cause

Another Carver-On-The-Minnesota fundraiser worth mentioning. It's called Macy's "Shop for a Cause". Shop for a Cause shopping passes are available at Carver Country Flowers and Gifts for a \$ 5 donation. One Hundred Percent of the proceeds go to the Carver-On-The-Minnesota. These passes are good at your favorite Macy's store all day on Saturday, August 25th and will get you twenty five percent off on regular, sale and clearance items - even save on most brands usually excluded from such sales! Save ten percent on electronics/electronics, watches, furniture, mattresses and rugs/floor coverings. If you have been waiting for the right time to pick up something that you have had your eyes on from Macy's, or if you are going to be needing to shop for school clothes, then this Shop for a Cause pass could save you a lot of money!

Carver Garden Tour Event

Carver-On-The-Minnesota extends thank yous to all who generously attended the June 22nd and 23rd Carver Garden Tour Event and the associated Wine Tasting Event. As well as for all the help in making both events a great success. "Not only did we raise non-profit funds for the betterment of Carver, but we showcased Carver and the Carver area in a great community building event."

Special thanks are also extended and must be given to Joanne Weygand, the driving and creative force on all parts of the garden tour, to Annette Hentz for her strong supporting role at Carver County Flowers and for the sale of the lion's share of event tickets to John Patterson, for a long term staffing the gate and selling garden tour and wine tasting tickets; to Chris-Ann Arndt for providing hors d'ouvres and assisting in the wine tasting; to Kathy von Walter for providing wine tasting hors de'ouvres; to Mark Olson, of the *Chaska Herald* for helping to publicize the event; to Cliff Johnson for writing about the event and selling tickets and to Dan Rue of *Carver Current* and Ricki Schultz of the *Villager Tower* for helping promote the event. Last, but not least to Dan Crofut of the local Crofut Family Winery in Jordan for providing staff, materials and not least, the many fine wines. Thanks also to those who generously shared their gardens: Mary Williamson, Barb Kuzelka, Joanne Weygand, Jim Fletcher, Greg Mours, Joni Fligel, Cliff Johnson, Jack and Julie VanRemortel, Kathy von Walter and Karen Read. Many, Many thanks to all.

44th Annual Carver Fire Relief Softball

Tournament

It's here again, it's that time of the year. Always seems like the softball tournaments marks summer as half over. July 13th, 14th and 15th is the scheduled dates for the 44th Annual Carver Fire Relief Softball Tournaments where you can get the best hamburgers in town, best games in town and best company in town for a weekend outdoors event! Somewhere it was stated that this is one of Carver County's oldest tournaments on the circuit! There are good times, cold beers, great downtown specials after the games and a new field! Food, beer, water, pop all available on site. See you there!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

If you have watched the news, surfed the internet, you have seen where they have reported that the blood supply is low, so when you read this, take that into consideration and make that extra effort to go and donate please! The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be in Carver on Tuesday, August 21st from Noon until 6 PM at the Carver Village Hall. You can either make an appointment on line at www.redcrossblood.org or call Linda at 612-987-5454. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred. Please come and donate blood.

Carver County Historical Society

The council was alerted to an upcoming event in September. The Carver County Historical Society will be hosting their Second Annual Picnic in Carver on Saturday, September 22nd in the afternoon. Plans are to have a presentation in the Church-By-River, bands in Gazebo Park, Antique Shops will be open and the Antique Show is slated to be in the Village Hall that weekend and also Native American Dancers may also appear. The Carver County Historical Society website does not have the information posted yet. Check later in the summer for more information on their website.

Carver Community Youth Baseball / Softball Association

Submitted by: Jane Thon

Our 1st SALT Fundraiser went over well. Now that we have a start we hope to continue this two times a year. Watch for us in the fall. THANK YOU!

July will be filled with many games in and around the community for all of our programs. Come out and watch some great playing. July 10th T-Ball Year End Celebration and youth get their trophy. July 17th will be the Boys Baseball Year End celebration and the youth will get their trophy. The Girls format did change to playing the 1st rounds during the week and the final rounds on Saturday

Carver will host the 4th/5th grade girls on Monday/Wednesday and Friday July 16th, 18, and 20th
Victoria will host the High School girls on Monday and Wednesday July 16th and 18th.
Chanhasen will host the 6th/7th grade girls on Monday and Wednesday July 16th and 18th.
Chaska will host the 8th/9th grade girls at the Chaska Middle School fields on July 16th and 18th.

