

December 2016
Number Three Hundred Twenty

In Memory of Patricia Shambour

Santa

Be sure to put a picture of Santa on the calendar so no one forgets to go to the Fire Station in Carver to see Santa! The Carver Fire Department and the Carver Lions will be hosting the Village Christmas event at the fire station on December 3rd at noon until 2:30 PM. Santa will be arriving via the fire truck at the fire station at about 12:30 PM. The firemen and Lions urge you to bring the family and don't forget that camera. Inside there will be treats, crafts and a coloring contest. In the spirit of giving, you are asked to please bring along a non-perishable food item for a donation.

2017 Reconstruction Project

The engineer discussed with the council the Feasibility Report Update for the 2017 Reconstruction Project. The project involves the reconstruction of streets with curb and gutter along Third, Fifth, Ash, Jorgenson and Hickory Streets and Broadway, along with paving of alleys in the project area; streetscape improvements along Broadway and the closure of the Third Street Bridge to traffic based on discussions of the council. The draft study will be reviewed by the staff and a Public Hearing scheduled. The staff recommended that the council provide comments after the update.

Sheriff's Office

Deputy Gowan attended the council meeting to introduce the officer replacing his position, Deputy McKirahan. Deputy Gowan has been offered a new opportunity with the Waconia School District. Deputy Gowan was thanked for his service in the city and welcomed Deputy McKirahan.

The administrator reviewed with the council the contract for police services with the Carver County Sheriff's Department. The proposed contract replicates service levels provided in 2016. The proposed contract also represents a three point seven percent increase over last year.

2017 Enterprise Fund Budgets

The administrator provided an overview for the 2017 Drafted Enterprise Fund Budget and rates. The council reviewed the information.

City Signs

The city was told that the Carver Lions have requested three signs regarding the population counts, two signs would be replacement signs and one new sign. The Carver Lions would cover the costs involved. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the new signage designating population counts in the requested locations.

Bloodmobile

The Carver Lions Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at the Chaska VFW, 620 Creek Road, Chaska MN on Monday, December 19th from noon until 6 PM. Call JoAnne for an appointment and she can be reached at 612.805.8224. Walk-ins are welcome.

WorkShop

The administrator updated the council on the report regarding the overview of the ULI MN Navigating Your Competitive Future Workshop involving the city council and the Planning Commission. The council was given a summarization of key observations during panel dialogue. Comment was submitted that it was felt to be a very beneficial workshop. An action plan is being drafted with the city planner and the engineer firm moving forward with renewed experienced direction. Future discussions will be held.

Regional Council of Mayors

The mayor had attended the Regional Council of Mayors meeting. It was the mayor's opinion that this will be a great addition. The organization began in 2004 with eight mayors and presently there are fifty three mayors throughout the Twin Cities participating. This involves great resources. Currently working on affordable housing and the City of Carver will be able to provide some great insight on experiences.

The mayor also took the opportunity to compliment the Chaska mayor, Mark Windschitl. It was the mayor's opinion that the Chaska mayor did an extremely great job in an understated way concerning the Ryder Cup.

Task Force

The administrator updated the council concerning the combined task force relating to the community space study. They will be looking to document Village Hall options involving structural corrections, office space renovation etc; concept layouts for other sites including parking, and cost perspectives for the community and the impact of each project. This should allow for a better perspective for the community for total costs of each project allowing for better ideas of financing options. This is an investment for decades. The administrator will be drafting updates for the city on the next steps.

Building Inspector

The building inspector gave his report to the council. The update on the dental office was regarding a permit that will be issued soon. Plumbing plans for the project were being reviewed. The items for the temporary certificate of occupancy have been completed for Carver Crossing, so the final certificate of occupancy has been issued. Centra Homes has four of the three-plex units under construction. The completion of this development is almost complete. Mattamy Homes in Copper Hills are busy. New permits will be issued soon for the second phase of that development. Two homes are being constructed in Christy's Bluff. Riverview Estates has three homes under construction with a permit request submitted from another single family home. The inspector is still working with homeowners "DIY" projects. Several nuisance properties are being worked on. Development of a permit system for projects not covered under the building code is still being worked on with the staff.

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

City Engineer

The city engineer updated the council on the 2015 Street and Utility Improvements project with punch list work still being done. The Pedestrian Underpass work was updated. The elementary school was discussed by the engineer. Work is continuing. The school's site engineer forwarded grading information for the athletic fields and walk/trail adjustments at Ironwood that is being reviewed. Grading work continues at the dental site. The feasibility report is being worked on for the 2017 Street and Utility Improvements.

