

CITY OF BURTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 1991, 7:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY COUNCILMAN SMILEY.

This Regular Meeting was called to order by Council President Cross at 7:30 P.M.

Members Present: Card, Cross, Hammon, Martinbianco, Smiley and Walls.

Members Absent: Abbey.

Others Present: H. Clark, Police Chief and W. Walworth, City Clerk.

Card moved and Martinbianco supported the following motion:

Approve and authorize the minutes of the following meetings: Special Meeting of October 14, 1991 at 7:00 P.M.; Special Meeting of October 21, 1991 at 7:00 P.M.; Special Meeting of October 21, 1991 at 7:15 P.M. and Regular Meeting of October 21, 1991 at 7:30 P.M. Motion carried 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mr. Clark advised the Council that the Mayor has scheduled a meeting of her Recycling Task Force for the second week in November.

He said she also wanted the Council to know that Senator Cherry will be meeting on November 8th in the Council Chambers with the 260 Burton residents that have lost general assistance, due to the State cut backs.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Diane Heidenberger, an employee of the City, asked the Council not to take action on the contract this evening and presented the Council with a petition signed by 19 people.

Ken Wright, Chapter Chairperson of AFSME, said the Union has a tentative agreement and asked the Council to approve the contract tonight.

Kevin Bramlet, staff representative of AFSCME, spoke in favor of the Council approving the contract tonight.

Beverly Carr, Region 6 Director, spoke in favor of the Council approving the contract tonight.

Shelly VanNorman, an employee, spoke against the union having to pay for governmental/military time earned outside the City.

Debbie Piornack, an employee, asked the Council to give the union time to solve their internal problem.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

It was noted that Mr. Abbey was absent due to a death in the family.

Mr. Hammon asked about the ratification vote. He was advised that it was a tie at first and then approved 16 to 14.

Mr. Hammon said that he and Mr. Martinbianco met today at Davison Township with the 911 Consortium and that layoff notices are effective November 23rd. He said a committee has been formed to address the short and long term solutions to this problem. He said the Governor had issued an executive order that would not allow the state police to be a part of 911.

Mr. Martinbianco said some communities have already appropriated monies and we are being asked to move our payment up. He said they hoped to maintain the present status in the short run. Also, it appears that if Burton advances their payment of funds that have already been appropriated in the budget, that the program could probably be kept alive till January 10th with the possibility of going to March 23rd if all the communities cooperate.

Mr. Clark said he was on the operations committee of 911 and these measures are only stop gaps and there is no long term solution at this time.

Mr. Smiley asked about the internal procedures that the union has at their disposal to use in cases where the membership has already ratified the contract.

He asked how many were in the unit and was told 31. He raised a question on the fact that 19 of the 31 had signed the petition challenging the new contract.

Mrs. Walls asked about a home on Delaney that should be torn down.

Mr. Stewart said the owner had taken out a demo permit. Mrs. Walls asked that the matter be looked into.

Mr. Cross asked about a house on Rinn not being boarded up. Mr. Stewart said the house is in probate court. Mr. Cross asked that the matter be looked into.

Mr. Martinbianco said he had two requests from Wagner Acres on the street being impassable at times. Mr. Clark will bring it to Mr. Throop's attention.

Mr. Smiley said there is a site on Williamson that should be cleaned up. Mr. Clark will advise DPW.

Mr. Cross noted that the items tabled, should come back to Council after the union has handled their internal problems.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION ACTION:

Moved by Martinbianco, supported by Hammon to instruct the Administration to pay the 911 bill as soon as it is submitted for payment. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Martinbianco, supported by Card to go into a closed session before item #1 under Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act. Motion carried 6-0 with a roll call vote.

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Moved by Smiley, supported by Martinbianco to table items #3, #4 and #5. Motion carried 6-0.

COUNCIL ACTION:

Card moved and Hammon supported the following motion:

1. Approve and authorize the Attorney Billing from October 15, 1991 to October 29, 1991 in the amount of \$2,496.00.

Motion carried 6-0.

Martinbianco moved and Card supported the following motion:

2. Approve and authorize a request of the Michigan State Tax Commission to revoke Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate Number 89-086. The basis for this request is that the certificate holder, Earl Daup Sign, Ltd., has failed to fulfill the purposes for which the certificate was issued by not proceeding in good faith with the construction of the new facility. This request is pursuant to Section 15 (2) of P.A. of 1974, as amended.

Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

William R. Walworth
Burton City Clerk

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