The Final rounds will be played at Chaska Pioneer Fields on Saturday July 21st.

Friday night July 20th the 1st/2nd/3rd grade girls will have their Year End Bash at the Chaska Pioneer Fields with a watermelon feed at the end.

Thank-you for all your support.
Jane

Financial Management Plan

The council discussed the financial management plan at a work session meeting. The city's financial health was evaluated and the general fund history reviewed. Discussion was held on the plan including when conditions evolve around the construction of city buildings. In the case of growth occurring before anticipated the foresight of having a Plan B was talked about. Thoughts of staffing and space studies should also be considered prior to a timeline for building. It was also the opinion of council member that the preliminary planning should begin now for preparation when the decision is made to construct.

Carver County Storm Water Program

Carver County Planning and Water Management representative was at the council meeting regarding the county's storm water program and talking about land use management. The city was told that Carver Creek has problems with turbidity and bacteria. It was the representative's opinion that that these problems occur before the water reached the city limits. The county is teaming up with other cities on education of the storm water program, cost sharing, technical assistance and water management plans.

Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program

The council discussed the necessity of a Public Hearing regarding the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (MS4). The Public Hearing was a requirement to meet the conditions of the city's permit and the annual report due at the MN Pollution Control Agency by the end of June. The engineer representative reviewed facts pertaining to the city has been operating under an NPDES Phase II General Storm Water Permit since 2003. The engineer reviewed a presentation including the general history of the NPDES, the general urban storm water education and the status of compliance with permit conditions.

Abatement Order

A home in 2009 had been deemed uninhabitable. The house has remained unoccupied and unheated since that time. The building inspector inspected the house in 2011. Attempts have been made to work with the property owners. The city attorney and the city have discussed and determined the number of days to abate. The property remains uninhabitable. Determination had been made that the property is a health and fire hazard. Motion was made and carried adopting the Carver City Council order for abatement with a sixty days limit for work to be completed.

Main Street Bridge Update

The council was updated on the progress and schedule of work being done on the Main Street Bridge. Work on the bridge began in April. Initial pile driving for the bridge was done in May. Placement of the force main, gravity sanitary sewer and water main piping is currently the work being performed. Centerpoint Energy is relocating their gas line by the bridge. This is anticipated to be completed by mid July. Once the gas main work is completed, the bridge contractor will complete the pile driving, support slab, arch pipe and the bridge construction. This work is anticipated to take approximately seven weeks to complete once the piling is done. Some utility work had been delayed due to the rain. The anticipated completion of the bridge work is the first week in September. There would still be some remaining street work required between Jorgenson and Broadway after the bridge contractor completes their work.

The Main Street Bridge is a county bridge, however the city anticipated some costs associated with the bridge replacement and had bonded for some of the costs of the project. The bridge will be receiving State Bridge Bond funding. A joint powers agreement between the City of Carver and the county has been processed and the city is the acting contracting agency. Some additional unexpected costs for bridge removal were approved by the county. There are also some additional costs associated with remobilization. Those claims will be reviewed after submittal. Various bridge options has been reviewed at the concept and design stage. The bridge selected and designed is a replacement bridge using a precast arch pipe with a decorative headwall in an attempt to match the existing appearance. An ornamental metal railing will be placed on top of the concrete parapet wall. The city anticipates adding street lights in the area of the bridge. The exact locations to be determined.

