

CITY OF BURTON
LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 1990, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

This Legislative Meeting was called to order by Chairman Smiley at 6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Walls, Card and Smiley.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mayor, Jane L. Nimcheski; K. Collard, City Administrator and W. Walworth, City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: DISCUSSION OF WEED CUTTING ORDINANCE AND OTHER MATTERS THAT MIGHT ARISE.

PRESENTATION: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Clayton MacLandish, 1091 Carlson, made suggestions on changes to the weed ordinance. He also expressed concerns on the mowing of his property.

Thomas Burns, 4162 Lapeer, said he was also victimized by the weed cutter and wants a 10 day notice.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Mr. Smiley suggested that the committee might want to treat this problem like any other ordinance, with a notice and then referred to the courts.

Mayor Nimcheski said the risk in this, is that the people then might not cut weeds at all and we cannot afford to hire someone to oversee weed cutting. She said they could try it for a year if that is council's wishes.

Mr. Card suggested a 10 day notice before the mowing would take place.

Mr. LaDuke reviewed the weed cutting process followed by his department.

Mr. Collard reminded the committee that the charter does not mandate weed cutting.

Mrs. Walls said she would like to try a letter of notification first.

Mr. Smiley objected to restricting the written complaint to just the adjacent property owners.

Mr. Smiley set a meeting of the committee for Wednesday December 12th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the travel reimbursement policy for elected officials and appointed boards.

Cancelled & not
rescheduled per
WW 12-19-90

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Moved by Card supported by Walls to restrict the written complaint to adjacent property owners. Motion carried 2-1 with Smiley voting no.

The committee asked the administration to come back to the committee with a revised ordinance that includes the following:

1. a ten day notification
2. a written complaint by an adjacent property owner
3. cutting height a minimum of fifteen inches
4. DPW to investigate complaints other than adjacent property owners

Meeting Adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

William R. Walworth
Burton City Clerk

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