

CITY OF BURTON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2001, 7:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Special Meeting was called to order by President Larry Brawner at 7:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Martinbianco.

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney R. Hamilton and G. Webster, City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Review and Approve/Deny an application for a wireless communication system to co-locate on an existing cell tower. New application WCS #01-06 by Voicestream Wireless, 12170 Merriman Rd., Livonia, MI 48150, at a location of 1300 Proper.

PRESENTATION:

Clarence King, P.O. Box 347, Auburn, Representative for Voicestream Wireless, requested a co-location on the existing Sprint tower located on Proper Street. This will be the third carrier on this tower. A structural report reflected the tower could with stand the load of three antennas. The antenna will be placed at 100 feet. He was available for any questions Council might have on this issue.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Cross asked for clarification on leasing the antenna.

Mr. King said Voicestream would be leasing the tower space from Sprint.

Mr. Cross asked if Voicestream planned to construct a more pleasing designed tower in the future, such as a clock tower.

Mr. King was aware of the new tower designs. This will probably be considered for new cell tower sites. However, Voicestream does like to make use of existing towers when possible. Rural areas will probably keep the regular tower design.

Mrs. Tinnin understood that the City would not receive any income from co-locations. She asked if we should be looking at legislation to cover these fees in the future.

Mr. Hamilton said co-location fees were discussed as part of the negotiations with Sprint when the tower was constructed. They were unwilling to pay any co-location on that site in addition to the rent. These matters are handled by a negotiated contract, not by ordinance. He felt the City should attempt to negotiate co-location revenues, if there are any additional towers located on city property.

Mr. King reviewed the Sprint contract and felt the city got a very good price. In addition, the City would receive a 20% increase for each renewal term.

Mr. Wells asked if Voicestream posted a bond in case the cabinets needed to be removed at a future date.

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Mr. King said that the company has already obtained the bond and will deliver it to the City upon approval of the co-location.

COUNCIL ACTION:

Cross moved and Bement seconded the following motion:

1. Authorize the approval of an application for a wireless communication system to co-locate on an existing cell tower. New application WCS #01-06 by Voicestream Wireless, 12170 Merriman Rd., Livonia, MI 48150, at a co-location of 1300 Proper.

Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Gayle Webster, CMC
City Clerk

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