Chestnut Group / River Bluff Estates

The council reviewed the agreement with Chestnut Group/River Bluff Estates to cancel the cost reimbursement agreement with them. Chestnut Group had not paid third-party consultant invoices for RiverBluff Estates/RiverBluff Villas. The city is holding monies for cash security for the project and outstanding invoices total were discussed. A letter had been forwarded notifying the group of default of the terms of the agreement. Without a response, staff would administratively apply funds from cash escrow to the outstanding balance. The council had been asked to cancel the Cost Reimbursement Agreement with Chestnut Group. The preliminary plat was approved in 2011 and has expired. Subdivision reapplications for subdivision applications would have to be redone and there are insufficient funds to secure work required to be completed under the agreement. This action does not prevent the developer from continuing to pursue a redevelopment applications. Rather the initiative ensures a new agreement and financial security would be secured prior to acceptance of any application. If the city cancels the agreement, then the developers balance would be refunded. If the city does not cancel the agreement, then the balance would be retained until the agreement is no longer in effect. The council analyzed their options. To cancel and rescind the cost reimbursement agreement ensures that the city has the ability to obtain new financial security at the time that the developer of the property continues to pursue development. Declining to cancel the agreement, then the city would retain the balance of cash financial security, but it would be insufficient to secure all of the work required to be completed on the said project with financial exposure to the city. The staff recommended canceling the agreement. Action was not immediately necessary.

2011 Audit

The city reviewed the results of the audit conducted by Abdo, Eick and Meyers for the 2011 Audit. Suggested was submitted that the city hire a part-time person to assist with the more complicated issues. The auditors have personnel available also who could assist also. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution accepting the audit for 2011.

Breakfast

Harvey's is serving breakfast for the rest of the summer on Friday's!! Breakfast hours are 6 AM to 10 AM all summer long. Where else can you get a great breakfast? Nowhere. So when it's time to eat that most important meal of the day, get on down to downtown Carver and have breakfast at Harvey's. If you can't get enough on Friday, be sure to come in Saturday and Sunday morning too.

Debt Service Fund

The city in 2004 issued General Obligation Improvement Bonds for the Mount Hope Road Improvement Project. The auditors identified funds that should have been transferred to the Water Fund at the completion of the project. It is now been pointed out by the auditors that the funds need to be transferred into the Water Fund.

The council reviewed the pros and cons of action by transferring funds internally. General Obligation Improvement Bonds for the Mount Hope Road Improvement Project. The Debt Service Fund had been refunded with monies from this fund to prepay principal. The financial consultants audit identified monies from the Debt Service Fund that should have been transferred to the Water Fund at a point during or at the completion of the project in 2005/2006. A financial management decision needs to be made resolving the monies from the Debt Service fund owed to the Water Fund utilized for the 2010 refunding. Recommendation was submitted for a one-time interfund transfer.

A Resolution was submitted for approval authorizing the interfund transfers from the General Fund and the Storm Water Fund to the Water Fund. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution authorizing interfund transfers from the General Fund and the Storm Water Fund to the Water Fund.

Storm Water Utility Ordinance

The city planner reviewed the StormWater Utility Ordinance with the council and the possibility of adopting the ordinance. Since some properties are not included on the municipal utilities systems the StormWater Utilities are also void. The staff has proposed that these properties be billed the fee bi-annually. Notifications have been sent. Changes in the fee structure are not proposed at this time. The purpose of the amendment provides bi-annual billing rather than monthly billings for the identified properties without service of the municipal utilities.

The council reviewed the ordinance presented amending the section regarding storm water utility fee. The section relates to statement of purpose for the storm water utility fee, general provisions including the utility budget, and utility fee, exceptions and certification of delinquent fees. Motion was made and carried with all ayes amending portions of the city code relating to the storm water utility fee.

Carver Lions

The first Wednesday of July falls on a holiday, therefore it was stated that the Lions will hold their July meeting on the third Wednesday of the July, the 18th.

The Carver Lions always welcome new members and invite you to come to their meetings. They hold their meetings at the Village Hall the first and third Wednesday evening of the month. During the summer months (June, July and August) the Lions only meet once, the first Wednesday of the month. The other months of the year there are two meetings jam packed full of fun and giving. There is never a dull moment nor an idle member. Come and join in. Check it out. You don't want to be that person who says, "Why did I wait so long. I should have done this sooner."

The Lions are all busy with plans for SteamBoat Days. Join in and be part of the historical memories associated with not only the City of Carver, but the great group of people who put the event together with others.

