

CITY OF BURTON
LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JULY 29, 1998, 3:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Cross AT 3:08 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cross, Cox, Centilli

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Douglas Halsted, J. Adams, Clerk's Office.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING ITEM:

1. Proposed Fireworks Ordinance Amendments

PRESENTATION:

Chief Halsted spoke on amending Section 12-10, Article 12 of Ordinance 67C. He stated the old ordinance as read, precluded the sale, use and transportation of the handling of any type of fire works within the City of Burton as being illegal. This included toy smoke devices, toy caps for cap guns, trick matches, popping noise makers, etc., and they would be illegal in Burton. Chief Halsted said Ordinance 55C allows the sale of fireworks, and we are able to license persons to sell legal fire works inside the City of Burton, which was a conflict. He is proposing to comply with State laws, the BOCA Code and NFPA recommendations, and also recommended by Attorney Hamilton.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

John Stapish, 5160 E. Atherton, Burton, MI inquired as to the changes in the proposed ordinance.

Chief Halsted spoke again on the change to Ordinance 67C and indicated it will read the same as State Code and be in compliance with the State.

Cross indicated it is time to update the ordinance.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Cross inquired as to who will be monitoring the fire work stands.

Chief Halsted said they will monitor and check out the stands. The State Law allows the selling of any type of fire works as long as they sign a paper saying they will transport them out of the state to use them. Chief Halsted indicated they will also need the support of the Police Department to enforce the ordinance. He spoke on site plan reviews and inspections and stated he feels they should be licensed by the City. There is an approximate cost of \$365 of which they get back a \$250 deposit after they discontinue the sale. He stated further that they have lost a lot of revenue and the opportunity to inspect these sites.

Centilli inquired as to applicants receiving a copy of the ordinance.

Cross indicated the ordinance should include a penalty if they are caught selling without a permit.

Halsted stated that the penalties are written in.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Moved by Cox, seconded by Centilli to recommend to the City Council to accept the changes in Ordinance 67C, Section 12-10 as suggested by the Fire Chief and prepared by the City Attorney.
Motion carried, 3-0.

Cross indicated this should be added to the Monday night Council agenda.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:19 P.M.

Julie R. Adams
Clerk's Office