

CITY OF BURTON  
SALARY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 2, 1993, 5:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Salary Meeting was called to order by William Walworth, Clerk at 5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: A. Chema; M. Ellithorpe; D. Osmon; K. Wright; M. Mansfield and W. Young.

MEMBERS ABSENT: D. Chandanais

OTHERS PRESENT: W. Walworth, City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Discussion and recommendations regarding Mayor and Council Salaries.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Walworth explained that the fringe benefits for the Mayor and Council are contained in Ordinance 68C. He then asked for a motion to appoint a Chairman.

Moved by Wright, supported by Osmon to appoint Mike Ellithorpe as Chairman.

Chema moved to close the nomination and to cast a unanimous vote for Mr. Ellithorpe as Chairman. Supported by Osmon. Motion Carried 5-0.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Pauline Dargel, 6119 Hugh, reviewed some of the history of this ordinance. She said she was opposed to any increases in salary for the Mayor and Council, as they are not career positions. She said it should not be the top paid position in the City. She said she hoped Council would reject any raises for the Mayor or themselves.

Ken McArdle, 2124 S. Belsay, said he believed the Mayor should get a salary increase since the Supervisors had a raise of approximately 17% over three years. He noted that the Mayor was not the top paid administrator in the City, but he is the top administrator in the City with many responsibilities. He asked that the Mayor's salary be increased.

John Stapish, 5160 E. Atherton, opposed salary increases for the Council or the Mayor. He expressed concern about Genesee County being a depressed area.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Mr. Ellithorpe recommended an increase for the Mayor and Council and also to introduce a cost of living for these positions.

Mr. Osmon was concerned about retroactivity. Mr. Young said it was not allowed for school Superintendents and didn't know if it applied in this case. Mr. Young suggested that any raises be effective July 1, 1993, due to the money not being included in this year's budget.

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Ken Wright was concerned about the small raises that the Mayor received in the past and suggested the Mayor's salary be set at \$47,000.00 and the Council salary be at \$7,000.00.

Mr. Mansfield said he thought the Council should stay where they are and recommended a raise for the Mayor.

Mr. Chema asked about the hospitalization which some Council members get and thought the benefits would total over \$12,000.

Mr. Osmon said that he would like to see the Mayor's salary at \$47,000 but did not know if that would be acceptable to Council.

Mr. Ellithorpe felt the Council should get a raise since the last time they got a raise was 1986.

Mr. Wright felt that the Council should get a raise.

Mr. Ellithorpe noted the salaries of two township Supervisors was over \$50,000. (Davison and Genesee)

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Moved by Young, supported by Mansfield to recommend for the salary of the Council Members to remain the same. Motion carried 4-2 with Wright and Ellithorpe voting no.

Moved by Wright, supported by Mansfield to raise the salary of the Mayor of the City of Burton to \$47,000.00 per year on July 1, 1993. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Osmon, supported by Chema to have the Salary Commission meet again on the fourth Monday of January (January 23, 1995) of 1995 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

William R. Walworth  
Burton City Clerk

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