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Dedicated to the Memories of Walter Preiss and Butch Carlson

Monarch Butterflies

Did you know that there is a project out there in the big world identified as "Capstone Project"? A Capstone Project paper is a personal dynamic

project but allows a student to bring together their personal and educational knowledge at the culmination of their academic career. Since the Capstone Project is personal, the topic chosen is one that the individual is passionate about and means something to that person.

So, what does the Capstone Project have to do with monarch butterflies? Do you know that there is a foundation also out in the big world to "Save Our Monarchs"? "Saving Our Monarch One Milkweed at a Time" is the foundation's mission. The Foundation says, "The monarch butterfly is in trouble. Their numbers are down ninety percent from where they were in 1992. And the milkweed plant population, which is indispensable to the monarch, is also down ninety percent." Want to learn more and have computer access? Go on line and search Monarch Butterflies.

What does this whole conversation have to do with the city council? High school senior, Amanda Borwege presented her capstone project about Monarch butterflies to the city. Then requested that the mayor take the Mayor's Monarch Pledge.

Now what is the Mayor's Monarch Pledge all about? Mayors and local government chief executives are taking action to help these butterflies. Through the National Wildlife Federation Mayors' Monarch Pledge, cities and municipalities are committing to create habitat and educate citizens about how they can make a difference. There are four steps to implement the pledge. First is to take the pledge involving committing to both, restore habitat and encourage citizens to do the same. Second is to specify their actions, Again, if interested you can go on line and search more for information or even better, join in to save the Monarchs. Thirdly, the pledge asks to take action and then lastly to report the progress of that pledge.

The mayor thanked Ms Borwege and asked her to be the city's representative for the Mayor's Monarch Pledge. The item will be taken under consideration. Invitation was extended to the student to visit the arboretum to tour the Bee and Pollinator Center.

The council discussed the appointment of Ms Amanda Borwege as the city's representative for the Mayor's Monarch Pledge. The pledge consists of a minimum of three monarch conservation actions in the habitat, education, or policy realms within one year of taking the pledge. The Pledge outlines the critical role cities, towns and counties can play in saving the Monarch Butterfly and the importance of local leadings taking a stand to engage citizens in conservation. Her acceptance of the invitation is the next step to making appointment official.

The Chaska Herald had a nice article on the topic, as well.

Annexation

The city planner discussed the information with the council regarding annexation of the Olson Property for the Hartmann Communities. The township received payment for the property. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution designating identified property in the orderly annexation area of Dahlgren Township.

Storm Water

The city engineer presented the issue of the Storm Water within the community since this presentation is necessary to meet the conditions of the city's municipal separate storm sewer system permit and the staff had prepared drafted documents to submit the annual report to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

The city has operated under an NPDES Phase II General Storm Water Permit since 2003 from the MN Pollution Control Agency. Collaborations with the Lower MN River Water District and Carver County Watershed Management Organization is done for any new development reviews related to storm water run-off and possible educational opportunities.

2017 Improvement Project

The city engineer discussed information regarding the bid award for the proposed 2017 Improvement Project. Several council members voiced opinions regarding the lack of parking due to the city hall issue in the downtown area that considerations should be pursued with parking lot at the Third Street site. Cost of the site was discussed as well as the fact that the property was not closed on presently. Motion was made carried with four ayes and one nay approving the resolution accepting the bid for the adjusted total base bid to GMH Asphalt Corporation.

The engineer provided the council with the project update regarding the 2017 street improvements and utilities. The preconstruction meeting had been held. The contracts were approved, Center Point Energy completed their gas relocation, and the contractor is finalizing schedule. Construction notices will be posted on the city's website.

Green Ash Drive

The city attorney discussed the acquisition of the roadway identified as Green Ash Drive. The attorney recommended that the city not adopt the resolution at this time. An affiliate has been able to make progress on the issue and the city has rarely utilized eminent domain. The attorney recommended motion to approve monies for the ease. The attorney would continue to resolution of the issue. Question was asked about how the situation came to the use of eminent domain. Agreement was unable to be reached. An oral agreement had been reached. The city does not choose to use eminent domain as a first choice. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the said payment to the owner for the easement.

The city attorney updated the council on the city's efforts to negotiate terms with the group of aggregate property owners for two parcels east of Green Ash Drive. The property is subject to a contract for deed. The two groups could not agree to the negotiated terms. The attorney presented the council with a resolution to commence eminent domain to acquire the property after good faith negotiations were unsuccessful. The attorney advised of the necessity to move forward to acquire this easement. The resolution authorizes the city to submit a Quick Take Notice. The property would be acquired ninety days after the notice is sent. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution authorizing commencement of eminent domain to acquire a non-exclusive easement for the roadway, sidewalk, drainage and utility purposes for said property.

____ Certified Levee Feasibility Study

The project manager of Mead and Hunt was present at a council meeting providing an overview on the Project Understanding and Approach along with previous experiences regarding Certified Levee Feasibility Study. Recommendation was to utilize phased approach to study with Phase I – Reconnaissance Evaluation, Phase II – Engineering Analysis, Levee Modification, Design and Construction and then if necessary, Phase III – FEMA Submittal. The next step would to return to the council for a decision to proceed.

The council reviewed former conversations related to the US Army Corps of Engineers study pertaining to the levee. The Carver levee was the highest priority on the St Paul District's list for study. Staff had been contacted regarding prioritizing their "new start" feasibility studies. Upcoming steps relating to prioritization were discussed recently. The corps first step was the Federal Interest Determination utilizing existing available information displaying current problems with the existing levee, alternatives and a rough order of magnitude estimate of cost. This study would provide a construction path for certifying the city's levee system. The city received notification that the city had successfully met the benefits test of the 'Federal Interest Determination'. Moving forward with a certified levee study, the city and the Corps of Engineers were required to enter into an agreement.

