

CITY OF BURTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 20, 2002, 7:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council President Larry Brawner led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Larry Brawner at 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bement, Brawner, Centilli, Cross, Martinbianco, Tinnin and Wells.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor C. Smiley; C. Abbey, Administrative Assistant; J. Major, DPW Director; Attorney R. Hamilton and G. Webster, City Clerk.

Cross moved and Tinnin seconded the following motion:

Approve and authorize the minutes of the following meetings: Special Meeting of May 6, 2002 at 7:00 P.M.; Regular Meeting of May 6, 2002 at 7:30 P.M. and Special Meeting of May 13, 2002 at 6:00 P.M. as printed. Motion carried 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mayor Smiley reminded Council of the Memorial Day activities that are planned for this weekend. There are activities scheduled for Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The Clergy will meet Sunday at 7:00 p.m. to recognize firefighters and police officers. Two scholarships will be given away. One scholarship will be given to a public service officer's son or daughter and the other one will be given to a citizen at large.

Mayor Smiley said the City participated in Mayor Exchange Day. Mayor Guido came from Dearborn for the day and Mayor Smiley went to Dearborn. He gave a brief recap of the day's events. Topics included neighborhood cleanup projects, a recreation center and a 20 million dollar theater. The City of Dearborn was very impressive. Many good ideas were shared with today's events. He indicated that the MML Convention would be held in Dearborn this year. The convention is scheduled for September 11th -13th.

Mayor Smiley said the staff was moving along with the take over of roads and paving petitions. He has spoken to several residents on these issues and they seemed to be very supportive. Some residents were glad that we did not include sidewalks in the paving. He hoped to have something for Council at the next meeting that would address the residential streets.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Centilli said that Mr. Strasser would like the Legislative Committee to review and amend Ordinance 19 to allow for electronic signs at local businesses.

Mr. Cross asked that the sign information be given to him in writing and he would set a Legislative Meeting to address the issue.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Robert Horton, 1263 S. Belsay Rd., complained that the Hansen Ambulance drivers were intentionally sounding their sirens as they drove by his home. In addition, he complained about the water drainage from the nearby church and Schultz Printing. He said the water run off from these two buildings was causing his basement to leak. He would like the City to do something to alleviate these two problems.

John Stapish, P.O. Box 190134, spoke in opposition to nine of his homes being placed on the demolition list. He felt this was a witch-hunt on the part of the City and selective enforcement was being used to tag his homes. He felt these homes only needed cosmetic repairs and should not be placed on the demolition list. In addition, he said the City had removed six inches of topsoil from his property on DeCamp St. while replacing water lines. He said his property was not fixed properly. He complained that the City wouldn't reimburse him for costs incurred to repair the yard, without a paid receipt. Also, he wanted a flag removed from his property.

Matt Daunt, 4401 Lapeer Rd., requested that the Kelly Lake Park entrance be opened and closed at the posted times. He said that someone has done a considerable amount of damage to his yard by driving around the gate when it was locked. He has discussed this issue with Mr. LaDuke.

Mr. Brawner asked Mr. Wells to discuss this problem with Mr. LaDuke.

Mr. Wells planned to contact Mr. LaDuke about the gate problem tomorrow.

Mr. Abbey said they planned to address the Kelly Lake gate opening and closing as soon as possible. He will try to find a better way to open and close the facility at the appropriate times.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Cross said the man with the motor home and dune buggy is a snowbird and he parks his motor home in various places throughout the summer.

A brief discussion followed regarding the opening and closing of the Kelly Lake gate entrance.

Mr. Bement suggested that a responsible person living on Munson Rd. might be willing to open and close the park gate. Mr. Bement said he would be glad to open and close the park when he is home.

Mr. Martinbianco agreed that someone living on that street might be willing to open and close the gate. He suggested the Parks and Recreation Commission look into this issue.

In response to Mr. Horton, Mrs. Tinnin asked if Schultz could possibly add some backfill to help alleviate the water run off problem.

Mr. Abbey said someone would be sent out to check the water run off problem. Property owners should be able to maintain water on their site. The Church has on-site drainage in their parking lot. He doesn't understand why this would create a problem. Someone will be sent out to determine if the printer shop has a drainage problem.

In reference to the ambulance service, Mr. Abbey said as a safety measure, the ambulance is required to sound its siren as it crosses the intersection. Mr. Horton's house is relatively close to the intersection. Mr. Abbey is not sure what can be done about this issue. He will talk to the company again about the situation.

The Mayor said emergency vehicles must turn on their lights and sirens together before going through an intersection.

Mr. Horton said the ambulance intentionally turns its siren on in front of his home twenty times a day. He feels this is excessive annoying noise.

Mrs. Tinnin hoped that Mr. Horton's concerns would be addressed.