Fire Department

The Fire Chief told the council that the Fire Department is taking applications to fill the remaining open positions for fire fighters. Contact the city or if able go on line and download an application for the fire fighter position.

The Officer Review Board will begin officer selection process for 2017.

The Fire Chief provided some background on the AgStar Emergency Response Equipment Grant. The AgStar is a financial service serving a large part of the state and began a grant program. The Carver Fire Department applied for this grant and received an amount for emergency response equipment.

Recreation Services

The administrator discussed with the council the Memorandum of Understanding for Recreation Services with the City of Chaska requiring amendment. The Memorandum had been approved in October of 2015 by the council for shared recreation services with the City of Chaska. Terms of the original contract provided rate reciprocity for Par 30, Town Course, the Community Center and the Curling Center. Staff was provided coordinating community events and twelve community events per quarter in Carver facilities. In February due to structural concerns, the Village Hall had to be closed which had a significant impact providing space to conduct recreation programming per the terms of the contract with the City of Chaska. The City of Chaska had been approached to amend the contract with two primary changes. One was to relieve the requirement to provide no less than twelve program basing programming on season, space and participation levels. Payment reduction was also addressed with the request.

Looking to the future, the administrator stated that the city has secured six hours of priority scheduling in the new elementary school providing additional space for recreation programming. This space is anticipated to coincide with the school's opening in the fall of 2017. Additionally, the community is nearing the final decisions of the task force process designing to identify plans for community and recreation spaces in Carver.

The amendment of the contract being reviewed involves changes to quarterly payment with a positive impact on the 2017 budget. Additionally, the city paid fifty percent due to program start-up and space availability related to the services in the Memorandum of Understanding in 2016.

Citizen presented an inquiry regarding the amendment relating to the Memorandum of Understanding for Recreation Services. Concern was expressed regarding the number of services provided by the City of Chaska within the City of Carver. Suggestion was submitted for a minimum within the amendment for a lower fee until such time that the minimum could be provided.

Delinquent Utility

The council reviewed the resolution to adopt the certification roll for delinquent utilities certifications to the county.

The staff works diligently to collect unpaid charges for delinquent utilities and municipal fees, but unpaid charges occur. The city schedules an assessment hearing, adoption of the certification roll are then certified to the county auditor. These liens are payable with the 2017 property taxes. The staff recommended adoption of the proposed certification roll with changes from the Public Hearing.

Community Foundation for Carver County

The council reviewed a resolution acknowledging acceptance and appreciation for donation from the Community Foundation for Carver County. The Community Foundation for Carver County graciously donated money to the Carver Fire and Rescue for the purchase of two CPR Chest Compression devices.

Sixth Street Redevelopment

The council discussed the reposting of the Request for Proposal regarding the Sixth Street Redevelopment property.

The city purchased the property in December of 2015. In February the staff and council pursued development of the property. The city had not received any proposals for potential developers. However, comments had been received that more time to respond was necessary from potential developers. Due to the holiday season and to be able to provide sufficient time reposting was proposed for January of 2017. Funding had been received previously from the Community Development Agency to prepare a redevelopment plan for the property and the preparations for that plan would be started. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing the staff to repost the Request for Proposal to be submitted by the end of January.

2017 Fee Ordinance

The city council reviewed the topic of adopting the Fee Ordinance. Each fall the city reviews various fee charges and staff recommendations for changes. The council reviewed those recommendations which were also recommended by the staff to adopt. The Planning Commission members also reviewed the fee schedule presented to the council and also recommended approval. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the ordinance for the 2017 Fee Schedule.

Traffic Analysis

The city engineer talked with the council about partnering with the county on the travel demand model for traffic analysis – Comprehensive Plan. The city needs to submit a 2040 Comprehensive Plan to the Metropolitan Council in 2018. The Transportation Plan is one of the components of the plan required acting as a guideline for utilization in the implementation of various elements of the city's transportation system. The county is also required to submit their plan. The county has begun this process for the County Travel Demand Model. The travel demand model provides daily traffic forecasts for existing and future roadway networks to utilize in planning the roadway network.

The county contacted the city along with other cities in the county requesting interest in partnering on this model. The county could then incorporate local city collectors into the model and provide daily traffic forecasts for use in the local Comprehensive Plans. The benefits of this approach including having consistency in traffic forecasts and communications between the cities and the county. The cities choosing to partner include Chanhassen, Chaska, Victoria and Waconia. There would be a joint powers agreement in place for this partnership. The engineer stated that when the city representative met with the county to discuss the necessity of the County Road # 11 Corridor Study it was also discussed then about the partnership in the Travel Demand Model and the benefits were also discussed at that time. In order to meet the comprehensive plan updates timing the model will be required to be run early in 2017. The engineer reviewed the costs for the modeling analysis for Carver and that the model would use the Met Council forecasts based on the system statements. As part of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan process the city will review and maybe adjust land use designations from the 2030 plan; and assign land use designations to parts of the orderly annexation area.