Feasibility studies updates had been received by the city. Discussions have also been held relating to an agreement. More detailed estimates for the feasibility study have been obtained and shared with the city staff. The city reviewed the use of the federal funding provided to the Corps of Engineer's district. Estimated costs were discussed at length.

The city manager discussed the certified levee study with the council. The mayor voiced his concerns with the Corps of Engineers based on the money and time spent to date with no solid indication of the amount of money still required to be spent on the project. Another council-lmember expressed their same concern regarding money spent without certainty of FEMA recognizing the levee would be certified. The certification process with FEMA is not systemic nor a guarantee that they would ever get to review the process. Thought perhaps increased pressure would be necessary on higher government and possibly the media. Certification for residents in the downtown was important. Due to unavailability of money and the amounts of value is the main reason that this has not been achieved. Statement was made that the cost was more than structures value. Discussion was held on how Chaska achieved certification.

Interest was express in shoring up the levee instead of spending the money for certification. Discussion continued about money spent for a parking area in the downtown and would prefer to move forward with the certification process. The mayor stated that it was unfortunate that there were not any tangible services from the corps. There was lengthy discussion on differences of opinion regarding the certification process. The flood insurance issue was also brought up. Flood insurance will not be lowered until FEMA certifies the levee and there is not any guarantee of this fact either. Clarification was requested regarding the Mead and Hunt proposal getting the city a FEMA certified levee. The city manager responded that the Mead and Hunt proposal, Phase I, would give the city a glimpse into the health and integrity of the levee system in order for the city to make the decision on how far to proceed upon completion of the initial study. Question was asked if upon completion of Phase II would the city have better idea on certification of the levee accomplishment. The city manager indicated that the distinction between the firm's proposal and the corps was that spending the money with the firm would provide a good analysis of the levee system. The corps would involve a larger sum of money necessary and a lot less information. Concern was expressed for lack of confidence in the corps, but the firms plan would eliminate the city from the cost sharing the would be achieved with the corps services. The city manager could not confirm if this was true or not. Question was asked if it made sense to complete Phase II with a cost difference, spending less money presently, but not qualify with the cost sharing with the federal government in the long run. Another opinion was to proceed with the firm's proposal and get the necessary information to determine the status of the levee system. Motion was made and carried with all ayes accepting the proposal from Mead and Hunt to conduct Phase I of a Feasibility Study for the Levee C

Certificate of Appropriateness

The building official discussed with the council the certificate of appropriateness. The Heritage Preservation Commission recommended approval in favor of adoption with one objection. A council member inquired about that objection. The building official explained that there was concern regarding too much power in one approval position. Clarification was given that the one position of position of approval was the city manager. The certification would streamline the process for homeowners when the commission approval was not necessary. Larger structural process would still be required for the Historic Preservation Commission's approval. The building official would work closely with the city manager on any approvals necessary without the commission's input. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the ordinance involving the Certificate of Appropriateness.

Residential Density

The Residential density issue also relating to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan were viewed by the city planner at a joint meeting with the council and the Planning Commissioners. The city planner reviewed information from the Metropolitan Council. This information displays how the met council calculated density and how development of various types translates into different densities. The city planner indicated that Carver is considered as an Emerging Suburban Edge Community. The two entities discussed residential densities to support forecasted growth expectations for new growth, development and redevelopment.

The City Manager also requested input for uses for the former waste water treatment plant site. Consensus from the two groups after discussions was that the land to be identified as Public Institutional.

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.

Land Use Map

The city planner informed the City Council and Planning Commissioners that she had incorporated the discussed areas onto a digital draft map for future land use for the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The second map, she explained displays the environmentally sensitive resources such as bluffs, wet lands, water bodies and flood plains which are overlaid on the map. The city planner provided options and asked for feedback on changes that should be made. The council and commissioners discussed additional options for commercial, industrial, public institutional and urban reserve for future land uses.

The council and planning commission members discussed additional option on the land use map to include commercial, industrial, public institutional and urban reserve for future land uses be also designated on the digital drafted future land use map.

The city planner discussed with the council the release of the drafted Future Land Use map for public input and approval for public engagement strategy. The council and the planning commissioners prepared the drafted map. Public input is necessary prior to the development of engineering plans supporting the future land use concept. Following the input from the public the two government entities will review the input and determine if changes are necessary.

Tire Department

The Carver Fire Department is still taking applications for firefighter openings in the department. In May the department interviewed four candidates. The Fire Chief also informed the council that grant submission for CPR machine and two new radios is being completed. The Spring Safety Event and Bike Rodeo took place with the help of the Carver Lions and the Better Society. The event enabled donation of helmets and forty bikes to children. The new command vehicle has also been ordered.

"Walk away from anything or anyone who takes away from your joy. Life is too short to put up with fools." ~ Unknown City Hall

The city manager discussed with the council the Draft Action Plan for the city hall project. The council reviewed documents involving the draft schedule and construction management and general contracting services comparison. Feedback from the council was requested for process and timing. The city manager recommended obtaining architectural service once the sche-dule was adopted. Multiple proposals were not necessary for this professional service. The manager also recommended con-struction management and general contracting services for the project. It was the manager's opinion that this type of skillset was not available in house, therefore would be very beneficial in the process. At the point of decision making, the city attor-ney and the city manager would work very closely together. The mayor stated that this type of contracting agreement keeps the architect on track. The manager then discussed pre-design session with the architect. Then stake holders would be invited to participate. This process would be similar to the process the school district followed with the new elementary school. Then, there would also be a building committee. A tentative plan was also to relocate the city hall to the Carver Place. That space was half the size.

The mayor stated that he was in favor of the draft plan but would like it condensed and things moving faster. Several council members agreed. Another council member voiced desire to get other options not just Leo a Daly. There was interest in know-ing other options for architectural services.

