

CITY OF BURTON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2007, 5:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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The Special Meeting was called to order by President Gary Isham at 5:05 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Conley, Cross, Isham, LaDuke, Major and Tinnin.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: G. Webster, City Clerk

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

1. Consideration and possible action of hiring legal counsel to represent the City with regards to the Unfair Labor Practice charge filed by the Teamsters Local 214 and/or to assist in the negotiations of the contract with this union.
2. Discussion and Possible Action on the Four-year Agreement with the Teamsters Local 214 Administrative/ Supervisory Unit.

PRESENTATION:

None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Bud LeGrande, 2105 E. Buder, spoke in support of Teamster Union 214. He felt we should represent, support and promote the new Teamster Union.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. LaDuke is proud of his union background. He said it was the Council's intention to work with the union to get a fair and equitable contract. He hoped the Mayor would have given a presentation, so Council could begin to move forward.

Mr. LaDuke moved and Mr. Major seconded the motion to: Approve and authorize Council to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion relating to pending contractual negotiations of Teamsters Local 214, under Section 8, (c) of the Open's Meeting Act. The motion carried 6-0.

The Special Council Meeting recessed at 5:13 p.m. to go into Executive Session.

The Special Council Meeting resumed at 5:47 p.m. after Executive Session.

Mr. Isham left the meeting at 5:47 p.m. Mr. Major assumed the chair position and the meeting continued.

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Mr. Austin said we went into Executive Session for the very reason stated earlier in the meeting and no decisions were reached while we were in Closed Session.

Mr. LaDuke moved and Mrs. Tinnin seconded the motion to: Postpone Item 1 until the next Regular Council Meeting of April 2, 2007. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Cross would like to see Item 2 postponed to an indefinite date.

Mrs. Tinnin understood Mr. Cross' concerns because the contract is showing up on every agenda, even though we are not prepared to enter into a four-year agreement, until we reach some compromise with the union. She suggested Item 2 be tabled indefinitely, unless there is a legal reason not to do so.

Mr. Austin did not want it to appear that Council was not ready to negotiate or were refusing to bargain with this new unit. He felt this should be postponed to a certain date.

Mr. Cross wanted to know if they could add to the motion, postpone until an agreement has been reached for Council to vote.

Mr. Austin said the Council couldn't reach a decision until they are assembled in the council chambers and come to a consensus by a majority vote. He thought that would not be technically possible. He suggested they postpone Item 2 to the next agenda.

Mr. LaDuke said the contract has been rejected in its current state. We owe the group a counter proposal. Through the hiring of an attorney and giving them instruction to work toward an end to this situation, we are not at this point ready to make any agreement. We have not had any communication from the bargaining unit. We can't take action on something we already rejected. Our representative will contact the union along with the administration and be prepared to give them a counter proposal. He suggested we just remove Item 2.

Mr. Austin suggested postponing Item 2, until a date where we have a counter proposal to offer the bargaining unit. This seemed to be appropriate.

Mrs. Tinnin moved and Mr. LaDuke seconded to: Postpone Item 2 until such time as whatever legal attorney we have hired to represent the City Council can arrive at a counter proposal to present to the union and they ratify it. At that point in time, then this motion shall be placed back on our agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION ACTION:

Moved by LaDuke, Seconded by Major to: Approve and authorize Council to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion relating to pending contractual negotiations of Teamsters Local 214, under Section 8, (c) of the Open's Meeting Act.

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COUNCIL ACTION:

Postponed until the next Regular Council Meeting of April 2, 2007.

1. Approve and authorize the hiring of legal counsel to represent the City with regards to the Unfair Labor Practice charge filed by the Teamsters Local 214 and/or to assist in the negotiations of the contract with this union.

Postponed until such time as whatever legal attorney we have hired to represent the City Council can arrive at a counter proposal to present to the union and they ratify it. At that point in time, then this motion shall be placed back on our agenda.

2. Approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a four-year agreement with the Teamsters Local 214 Administrative/Supervisory Unit, on behalf of the City of Burton, effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:00 P.M.

Gayle Webster, CMC
City Clerk