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St. Ignace Council Pondering Snow, Ice Control Ordinance

ST. IGNACE — An ordinance to control the placing of snow and ice in the city streets was introduced at the regular meeting of the St. Ignace City Council with adoption scheduled for the next meeting.

City Manager Steven Walters informed the Council that although most commercial plowers and property owners cooperate in keeping their snow off the city streets, problems do occur from time to time,

especially after severe snowstorms and as the season advances.

The plowing of private snow into the city streets becomes a problem, he said, when it accumulates to an extent which narrows the open portion of the street, when mounds of snow harden outside the regular bank and become obstructions to the city plowing vehicles, and when one property owner pushes his snow across or down the street

in front of another's property.

Walters said the practical need of some property owners to plow their snow to the edge of the street must be considered. The ordinance attempts to do this by establishing guidelines for this plowing activity.

The proposed ordinance includes regulations for plowing of snow and ice; procedures for plowing snow into the streets; removal of the street bank in front of driveways; removal of

improper snow piles by the city with the violator paying the cost of such removal; civil liability and a penalty for any person violating any of the provisions of the ordinance.

The ski hill committee was authorized to obtain an approximate cost of a survey for that portion of the former Steele farm which includes the hill and the area of adjacent federal land needed for parking and an access road.

Last April the Council approved the ski hill committee's recommendation to acquire the former Steele farm property for development of a ski hill and authorized city manager Walters to negotiate for the purchase and apply for a transfer of the grant from Bryce's hill to the new site. Legal questions concerning the title to the former Steele farm caused this action to be delayed.

The committee recommended at Monday's meeting that the city obtain a survey and, on the basis of the survey which would be done in the spring, that a lease be obtained from the owner to start development of the ski hill during 1973; to obtain federal access lease and apply for the transfer of the grant. The committee also recommended to proceed with basic development, such as a road and clearing, during 1973, using voluntary help as much as possible, and proceed with the purchase after the grant is approved.

The committee intends to formulate a development plan and apply for a development grant after the property is purchased; and since Moran township had indicated support for a ski hill, to inquire if the township would participate in the land survey cost. It is the intent of this plan to try to have a basic ski hill in operation for the 1973-74 winter.

In other action, the Council approved the repair of a city truck by the Newberry Implement Co. at an estimated cost of \$2,080; approved a sale of a tax anticipation note in the amount of \$70,000; approved the purchase of a snowplow blade at a cost of \$1,235; and accepted the final figures on the cost of the Union Oil sewer project.

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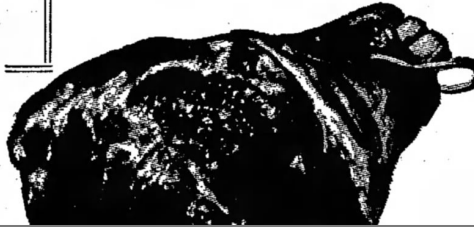
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