Question was asked about the schedule being streamlined as the six months on building design being too lengthy. The city manager responded that this time is necessary to proceed through the steps but the schedule could be accommodated to adjust if necessary. The construction management team would be responsible for the schedule. The council would make the decisions, the remainder would fall on others. The manger indicated that the two biggest issues were where the city council chambers would be and the function of community space, commercial kitchen or not. The decision should be made in the beginning phases. City manager clarified that the council would make those decisions and then the designs would flow from those guidelines.

The council discussed motions adopting the action plan for the Broadway City Hall Project and acceptance of the proposal received from Wold Architects and Engineers for the project. The council reviewed the table for tentative schedule under perfect conditions to implement a new city hall. The plan designates office relocation to Carver Place in early 2018. Current usage of Carver Place for community groups would be offered usage of existing council chambers until community space could be ready for use. During review of the drafted action plan, indication was given of interest in reviewing multiple pro-posals for architectural services. Staff solicitation had produced three proposals.

To date, the council reviewed the draft action plan, consideration for adoption of the action plan, consider proposal for architectural services, consider a proposal for construction management services, and conduct pre-design session. The city would review, discuss and provide direction on various building components. A session would be held with stakeholders and residents invited to participate. Then the building design and development would take place with progress updates provided to the council. This approach would ensure each member has equal influence on the project. Competitive bidding process was not required. The council reviewed proposals received to date. Future agenda items were reviewed by the council.

The recommendation submitted to the council to accept the proposal from Wold. It was the council's opinion that the Daly team had done a tremendous job during the task force process that it appeared to be difficult to justify proceeding with their services based on the cost. The combination of unknown fees and out of state project management contained a degree of uncertainty. The Wold team demonstrated knowledge of the project and the community, along with competitive fixed fee and solid references.

The city manager discussed with the council the action plan along with selection of an architect for the project. The building timeline was questioned appearing to be lengthy. Question was also asked about demolition of current city hall. The mana-ger indicated that the time line will be adjusted accordingly, however, time has been built in to the process for public hear-ings and other parts of the process. There were still concerns about the length of time it would take. The facility is important to the city, the stakeholders and the community. Motion was made and carried with all ayes accepting the action plan for the Broadway city hall project. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to accept the proposal from Wold Architects and engineers for the Broadway city hall project.

Chaska Valley Family Theatre



Opening July 27th at the Chaska Community Center Theatre is Rogers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma". Then will again put on their performance on July 28th, July 29th and July 30th, August 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th. For more information you can go to their website at cvft.org. Don't have a computer, call 952.250.7206 for information.

Summer Food Program

School is out, but still serving nutrition. Free Lunch this summer for children 18 and younger. There will be Free bag lunches available at Riverview Terrace Park June 12th through August 25th (no food 7/3 and 7/4). Monday through Friday at 12:30 PM (first come – first served). Free bag lunch and fun activities for all kids 18 and under.



Does not have to reside in Park to receive a free lunch. Hungry, need companionship, need to know people care stop at Riverview Terrace and eat and make friends.

Cup of Carver

Again, it is official summer has arrived and you just have to stop in at Cup of Carver for that ice cream cone, or cones, cappucino, tea or whatever beverage you prefer and good com-pany. You never know what you will find at this delectable coffee shop. I heard it is the place to be. Monday through Friday at 6 AM until 6 PM and Saturday and Sunday at 7 AM doors closing at 4 PM you can find whatever tickles your fancy in the beverage department.



Engineer Update

The city engineer reported that site erosion control and construction inspections had been done for the dental office, Carver Square, Riverbluff Estates, Copper Hills, Copper Hills 2nd and Carver Crossing. The athletic field lighting contracts and shop drawings for the elementary school had been forwarded to the city attorney. Engineer met with school representatives, school engineer and architect and the county to discuss crossing locations at County Road # 11 and Ironwood Drive. The revised plan review and abutments for pedestrian bridges was worked on with the public services personnel.

The 2017 Street and Utility Improvements project was addressed contractor questions by the engineering firm. Also completed preparation of addendums, reviewed bridge items with staff and state aid. Reviewed bids, prepared bid tabulation agenda items, resolutions and contracts. Firm coordinated survey of storm sewer conflicts for Center Point Gas relocation and street/walk conflicts for Xcel pole relations. Resident questions were addressed and construction updates were prepared. Preconstruction meeting was tentatively scheduled.

The Trinity Development was discussed with developer's engineer. Engineers reviewed wetland delineation, issues on wetland permitting, revised preliminary plat package and resolutions. Adjacent property owners were met with regarding the Hartman Development. Downstream draining was discussed with various personnel involved with issue.

Upcoming Family / Youth Events in Carver:

Family Archery and S'mores – Monday, July 10. Ages 8 and up.

Scouting Series – Thursday and Friday, August 17 and 18. Ages 8-17.

To register, visit www.chaskacommunitycenter.com.

Upcoming Carver Concerts—Gazebo Park Thursday, July 20, 7:00 p.m. — After Five Thursday, August 17, 7:00 p.m. — Resinators Sponsored by Chaska Parks and Rec and City of Carver. Concessions provided by Carver Lions Club.

Edith Anne Award

It's time again to submit those nominations. "The Edith Anne Award for property excellence is an award designed to recognize Carver residents who go above and beyond to maintain their property. Recipients of this award display the pride and great quality of life that Carver residents enjoy. One winner will be awarded annually for this award as selected by



the Planning Commission. Winners will receive an award sign in their yard and recognition from the City Council. All properties within the city limits of Carver are eligible to receive this award.

"Properties are judged based on the following criteria: Improvements have been made to enhance the visual aesthetics and structural integrity of the property; high level of maintenance standards for building and landscaping, and overall attractiveness.