This results in an option to run an additional scenario with the county after the land use plan is finalized and the cost of that scenario was discussed. Different costs were also reviewed. The 2040 Comprehensive Plan update would be funded from a planning assistant grant from the Met Council and the general fund. The county would be paid through a joint powers agreement at a future date for discussion and approval. Council feedback on this topic was requested for the travel demand model.

Oak Street Lift Station

The Public Services Director talked to the council regarding a motion to approve the purchase and installation of two new lift station pumps at the Oak Street Lift Station. The station was upgraded in 2009/2010. In 2015 a pump failed and the fix was temporary. Statement was made to the council that consideration to replace the two pumps should be given within the next year. This had been budgeted to replace with an upgrade in the 2016 Sanitary Sewer Budget. Quotes have been received. Recommendation was submitted to accept the quote from MN Pump Works.

Resident Advocate Program

The administrator discussed the motion to approve the Resident Advocate Program. The council earlier in the year had facilitated the creation of two focus groups for the purpose of developing guidance principles for the Comprehensive Plan and over all communications strategies to be utilized by the City of Carver. The report provided guidance involving encouragement to assess decisions for emotional issues and customize public engagement strategy. Points to be considered include striving to be an advocate for partnering during good and bad times. The city should aspire to communicate with the residents. Partnership with the school for sports activities. Suggested to enhance communications and partnerships with the regional townships. Suggestion was submitted to make Public Hearings more appealing to the public to increase attendance. Evaluate identifying 'neighborhood ambassadors' for key upcoming decisions and partner with this group to educate and engage others in the community more effectively. This presented a good time to educate residents on city public involvement process for the comprehensive planning.

Resident Advocate Program

Therefore, inspired by feedback during the focus group sessions, the Resident Advocate Program's mission is to utilize the information, conversations and transparency as a source to foster stronger relationships between residents and leaders to facilitate the operations of the city government.

The Resident Advocate Program will consist of the administrator as the staff lead, eight residents for membership make up with two year maximum terms. New memberships will involve the resident advocates responsible for selecting replacement to fill their positions. Four meetings to be held annually. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the Resident Advocate Program.

Disclaimer

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.

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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 sharing information. What is the website again? www.carvercurrent.com

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Ironwood Park Field Lighting

The administrator discussed the motion considering the authorization of the engineer to prepare plans and specifications for field lighting at Ironwood Park. Past conversations were reviewed where formerly the council voted to not move forward with the preparation of plans and specifications for the lighting of the two main athletic fields at Ironwood Park. Since that decision several youth sports associations requested reconsidering that decision. If the council were to decide to reconsider the project schedule would authorize preparation of plans and specifications, and then a decision would be required whether or not to approve those plans, then authorization would be required to authorize the project and then awarding of the bid if that decision was made and then finally construction of the project.

Proposal to prepare plans and specifications along with a cost had been submitted by the engineering firm. The Original project cost estimates were reviewed by the council for a six-pole lighting system. The specifications would be able to determine the actual appropriate number of lights necessary for adequate illumination of the fields. The staff anticipated adequate funds available in the Park Dedication Fund at year end of 2017 for potential lighting project funding. However, the council would be required to authorize an inter-fund loan until the dedication fees have been collected.

Health Insurance Plans

The city clerk presented drafted motion for approval of employee health insurance options for 2017. In the past the health insurance was obtained from SWWWC Service Cooperative who was a non-profit, member owned share service, locally managed by its members. Blue Cross Blue Shield of MN administered its health insurance program. The current bid for provider service for 2017 reflected a twenty nine percent increase. Due to the increase the staff investigated option to mitigate the impact of the premium increases. The city worked with Flexible Benefits consulting for consideration of more affordable options. Two proposed plans would be available to employees.

Fire Service Agreements

Administrator discussed the fire services agreement motions requiring approval with Dahlgren and San Francisco Townships. The city provides fire services to portions of Dahlgren and San Francisco Townships under terms within the agreement. The existing agreement has been in place for five years, ending December 31st 2016. Both townships are in agreement with renewal of the existing agreement for another five years. The only significant change to the agreement pertains to salary and benefit costs for a full time fire chief if the city chooses to go that route in the future. The revenue collected related to fire service was discussed. The agreements were prepared and reviewed by the city attorney.