Second Anniversary - DogHouse

The DogHouse is celebrating their 2nd Anniversary! Congratulations! In light of this anniversary, there will be a celebration at the DogHouse on July 21st, Saturday. There are Bar Games scheduled and Drink Specials! These events are scheduled for noon until question mark. Be sure to stop and extend your congrats to the personnel and of course, the owner (s).

"If one dream should fall and break into a thousand pieces, never be afraid to pick one of those pieces up and begin again."

.....Flavia Weedn



1968 Gran Sport Buick Convertible

Looking for a project? Looking for a great car to rebuild and restore? Have I got a deal for you. Want a unique muscle car from the 60's? For sale, a 1968 GS Gran Sport Buick Convertible. This is the perfect project to achieve that great investment in the end. The car needs a lot of 'TLC' and work. But the basics are there. It was a two owner car. However, again, it requires a lot of work. There were only 2,454 GS Buick convertibles made. If interested, contact the *Villager Tower* for more information. The vehicle is for sale. Only seriously interested need contact.

Community Calendar July 2012


July 2 nd -	Council Meeting
July 4 th -	Independence Day (4 th of July)
July 5 th -	Drill Night Happy Birthday Doug!
July 8 th -	Happy Birthday Hunter!
July 9 th -	Dahlgren Township Meeting Happy Birthday Donna!
July 10 th -	Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
July 11 th -	SteamBoat Committee Meeting
July 12 th -	Happy Birthday Maria!
July 13 th	44 th Annual Fire Relief Softball Tournament Belle Plain's 54 th Annual Bar-B-Q Days Happy Birthday David!
July 14 th	Softball Tournament Bar-B-Q Days Happy Birthday Paul! Happy Birthday Barb!
July 15 th	Softball Tournament Happy Birthday Kris! Happy Birthday Tony! Bar-B-Q Days
July 16 th -	Council Meeting Drill Night Happy Birthday Myrtle!
July 17 th -	Lion's Meeting
July 18 th	Planning Commission Meeting
July 19 th -	Happy Birthday Becky!
July 22 nd	Park and Recreation Board Meeting
July 23 rd	Happy Anniversary Doug and Aletta! Happy Anniversary Jerry and Karen!
July 24 th -	Happy Anniversary John!
July 25 th -	Scott County Fair begins/runs through July 29 th Happy Birthday Janelle! Happy Birthday Marvin!
July 26 th -	Fire Department Meeting Night
July 27 th -	Happy Anniversary Tony and Jane! River City Days/Chaska
July 28 th -	River City Days/Chaska
July 29 th -	Happy Anniversary Dan and Carol! River City Days/Chaska

Carver Current

Be sure to check out Dan's website for his news and the news from the *Villager Tower*, as well as others. There is a lot of interesting information on his website. Also, when you need to get information out, contact Dan to submit. It's another great way for transmitting information all over. What is the website again?
www.carvercurrent.com

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The "unapproved" minutes of the council and the township have been referenced for the purpose of creating this information for residents in the City of Carver and the townships surrounding the city.

"Decide to Forgive"

By: Robert Muller

Decide to Forgive

For resentment is negative
Resentment is poisonous
Resentment diminishes and devours the self.
Be the first to forgive,
To smile and to take the first step.
And you will see happiness bloom
On the face of your human brothers or sister.
Be always the first
Do not wait for others to forgive
For by forgiving
You become the master of fate
The fashioner of life
A doer of miracles.
To forgive is the highest,
Most beautiful form of love.
In return you will receive
Untold peace and happiness.
And here is the program for achieving a truly forgiving heart:
SUNDAY: Forgive yourself
MONDAY: Forgive your family
TUESDAY: Forgive your friends and associates.
WEDNESDAY: Forgive across economic lines within your own nation.
THURSDAY: Forgive across cultural lines within your own nation.
FRIDAY: Forgive across political lines within your own nation.
SATURDAY: Forgive other nations.

Only the brave know how to forgive. A coward never forgives.
It is not in his nature.

Winning a Hostile Customer

Listen and let them talk:

"Tell me what happened."

Acknowledge the information:

"Thank you for telling me."

Understand their complaint:

"I see why you're upset."

Give Solutions: "We could do _____ or _____."

"Which would you prefer?"

Hit Home with a follow up:


"I want to make sure you're satisfied."

Happy Birthday
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