"The award honors the work of Edith Hermann and Anne Neils who were both instrumental in the creation of Carver on the Minnesota's vision in the 1960's. Carver on the Minnesota's mission was to stop the wasteful deterioration of a typical 19th Century River Town. The mayor stated, "We think it is important to remember Edith and Anne for the positive impact they had on Carver. This award keeps Edith's and Anne's memories alive while recognizing those that contribute to the beautification of Carver."

"To nominate a property for the Edith Anne Award for Property Excellence, complete and submit a nomination form, which is located on the City's website (www.cityofcarver.com), or can be picked up at City Hall, (316 Broadway). Nominations will be accepted until Friday, July 28th, 2017 at 4:30 PM. For more information, contact Hilary Wickenhauser at the City of Carver at 952.448.5353 or via e-mail at hwickenhauser@cityofcarver.com."

Rental Space Fivailable

FOR RENT

Looking for space to set up an office or shop? There is space available in downtown Carver in one of the historical buildings, 208 Broadway Street is available for you to rent. Interested and need more information? Contact Greg at 612,386.9488.

Trinity Development / Vincent Bluffs

The city planner discussed adoption of resolutions pertaining to Meadows at Spring Creek involving rezoning and preliminary plat. Application had been submitted for rezoning, planned residential development and preliminary plat. Property consists of approximately fifty acres located south of Spring Creek Drive and east of the Spring Creek neighborhood. Developer proposes to develop site with one hundred fifty one single family lots. Forty seven lots would house single family homes similar to Spring Creek neighborhood. The remaining one hundred and four lots would be constructed as a villa. The villas would have associated maintained yards and driveways. Currently the single-family homes are not planned to be part of the homeowner's association. M/I, formerly Hans Hagen Homes is the proposed builder. The project anticipated to be completed in three phases of final plat.

Items included with this project involve plans identifying connection to Green Ash Drive in the Spring Creek neighborhood. A condition included within the resolution that the Final Plat approval will not be granted until either fee title or an easement acceptable is obtained for the extension of Green Ash Drive, sidewalks and utilities from the Spring Creek subdivision as to connect Spring Creek Drive proposed in the preliminary plat. The strip of land is also included in the resolution permitting revision in the Final Plat. Spring Creek Drive is proposed to be improved to an urban section with a trail within the site.

The Planning Commission reviewed applications and recommended approval. The acquisition of the connection for Green Ashe Drive is addressed separately. The city will have an opportunity to improve Spring Creek Drive, and a trail segment coinciding with the developer's final plat phase including improvement to Spring Creek Drive. Cost estimate were not available but plans were being prepared by the city engineer. Development of this site results in additional operations and maintenance expenses typical with other residential developments.

The city planner also reviewed rezoning from agriculture and Industrial to Planned Residential District and Preliminary Plat for development. The property currently is zoned Agricultural and Industrial An existing conditional use permit exists on the property related to the business operations of the current property zoned industrial. This Conditional Use Permit would be revoked following the recording of the final plat as a condition of approval. Zoning is compatible with the Comprehensive Plan guidance of Low Density Residential. The Planned Residential District is intended to allow for the development with a flexible regulatory process allowing joint planning design efforts by the developer and the city. This process results in benefits that preserve natural resources and amenities, assure higher quality living environment and develop a variety of housing types and densities.

The City Planner updated the council on discussions regarding the Trinity Development. The developer's representative answered questions at the council meeting. There were discussions regarding the width of lots for the villas and driveways, as well as costs for the villas. Discussion was also held regarding the distance between the structures. Statement was made that these developments are held to codes and the association is very strict. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution approving the rezoning and planned residential development.

The Meadows at Spring Creek

The city planner discussed the Meadows at Spring Creek's final plat with the Planning Commission. The development is located south of Spring Creek Drive. Trinity Development and Vincent Bluffs of Carver proposes to plat the first phase of the Meadows at Spring Creek consisting of fifty-nine villa lots and eighteen single family lots. The out lots consist of either storm water ponds, environmentally sensitive resources or areas for future lots / streets. The builder is M/I Homes formerly Hans Hagen Homes. The engineering plans address the first phase only.

The city planner discussed the recommendation on final plat which is in substantial conformance with the approved preliminary plat and conditions associated with its approval. The park dedication is required and will be calculated at the time of execution of the developer's agreement.

Main Street Storm Sewer

The Public Services Director and the City Engineer discussed with the council the Main Street Storm Sewer piping reroute and lift stations. The council considered the motion authorizing preparation of plans and specifications for the Main Street Storm Sewer Piping Reroute and Lift Station. The two departments have been working together to improve the reliability and functionality of the existing city storm sewer lift stations. The lift stations at Broadway, Main Street East and Ash Street are utilized during flood events of the Minnesota River. Since storm water from rain and sump pumps cannot get through the storm pipe under the levee when gates are closed the three lift stations pump this storm water. The original lift stations were constructed following the 1993 flood. These structures require repair and do not have the recommended two pumps. Replacement of the Ash Street station is anticipated to be done in the next three years. As part of the cost estimating process during design of the Broadway Storm Sewer Lift Station Improvements estimated future improvements of Main Street were discussed. Due to costs, options were reviewed. One option was rerouting storm sewer piping from the Broadway area to the Main Street station eliminating lift station at Broadway and building a larger station at Main Street. Elimination benefits were reviewed.

The discharge for a new lift station would be improved and routed to existing gatewell structure. Existing discharge piping would be retro-fitted allowing the city owned portable pump to be connected in the future if necessary. Notation was made that the existing gravity storm sewer would continue to operate during non-flood situations. The existing lift station structure would be removed and new catch basin structure added.

The ultimate benefit of probable costs for the proposed Main Street Storm Sewer Piping Reroute and Lift Station after reviewing a number of various factors resulted in that money would be saved compared to reconstructing each lift station separately at the current locations. The payment for these improvements would be from the upcoming bond issuance for the 2017 Improvement Project with future debt service paid out of the Storm Water Utility Fund. The staff recommended authorization for the city engineer to prepare the plans and specification for the Main Street Storm Sewer Lift Station.