Mr. Abbey has spoken to a Hansen representative in the past. They do not have a problem with Mr. Horton and they aren't intentionally turning the sirens on to annoy him.

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Mr. Brawner asked Mr. Major to look into the drainage problem tomorrow and report back to Council.

In reply to Mr. Daunt's comments, Mrs. Tinnin asked if Munson has been paved.

The Mayor said that part of Munson wasn't paved. If Council gives a 7-0 vote, we hope to pave the remaining gravel streets in Burton.

Discussion continued in reference to Munson St. issues.

Mr. Martinbianco asked for clarification on paving Munson St. He would like to know what is going to be done about Mr. Daunt's problem.

Mr. Abbey said there has been no determination on paving Munson Street. It would be nice to have the street paved at the entrance of the park.

Mrs. Tinnin asked if the administration was going to send letters to the residents regarding the paving of the remaining roads.

The Mayor hoped to have more information relating to the street paving projects by the next council meeting. Then Council will need to decide how they want to assess this type of project. We will then be able to have some town hall meetings on the topic.

Discussion continued on paving the remaining gravel streets in Burton.

Mr. Martinbianco asked if sidewalks would be included in these projects.

Mayor Smiley said sidewalks would not be included in the paving project. Parking would be another issue that would need to be considered as we get underway.

Mr. Cross felt the current parking zones were not being enforced. He didn't want to address adding more parking zones.

Mr. Major said the streets would only be 22 feet wide. It would cause a lot of problems if parking zones weren't added.

Mr. Brawner clarified that the Council would receive more information on the paving of the streets in two weeks.

In reference to Mr. Austin's billing, Mr. Cross liked the amount. He said it was under \$1,000.00.

In reply to Mr. Stapish's comments regarding receipts and damage to one of his homes, Mr. Cross asked if the administration was addressing his problems.

Mr. Abbey said that Mr. Stapish came in with a handwritten receipt stating that he incurred \$7,200 worth of damage to his property. Mr. Riess stated that our policy requires legitimate receipts for all costs incurred.

Mr. Abbey said more background history would be provided on the demolitions so Council would be able to go out and investigate the sites in advance of the hearings.

Mr. Major said Council would be provided with a full packet of history and pictures of the proposed demo buildings.

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COUNCIL ACTION:

Cross moved and Bement seconded the following motion:

1. Approve and authorize the Attorney Billing (Richard Austin) from May 1, 2002 to May 15, 2002 in the amount of \$555.50.
Motion carried 7-0.

Cross moved and Wells seconded the following motion:

2. Approve and authorize the acceptance of the Report to the Burton City Council on Investigation of Potential Nuisance or Hazardous Condition of Premises/Demolition on the following properties located in the City of Burton and set a Demolition Hearing date and time to consider any objections and/or favorable comments relative to the referenced premises. Allowing 15 minutes per location, these demolition hearings can be scheduled from 7:00-9:30 p.m. for the following three (3) Mondays, June 10, June 24, and July 8, 2002, should the Council find this favorable or any other date and time Council prefers, allowing 10 days notice to property taxpayers for the scheduled hearings.

Monday, June 10

- (1) 1309 Allen, 7:00
- (2) 3500 Barcey, 7:15
- (3) 1378 Brady, 7:30
- (4) 1483 Carman, 7:45
- (5) 3188 Christner, 8:00
- (6) 4434 Davison, 8:15
- (7) 1447 Donovan, 8:30
- (8) 1477 Donovan, 8:45
- (9) 3085 Dort, 9:00
- (10) 1269 Forest, 9:15
- (11) 4051 Leith, 9:30

Motion carried 7-0.

Monday, June 24

- (1) 2253 Morrish, 7:00
- (2) 1415 Norton, 7:15
- (3) 4068 Pringle, 7:30
- (4) 2232 Scottwood, 7:45
- (5) 4369 Shubert, 8:00
- (6) 3216 Term, 8:15
- (7) 1448 Allen, 8:30
- (8) 2128 Boatfield, 8:45
- (9) 1040 N. Center, 9:00
- (10) 3082 S. Center, 9:15
- (11) 3128 Ludwig, 9:30

Monday, July 8

- (1) 1469 Norton, 7:00
- (2) 1512 Parkwood, 7:15
- (3) 1396 Webber, 7:30
- (4) 2201 Whittemore, 7:45
- (5) 2061 Williamson, 8:00
- (6) 1456 Allen, 8:15
- (7) 1174 S. Belsay, 8:30
- (8) 5490 Davison, 8:45
- (9) 2206 Parkwood, 9:00
- (10) 2097 Schumacher, 9:15
- (11) 1391 Wells, 9:30

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Gayle Webster, CMC
Burton City Clerk

GW/cml