Southwest Transit

Did you know that you could ride SouthWest Transit buses to the MN Vikings Games and the Gophers Football Games?

It's \$ 5 round trip. You can board the bus on return at the same drop location (Gateway Ramp – Vikings games and Oak Street and Delaware Street – Gopher games). The bus departs thirty minutes after game ends. Cash only accepted, kids five and under ride free. Computer access you can go online for more information and schedule or download US Bank Stadium 'app'.

Carver Flowers

Submitted by Annette Hentz
Carver Flowers is having its Holiday Shopping Night on Thursday, December 1st from 5:00-8:00 pm. Wine and snacks, door prizes, discounts. 20% off all Christmas merchandise - 30% if you bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share. Free 10.5 oz jar of Jalapeno jelly with a \$50 purchase.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!





Form of Government

The council previously had numerous discussions on the consideration of the form of government and how the City of Carver should be operated going into the future. A resolution had been adopted placing the question on the general election ballot for the adoption of the Plan B Form of Government. At the general election more than sixty four percent of the votes cast on the Plan B Form of Government were affirmative. The city attorney discussed that with the passage of the ballot question required actions to be implement for said form of government. The following summarization outlines actions to be implemented: amendment of the City Code, as well as retain a City Manger; and an appointment of a Treasurer. A Park Board is not permitted in a city operating under the Plan B Form of Government, but the city council may have a Parks Advisory Commission. The attorney reviewed the verbiage of the city code relating to the parks commission. It was the attorneys' opinion that the present parks commission would be allowed.

The attorney discussed the proposed ordinance relating to enabling the Plan B Form of Government for the city and no public hearing was required for the adoption of the proposed ordinance. Reviewed also, was the ordinance relating to the appointment of a City Manager. The city council reviewed the two alternative resolutions, the first involved the search for a city manager. The first resolution is applicable if the council determines that it is appropriate to conduct a search for a manger. The resolution directs the city staff to facilitate the search and authorize the retention of Springsted Inc, (a fiscal and governmental advisor). The attorney discussed the second resolution for consideration involving the administrator chosen as the city manager. The second resolution has the same preambles as the first resolution but is appropriate for adoption if the council were to appoint Mr Marek as the manager. A new employment agreement would be necessary in resolution form if the council chose this route, as well.

The recommended actions per the attorney was that the council should adopt the proposed ordinance to effectuate the Plan B form of government. Depending upon the council's preferences as to the means and methods it wishes to follow if one of the two resolutions should be adopted. If the city were to hire Mr Marek, then the council should consider the employment agreement.

Carver Black Sox

The Carver Black Sox wish everyone "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year"!

Carver Community Youth

Softball / Baseball Association

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone from the CCYSBA.

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Minnesota

Merry Christmas and Happy New



Community Calendar

January 2017

- January 1st New Year's Day
- January 2nd No School
Council Meeting
Drill Night
- January 3rd Happy Anniversary Bonnie and Stan!
- January 4th Carver Business Meeting
Carver-On-the-MN Meeting
Lions Meeting
- January 5th Happy Anniversary Daniel and Rebecca!
- January 6th Happy Anniversary Troy and Annette!
- January 7th Happy Birthday Leon!
- January 9th School Board Organizational Work Shop Meeting
PTO Meeting
Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
Planning Commission Meeting
Fire Department Officers Meeting
- January 10th Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
Happy Birthday Jerad!
- January 12th Teen Tribe Minnesota meeting at Dunn
Brothers/Chaska
- January 16th No School
Martin Luther King Day
Council Meeting
Drill Night
- January 17th Happy Birthday David!
- January 18th Carver Lions Meeting
Parks Commission Meeting
Happy Birthday Eric!
- January 19th Happy Birthday Kay!
- January 20th Happy Birthday Jim!
- January 23rd No School
School Board Meeting
Fire Department Meeting
- January 24th Happy Birthday Troy!
Happy Birthday Mikey!
- January 25th Happy Birthday Ethen!
- January 26th Happy Birthday Rich!
Happy Birthday Dan!
Happy Birthday Mary Lou!
- January 27th Happy Birthday Paul!
Happy Birthday Patty!
Happy Birthday Tiu!
- January 29th Happy Birthday Shawn!
- January 30th Happy Birthday Karen!