The Public Services Director addressed the council pertaining to the issue of the storm water lift station project. Request for authorization for preparation of plans and specifications for the Main Street Storm Sewer Piping Reroute and lift station was up for review. There was discussion, question and answers regarding the second pump and the removal of the lift station. The Broadway lift station would be completed with the 2017 Street Improvement Project with a completion date of fall 2017. The Main Street portion would be done within the next year or two and the Ash Street lift station would follow. The Main Street lift station around 1994. The life span expectancy was discussed. Updates at this time are due to pumps aging, structure deteriorating, discharge into backside of the levee and benefit for adding redundancy of the pumps. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing preparation of plans and specifications for the Main Street sewer piping reroute and lift station.

Bluff Ordinance Amendment

The city's building official discussed the proposed Bluff Ordinance Amendments with the Planning Commission members. In the past, the city staff worked with residents along bluffs to maintain compliance with the codes to ensure the integrity of the bluff. These areas are regulated due to the different soil types and the erosion potential. Presently the code does not allow planting in tier one buffer area. Allowing planting would help minimize erosion and enhance the bluff's natural character. Proposed changes to the code allows residents to plant in these area upon approval of the building official. If the commission approves, it will be brought to the city council for review. The building official presented the council with the drafted ordinance relating to the bluffs within the city. The proposed changes would allow plantings in the tier one buffer area upon approval of the building official. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the amendments after holding a Public Hearing.

"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal."

~ Henry Ford

Plastic Bags

The council was presented with Master Jacob Bellmont who is an elementary student from Clover Ridge School and a Carver resident. The young man sent the mayor a letter requesting the help from the city to reduce the quantity of plastic bags used within the city. The mayor thanked the young man and asked Master Bellmont to initiate a project and the mayor will work with him and his parents to implement this project.

The council reviewed the topic to appoint the city's representative for reducing plastic bag usage. Master Bellmont was asked to consider being the city's representative and he accepted the invitation.

It's Summertime

Reminder regarding the city's 'Irrigation Regulations'. "Odd/even watering restrictions are in place. Odd/Even watering assists in maintaining appropriate water reserve levels and puts less "peak" demand on the water supply system. Irrigation is not allowed between the hours of 10 AM until 6 PM on any day."

"Addresses ending in odd numbers may water on odd numbered calendar days only, Addresses ending in even numbers — even numbered calendar days only. A thirty day permit may be obtained from City Hall for property owners with new seed or sod if, in the opinion of the City, sufficient water for such permits is available.

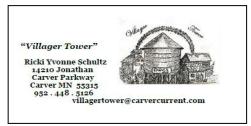
"Violations of these restrictions are subject to a fine, which will be added to the next water bill for the property. The first violation will be subject to a \$ 50 fine, and the second and all subsequent violations will be subject to a \$ 100. fine for each occurrence."

More information can be found in the city's insert with resident's water bill. Thanks Brenda.

Carver Current

The "Villager Tower" publications can be found at www.carvercurrent.com, along with other important information involving the community from various sources. You can post time sensitive events at the "Carver Current" site, as well. This site is a great way to share information.

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Roots Return Heritage Farm

Lori Cox

"SOLD OUT=thank you customers...OPEN Sat 6/17/17, 9-11am FOR STRAWBERRIES. Frozen Currants, Fresh Raspberries and Blackberries soon to follow.

to follow.
Our roadside farm stand offers fresh, dried and frozen vegetables,
herbs & fruits (see full list). Approximately June-October. Open 37pm Thursdays, 9-11am Saturdays. Order Ahead site coming soon for
pickup during open hours.

We practice organic growing methods, and integrated pest-management with no synthetic inputs. We rotate cover crops ('green manure') each year to build our soil, reduce erosion/run-off, grow healthy plants, and improve pollinator & wildlife habitat. "



The youth group is busy having fun playing and learning! The schedule is on line if you have a computer. Just go to www.ccybsa.siplay.com and scroll over to 'schedule', click on it and you can find when, where and who is playing whom. Go support the group and have fun with them.

Park Dedication

The city manager reviewed and discussed with the Parks Commission the Park Dedication Plan. The manager discussed where the money came from, can be spent and what was not eligible through the Park Dedication Plan. He also reviewed the importance of the Park Master Plan, the Park Comprehensive Plan and the Capital Improvements Plan and how they all contribute in the Park Dedication Plan.

The Park Master Plan & the 'SWOT' Review were discussed with the Parks Commission. The public services director reviewed the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) that the members had compiled relating to the Carver parks. The Parks Master Planning would involve the Scope of Services and Park System Overview. The initial tasks would involve inventory of the Carver Park System. Review background material including mapping, programming and planning, to include future parks identified in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. Review park key themes, community aspirations, then summarize and recommendations for future activities. Identify parks categories as historic, neighborhood, community or regional, inventory and assessment of each park. Tabulate information by park, present inventory for visioning and analysis to review vision and goals. Prepare tasks thus far to hold an Open House in preparation for Phase II – Scope of Services. Perform analysis of probable costs for overall park system needs and improvements for inclusion in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Tasks for the Scope of Services phase include individual park designs, park design, priorities, mapping, initial park concept design,

"The Parks, Trail and Recreation Element of the Comprehensive Plan is designed to provide a comprehensive and interrelated network of parks, trails, and natural resource areas for public use. The plan is based on an assessment of need and follows a systemwide park and trail planning approach. "Parks and recreation are one of the key elements that define a person's perception of the quality of life in a city. Historically, Carver has maintained a high level of park and recreation opportunities within the City."

develop preliminary probable costs, review Parks Dedication Fees and then update those fees.

