

CITY OF BURTON
FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 27, 1997, 8:00 A.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

THIS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN COX AT 8:15 A.M.

Members Present: K. Cox, C. Abbey, and T. Martinbianco.

Others Present: B. Becker, Controller; D. Lowthian, Assessor; R. Riess, Supt.

Water; H. Throop, Street Supt.; R. LaDuke, Building Supt.;

Mayor Smiley and J. Brown, Clerk's Office.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Discussion and possible recommendation for the following items:

1. Remodeling of City Hall
2. Budget Discussion

Mayor Smiley reviewed the plans for painting, re-carpeting parts of City Hall and repair of a leak. He said there will be three bids for the carpeting, and one is back in the amount of \$4,650.00 He said the redecorating is long

over-due as the carpet is badly worn. Discussion followed. T. Martinbianco

asked if a bid has been given by a Burton company. C. Abbey said small businesses find it hard to compete with the larger businesses. Mayor Smiley

said the halls would not be carpeted until April due to the tracking in of salt.

Moved by Martinbianco, seconded by Abbey to recommend approval of transfer of \$6,000 for painting, re-carpeting and an epoxy injection to repair a leak, to the lowest bidder. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Cox reviewed some topics for discussion: lighting, rental inspection

fees and increase in tax base. D. Lowthian said there are approximately 10,800 residences and 900 personal property accounts. He would have a better

idea at the end of February.

Chairman Cox asked B. Becker about the cost for lighting. B. Becker said approximately \$275,000. If this were placed on the tax rolls it would have

to be on the summer taxes. The county does not pick up any cost of street

lighting. Chairman Cox said this money should go into the capital improvement

fund, and if anyone has any ideas on this he would like to hear them. He would like to know whether to proceed or wait on this. No one in the audience wished to speak on this issue. Lengthy discussion followed on lighting on private drives, capital improvement fund, water tower improvements, closing fire station #3, improvements to fire station #2, improvements on city drains at large.

Chairman Cox asked D. Lowthian about our tax base. He said the increase this year would be about 2.8%, not a big increase. K. Cox said we can expect revenues to stay about the same. D. Lowthian explained increases and how they are affected by the "cap". Discussion followed.

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Chairman Cox asked for input on Rental inspection fees. He understands the fees are not for profit, only to ensure that rental properties are habitable. C. Abbey said he feels something must be done about inspecting rental homes to bring them up to code. T. Martinbianco asked what do other cities in the country do. He feels they should bring it back to committee for more positive determination. Lengthy discussion followed.

Chairman Cox asked about assessing fees on "problem people" who were continually using city services. B. Becker talked about fees that are already in place for such incidences. Each department generally absorbs some or all of these costs. T. Martinbianco talked about the Zoning Board and the Planning Commission fees being raised on some types of cases to help cover the expenses of these "problem people". The Police Department can pass on administrative fees to certain people who break the law.

Chairman Cox said to sum up this meeting, the committee asks administration to develop a plan in each department regarding capitol improvements; moving street lighting back to tax rolls; rental inspection fees need to be reviewed; obtain a list of city fees to distribute to the Finance Committee for review; and as for re-inspection he will try to develop some parameters and bring back to Committee.

Chairman Cox thanked all persons who were in attendance.

Meeting adjourned 9:20 A.M.

Jeanette Brown,
Clerk's Office