Bountiful Basket Food Shelf

"Residents of Eastern Carver County have shown a continual interest in doing what is right to assist our neighbors who are in need of help. Each year the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf of Eastern Carver County conducts it's one and only fundraiser called "Neighbors That Care Share!". This fundraiser helps the local food shelf to provide nearly thirty thousand pounds of food each month serving nearly twelve hundred individuals who live primarily in Carver, Chanhassen, Chaska and Victoria area.

"The food shelf is one hundred percent managed and operated by volunteers who work at the site. The Bountiful Basket is open on Mondays from 9 AM to 8 PM, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 AM to 3:30 PM and on the first and third Saturdays of each month from 9 AM to noon.

"The Bountiful Basket is a non-profit organization with your contributions made payable to Bountiful Basket, 1600 Bavaria Road, Chaska MN 55318 or by donating online at www.bountifulbasketfoodshelf.org The thousands of individuals that are helped at the food shelf, as well as the many volunteers 'thank you' for your consideration of making a donation of money or food to the food shelf."

East Union Church

The East Union Church will be celebrating a retirement party for Pastor Tom Stutelberg on December 18th at the church beginning at 10 AM. (see flyer for more information)
The church is also making plans for a January Pancake Breakfast. (flyer also attached for more information) The servers will be serving before and after worship.

Iris Valley

Be sure to make a stop in Jordan at the Iris Valley for their Hometown Holidays event on December 3rd from 10 AM until 5 PM. The Iris Valley personnel wish everyone Happy and Safe Holidays!



Chanhassen
952-974-7813
7882 Market Blvd.
Jordan
952-492-3360
110 Eldorado Drive

Carver Lions

Don't forget Saturday at the Carver Fire Department is Carver Village Christmas hosted by the Carver Lions. (See flyer for more details) There will be crafts, cookies, juice, and coffee along with Santa visiting. Please be sure to bring along a non-perishable food item to donate to the local food shelf.

On December 7th the Lions will be hosting their Senior Lunch at St Nicholas Church from noon until 3 PM. The lions are also preparing and making plans for their 8th Annual Soggy Bottom Open in January.

Now, if you want to be part of all this fun and help the members, you can join the Carver Lions every first and third Wednesday of the month during the winter months at the Church-By-The-River according to their website. You won't know what you are missing until you come and join them and give back to the community. There is so much this organization does for the community.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Election Results

Carver

Kristy Mock and Courtney Johnson were elected to the Carver City Council. The two young ladies will begin their four year terms when they join Mayor Mike Webb and Councilors Glen Henry and Cindy Monroe in January of 2017.


The Carver voters also approved a referendum changing the form of Carver city government to the council-manager (Plan B) form from the current mayor-council (Plan A) system.

The primary change under the council-manager form gives current City Administrator Brent Mareck and his successors more authority over personnel, purchasing and other daily operations by assuming those duties now performed by the City Council.

Dahlgren Township


Gene Miller was elected as Supervisor A, Mark Willems for Supervisor C and Doran Brahee was elected as Treasurer for the Dahlgren Township Board. Also voted on at the township was whether the term of office for town supervisor should be for six years, which was denied.

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Holiday Shopping Night

Wednesday, December 1, 2016

5:00 - 8:00 pm

Refreshments!

Wine, snacks and sweets!



Discounts!

20% off all Christmas/winter merchandise. Bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share, and your discount rises to 30%!

Store Hours

Tue - Sat ,
10 AM-5 PM

Closed Sundays and Mondays.

Other times by appointment.

Door Prizes!

Register to win door prizes.

Need not be present to win.



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Carver Village Christmas

Carver Fire Station

**Saturday, December 3,
2016**

Noon - 2:00pm

Santa arrives by fire truck at 12:30pm.

Treats, Crafts, & Coloring Contest

***Remember to bring your camera to take
pictures with Santa.**

Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation.

Sponsored by the Carver Lions Club and the Carver Fire Department



Together, let's honor and celebrate the retirement of

Pastor Tom Stutelberg

Sunday, December 18
East Union Lutheran Church
15180 County Road 40 in Carver, MN

Thank you for your dedication, commitment and service to the Lord and to East Union Lutheran Church. The congregation and community of East Union express our gratitude for your tremendous service. You will be greatly missed!

The celebration will begin at 10 am following our 9 am worship service.

"He walks in the footprints of God. His shoes are greatly worn. From the time he was a child, heaven knew a pastor had been born"
Excerpt from "God's Footprints" by Lisa J. Brown



EAST UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 15

Before worship: 7:30 am to 8:45 am

Following worship: 10:00 am to 12 noon

\$7 adults

\$5 kids (12 and under)

Kids 2 and under FREE



Breakfast includes: pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and coffee

All are welcome! Bring your family and friends!