The City of Carver had adopted Parks, Trails and Recreation Goals and Policies for guidance in the development of parks and trail systems.

Park identification includes Depot Park which is an important entry landmark for the city. The water tower was restored in 1997-1998. Expansion and further improvements are in developing stages for this park. There is a trail adjacent to the park that may be a regional trail facility connecting Carver to Chaska and Scott County. The Gazebo Park is a 'public square' in the downtown area developed by the Carver Lions and the city to provide a central gathering focus. Lions Park is located on Lime Street and its primary usage is for active recreation. This park has historically been a tremendous contributor to the city and this community park has primarily been developed through donations to the community. Overlook Park is a small scenic overlook in the Carver Creek development which provides some of the city's most impressive views and a picnic area and is also considered a Nature Conservation Area. The goal for this area is to take care ensuring slopes and bluffs are protected and that the park remains a pristine and natural area. Community Park located on Sixth Street close to County Road #11 and also identified as Jonathan Carver Parkway is a community park providing a full range of active recreational facilities. The Carver Bluffs Park is on the south side of County Road # 40 at the entrance to the Carver Bluffs development that shares boundaries with US Fish and Wildlife property. This park is a neighborhood park and some community park functions. In the future, the US Fish and Wildlife trails will be constructed connecting this park to the refuge and the downtown area. The City Square is on the south side Sixth Street. The park land was dedicated with the original plat of the city, but is landlocked and not accessible. If this land becomes accessible in the future there will be significant restriction on the development due to steep slopes and the manner of acquisition. The site is considered a nature conservation area. Another nature conservation area is the Meadow Bluff which is located behind the lots for the platted Meadow Buff subdivision. This park land is also landlocked and not accessible. The property is too narrow to develop as the recreational resource and consisting of forested bluff lands. The MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge is included in the MN Valley Trail State park gradually being expanded along the stretch of the MN River from Fort Snelling to Jordan. The refuge consists of seven management units. Much of Carver's flood plain north of the Riverside Park is located in the Chaska Lake Unit of the refuge. This acreage is currently undeveloped, although the Riverside Park boat launch was developed through a cooperative effort with the Department of Natural Resources. The MN Valley Lands will be acquiring the floodplain south of downtown. Then the property will be turned over to the US Fish and Wildlife Service to be included in the Rapids Lake Unit.

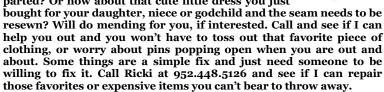
The US Fish and Wildlife Service for future improvement has been acquiring the majority of the parcels of property located in the floodplain near Carver over the past several years. The service is in the process of implementing a master plan for the development of this unit for extensive recreational opportunity with trails, interpretive facilities and preservation/restoration of natural habitat. The city is coordinating with the service on these efforts and will interconnect the city's trail facilities.

Park classifications can be classified into several general categories based on potential users and the geographical area. Standards are not intended to limit park design or development but rather serve as a guide for future developments of the entire park system.

Neighborhood Park is the basic unit of the park system providing for the passive and active recreational needs of neighborhood residents. Description of requirements for such parks were specified. The Community Park provides recreational opportunities for all ages, offering a broader range of facilities than a neighborhood park. The community park orientation is more for intense athletic activities. Community parks are major destination points within the trail system. Nature Conservation areas designate natural quality containing diverse and unique resources. Trails are intended for corridors for both transportation and recreational uses for connections throughout the community. Planned Park Improvements are to improve existing level of services.

Mending

Are you looking for someone to fix that favorite shirt. skirt, or pants that the seam came undone? Or the favorite jeans that the inner stitching has parted? Or how about that cute little dress you just



Independence Day

Did you KNow?

"Independence Day, also referred to as the Fourth of July or July Fourth, is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence 241 years ago on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies regarded themselves as a new nation, the United States of America, and were no longer part of the British Empire."

Genealogy

Looking at searching that family tree? Like where did my ancestors come from? Curiosity growing? Or maybe you know someone who is looking for someone in their family? Tried to search alone? Cost too much? Don't know where to begin? Ancestry charges \$19.99 per month for six months, as long as you stay in the USA, after that it's an additional \$99. And more if you need to search beyond the USA and this cost may change.

Well, I may be able to help you. If you would like me to help you with your family tree, it would be only \$10.00 per generation for each side of your family, (\$10.00 for your side and \$10.00 per generation on spouse's side). You can't go wrong.

All that is required from you, your full name, date of birth and place of birth, parent's names and dates of birth. If you have any other names that you think can help, you can add them.

I will take it from there. Give me a call or e-mail and we'll get started. Contact Rose Keown at 928.764.3630 or rosekeown@frontiernet.net and we'll begin the process and find your heritage.

"When unhappy, one doubts everything, when happy one doubt nothing." ~Joseph Roux

~ Wikipedia

Hartman Communities Development

A Public Hearing was held regarding the Hartman Communities Development for rezoning and the preliminary plat. The Hartman Communities representative attended the meeting and explained the overview of the development including builder input and the housing demand in Carver. Centra Homes would be the builder. The product and style was discussed by the builder. The three different lot sizes and architectural products proposed were reviewed. Buyers will be offered a variety of options and floor plans. The time schedule was inquired about. The placement of villas was questioned. There were two areas designated for this.

Clarification was asked for regarding the Home Owners Association. The builders vision was for three separate neighborhoods defined by lot size with two separate associations due to the types of products. The city planner further reviewed the different lot sizes that would have some smaller private drives mixed with proposed public streets where would be private streets and out lots. Drainage concerns were reviewed and these are being addressed with the county, as well.

One citizen stated that there was not any objection to the plan or concept, it offered diversity however there was not an outlet onto Dahlgren Road. Thereby came the question of plans for the intersection where the dental office, daycare and now homes added additional congestion to the intersection. A stop light was not the solution because of the hill and gravel trucks. The idea of a roundabout was considered an ideal solution to the foreseen difficulties. The city planner pointed out concern regarding traffic in general to County Road # 11. An approved agreement with the county for a joint corridor study. A Dahlgren Township representative expressed concern regarding Dahlgren Road questioning how far and wide the corridor study was reviewing. Did the study expand into feeder roads? The city planner stated that it was the intersections and did not go far east or west in reviewing. Question was asked when doing traffic study whether or not consideration of use by vehicular distinction was done. The city planner responded that the study typically was based more on volume, number of turning vehicles and turning direction. Determination had been made by traffic analysis study by the developer that Dahlgren Road would not be a permanent connection but used more as a construction access during development.

The developer indicated that the development would be done in four or five different phases. The Dahlgren Road connection was not expected to be completed until the third or fourth phase with a permanent connection to the development. The major intersection would be at White Pine Way as part of the first phase, along with Hartwell Drive. Dahlgren Road has been a topic of discussion between the city and the township. The most prevalent question being when does the and where does township and city authority begin and end. It is the township's opinion that the higher traffic coming from the city controlled road onto a township road would have to be considered. The city planner indicated that the township should discuss this further with the city manager involving the Orderly Annexation Agreement.

The timeline for the intersection in question was reviewed and questioned. Many factors are in place dependent upon the study. Ideally, having an infrastructure in place prior to additional traffic would be nice. Work on County Road #11 from the highway to Dahlgren Road has been included in the county's capital improvement program and it is anticipated that the work would be done as a joint project. It is important that the corridor study be completed to assess the entire corridor for longer term before investments are made.

The discussion returned to the questions regarding a round-about. Was there enough room? The city planner stated that three corners of that intersection are already developed; the southeast corner is city owned, the northwest corner is Carver Square Development and the city owns the northwest corner of this intersection. The Olsen property doesn't come all the way down to Dahlgren Road. Therefore, there is more flexibility in this location then typically. Land requirement for a round-about depends on design and traffic capacity. This is the purpose for the study to acquire meeting traffic and safety needs and be done cost effectively.

The township also discussed water run off on Dahlgren Road. Assurances were requested that the city and the county were aware and examining this issue. The city planner reassured that the city and the county were working together examining the water run off issue. There is hopes that by rerouting the draining to the southeast will eliminate current water run off in the direction of Dahlgren Road. Redesigning some ponds and other alternatives are being done. The city also has a Storm Water Management Plan in place approved by the county. Severe restrictions have been put into place not just the rate but the volume of runoff. "It will be a much more controlled environment when we are done working with engineering, Carver County and Watershed Management, and it will be an improvement from what we know to be an existing condition."

There was a lengthy continued discussion on traffic controls, options, time schedule relating to study and procedures as well as options available. Motion was made and carried with all ayes recommending approval of the rezoning from agricultural to residential planed district for Hartman Communities Development subject to the annexation, and conditions of staff report. Motion was made and carried with all ayes recommending approval of the preliminary plat for Hartmann Communities Development subject to the annexation and the conditions of the staff report.

Funky Minds

Anna Edlund

"The Funky Minds crew...finalized the summer schedule. Keep in mind that a few of the dates may be flip flopped if a special guest is available. Always Wednesdays from !0 - 12 at Carver Place across from Gazebo Park. All are welcome. All is free.

"Note: The international Picnic, 40 Exchange students from around the world is planned for mid-July, generally a Friday event." The Carver Lions sponsor this event.

"Funky Minds kids brainstormed, voted and titled the types of businesses they would most like to have in their hometown of Carver. Youth leadership at its best. Thanks to the Carver Lions for sponsoring!Line up:

"Top Scoop Ice Cream Parlor (June 28th – Pick your topping)

Pizza Palace (July 5th - RSVP's appreciated, but not necessary)

Life is a "Bunch of Colors" Clothing Boutique (July 12 - Tie Dye...you bring the cotton clothing - we bring the color)

School of the Funky Arts Gallery (July 19 – Bring a favorite work of art for display – Lemonade and cookies will be Served – Semi-formal attire optional)

Cupcake Wars Bakery (July 26 – Inspired by reality TV. We provide the cupcake, frosting and sprinkles. You provide the over the top embellishments.)

Capture the Moments Photography Studio - (August 2 - Portraits and Nature Shots)

The World of Magic Science Museum - (August 9 – Kids create Science. Everyone bring a science experiment or display. Together we will open an interactive children's museum for the morning.)

Moving Pictures Theater – (August 16 – Lights. Camera. Action! And, popcorn. Join us for a family friendly movie in our very own Carver Theatre)"

Community Calendar

Hugust 2017

August 1st	National Night Out
August 2nd	Happy Anniversary Lindsey and Gordon!
_	Happy Anniversary Keith and Amanda!
August 3rd	Happy Birthday Willie!
August 4th	through Sunday 8/6th Carver Scott Thresher's Show
August 5th	Happy Birthday Sid!
August 6th	Friendship Day
August 7th	Council Meeting
	Drill Night
	Happy Anniversary Tim and Peggy!

August 8th Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Happy Birthday Luann!
August 11th Happy Anniversary Andrea and Darren!

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August 14th Happy Birthday Bonnie!
Parks Commission Meeting
Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
Fire Department Officer's Meeting

Fire Department Officer's Meeting Happy Birthday Russell! Lion's Meeting - Lion's Park

August 16th Lion's Meeting - Lion's Park Happy Birthday Michelle! August 17th Planning Commission Meeting Carver Concert in the Park

August 18th through Sunday 8/20 Victoria Volkfest Renaissance Begins – Highland Fling

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux- Wacipi through

Sunday

August 19th Happy Birthday Hailey!
Happy Birthday Sara!

August 20th
August 21st
Happy Birthday Jack!
Council Meeting
School Board Meeting
Drill Night

Senior Citizen Day

August 22nd Happy Anniversary Mark and Vicki!

August 24th State Fair Opens Happy Birthday Kari!

August 25th through Sunday 8/27 - Stiftungfest / Norwood-

Young America

Renaissance Festival - Once Upon a Time

August 27th Happy Birthday Jerry! Happy Birthday Ben!

Augusts 28th Fire Department Meeting Night

Carver Lions

Some of the new officers for the 2017-2018 year is Tim Shanahan, President, 1st Vice President is

Kristy Mock, Secretary is Evelyn Grimm and the Treasurer is Cathy Elke. The Carver Lions invite anyone interested in Lions to come to a meeting. The July and August meetings will be held at the Lions Park at 6:30 PM. July's meeting is on the 19th and August meeting will be held on the 16th. September meetings will resume to the first and third Wednesday of the month.

The Lions also want everyone to know that they are working on the Movie in the Park coming soon. The Lions are also sponsoring SteamBoat Days and presently working on preparations for that event. You can check out their website for more information.



Summer Events

With June out of the way, the busiest time of the summer begins. One must choose which event has priority. There is so much to do. July, of course, starts out with a bang, 4th of July. You have to choose where to watch fireworks, if you are into that. The weekend following is Carver's 50th Annual Carver Fire Relief Softball Tournament. (July 7th and 8th). The following weekend, July 14th is Belle Plain's famous BBQ Days runs through Sunday. Saturday, the 15th and Sunday the 16th in Carver at the St Nicholas Church is their Festival Multicultural event. Thursday, the 20th is the Carver Concert Series event in downtown Carver. Friday the 21st through Sunday the 23rd over at the Fireman's Park in Chaska is the Fire and Ice event. Wrapping up the month of July, in Jordan the Scott County Fair opens on Wednesday, July 26th running through Sunday. Thursday, July 27th, Oklahoma opens at the Community Center in Chaska and runs through August 6th. Also, on Thursday in Cologne, they begin celebrating their Glad Days which continues into Saturday. Also on Friday, the 28th River City Days is happening over in Chaska and closes on Sunday.

If that isn't enough for you, On Saturday and Sunday is also the Waconia Wine Festival. If you are interested, and you have computer access, you can go to www.waconiawinecountry.com for details.

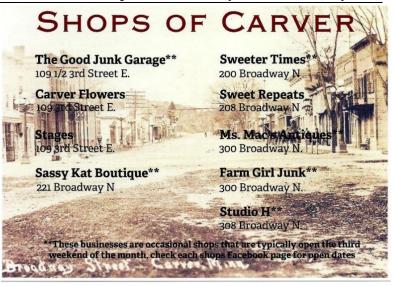
August is not any quieter. The month starts out with National Night Out on the 1st of August. The weekend of the 4th over in Jordan is the Scott-Carver Threshers Show. August 9th through the 13th is the Carver County Fair in Waconia. On August 12th at the Chaska VFW is the Car show. Don't forget concert in the downtown Carver park. The weekend of August 18th is a challenge. There is Victoria's Volkfest, The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Wacipi, Cologne's FireHouse Drive In or the Renaissance which begins this

particular weekend with the theme of 'Highland Fling'. The outdoor drive in is featuring Trolls and the Frequency on Friday night. Saturday night's feature is Moana and then Dirty Dancing.





Then we move into September for our very own SteamBoat Days.



July Monthly Zodiac Sign

Cancer

June 21st - July 22nd



Feature

July's Birthstone

Ruby - Protects wearer from evil Signifies love and passion

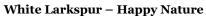


Flowers of the Month

Larkspur and Water Lily



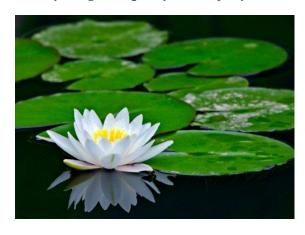
Pink Larkspur – Fickleness





Purple Larkspur – First Love Strong Bonds of Love

Water Lily – Signifies purity and majesty









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Carver Community Youth Baseball Softball Association

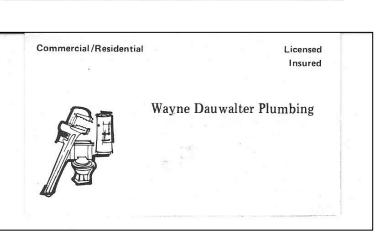


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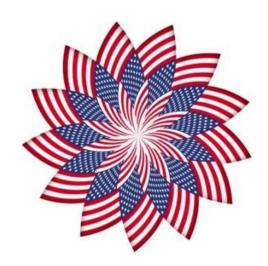
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Carver Fire Relief D/E Softball Tournament

Friday July 7" & Saturday July 8"



Entry Fee: \$150

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Caver Fire Relies Checks Payable To:

Contact # (952)292-1028 7320 Country Road 50 Carver, MN 55315 Attn: Scott Haas



(Please have payment in by July 1st)

MEN'S PAYOUT

1st Place: \$300

3rd Place: \$200 2nd Place: \$250

HARD LUCK: \$100 Hard Luck pays \$50 cash & \$50 bar tab)



CO-REC PAYOUT

3rd Place: \$200 2nd Place: \$250 1st Place: \$300

HARD LUCK: \$100



Tournament: Mens or Co-Rec Returning Team: Yes or No Softball Class:	Phone Number:Email address:	Team Name: Manager Name:	DETACH HERE
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CHICHARRONES CON VERDURAS, HELADOS, ETC FRUTAS PICADAS, RASPADOS, CHICHARRONES BAILE SHOW

TACOS, TAMALES, FLAUTAS, ENCHILADA POZOLE, TORTAS DE JAMON Y PAVO QUEZADILLAS, ELOTES, ESQUITES,

Dance Show







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