



CITY OF BURTON
BURTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2019
MINUTES

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

7:00 PM

**4303 S. CENTER ROAD
BURTON, MI 48519**

This meeting was opened by President Steven Heffner at 7:00 PM.

A. INVOCATION LED BY: TINA CONLEY

B. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IS LED BY: TINA CONLEY

C. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tom Martinbianco	Councilman	Present	
Duane Haskins	Vice President	Present	
Dennis O'Keefe	Councilman	Present	
Steven Heffner	President	Present	
Danny Wells	Councilman	Present	
Vaughn Smith	Councilman	Present	
Christina Conley	Councilwoman	Present	

D. STAFF PRESENT

Rik Hayman, Chief of Staff
Amanda Doyle, Attorney
Bette Bigsby, Acting Clerk
Mike Odette, Police Chief
Kirk Wilkinson, Fire Chief

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. City Council - Workshop - Aug 19, 2019 5:30 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tom Martinbianco, Councilman
SECONDER:	Dennis O'Keefe, Councilman
AYES:	Martinbianco, Haskins, O'Keefe, Heffner, Wells, Smith, Conley

2. City Council - Regular Meeting - Oct 7, 2019 7:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tom Martinbianco, Councilman
SECONDER:	Dennis O'Keefe, Councilman
AYES:	Martinbianco, Haskins, O'Keefe, Heffner, Wells, Smith, Conley

3. City Council - Public Hearing - Oct 21, 2019 6:45 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tom Martinbianco, Councilman
SECONDER:	Dennis O'Keefe, Councilman
AYES:	Martinbianco, Haskins, O'Keefe, Heffner, Wells, Smith, Conley

4. City Council - Regular Meeting - Oct 21, 2019 7:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tom Martinbianco, Councilman
SECONDER:	Dennis O'Keefe, Councilman
AYES:	Martinbianco, Haskins, O'Keefe, Heffner, Wells, Smith, Conley

F. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Hayman stated that in front of everyone is the CAFR. Monday night the 11th at 6:00pm is the audit presentation. Mayor Zelenko is not here but wanted to convey congratulations to all the candidates. Attorney billing is on the agenda tonight and action item number 2 is the budget amendment to create the line in the budget to put the funding in for the Retail Coach, scheduled to come out in three payments over the next years.

Mr. O'Keefe asked Mr. Hayman what time Monday night.

Mr. Hayman responded 6:00 PM.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Conley stated thank you to everyone who helped with the Trick of Treat Trail. The next event will be the Christmas Tree Lighting held at Fire Station 1 on November 30th from 5-7pm and November 14th if anyone is interested in making bows for the Christmas trees you can show up at Fire Station 1. The tree will be set up on the 15th. Anyone can help put lights up on Saturday. Thank you to everyone who helped with the food drive today, it was our last drive. Monday is our Veterans Ceremony it will be held here at 11:11.

Mr. Heffner asked if there are any more committees to report. Thanked Council lady Conley for the job she did over at the Veterans Memorial.

Discussion ensued over agreement of Mrs. Conley's work at the Veterans Memorial.

Mr. Hayman stated as a Veteran himself and on behalf of the 13 Veterans who are employees of the City, we thank you as well.

H. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sadonna Myers of Burton, President of the Friends of the Burton Memorial Library, stated

she wishes you could have seen the smiles of the people who came to the book fair last October. Briefly talked about the updates made to the Burton Memorial Library, donations they have received and the ways it is benefiting the community. Thanked the council for their help. Discussed plans for an upcoming grand opening.

Mr. Heffner asked if anyone else would like to address the council.

Rick Fuhst of Burton, congratulated the candidates that won their election. Thanked the candidates who ran and stated that is what makes America. He noticed an orange bag with paper in it sitting in his driveway Sunday morning as well as the driveways of everyone on his street. We need to look into this because he believes there is an ordinance against this.

I. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Mr. Martinbianco stated last fiscal year in the budget there were calculated guesses as to the estimate of fixes for the road system. Mr. Slattery put together the asset management approach for street improvements. In December there is a follow-up to that and he put together our improvement progress and status report. He would like to see that duplicated for this coming month in December sometime. Specified \$700k to go into the road improvements last fiscal year and did the same thing for this fiscal year. Mr. Slattery does not have to do a full point of sale approach but would like to see a document to help plan for the next budget year.

Mr. Smith stated he reads Bridge Magazine, it's an e-paper that covers the State of Michigan doing investigative reporting on our legislature for our state. Directed his statements to Mr. Hayman, with the budget issues going on right now with the preparations to the municipalities, asked for the ratifications have been made at this point in time.

Mr. Hayman asked for clarification, if Mr. Smith is asking specifically about the money we are looking at.

Mr. Smith stated from the state, yes.

Mr. Hayman asked for more clarification if, Mr. Smith is asking about the money we are looking at from the state from Cheyenne and Menominee. He is having a hard time hearing.

Mr. Smith stated for road funds, and money coming in.

Mr. Hayman asked Mr. Smith where we are at right now?

Mr. Smith said yes.

Mr. Hayman stated we are on track and that things are not settled. He stated they have tentatively settled the budget but there is still some back and forth between the Governors Office and the Legislature. Stated right now we are tagged to get more money, every municipality including Burton, and that we do okay. Stated he does not have the figures.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Hayman if he foresees any holding back of payments.

Mr. Hayman stated he does not see any holding back of payments.

Mr. O'Keefe stated just before he left he caught the 6pm news and the Governor had a handshake agreement but that had fallen apart.

Mr. Hayman stated he did not see or hear that but it's a work in progress. It can come together and fall apart on a weekly basis.

Mrs. Conley stated she talked to a lot of people who received their water bills late and that she was one of them. Stated she got a shut-off notice and that her husband and her have always paid their bills for 30 years and to receive something like that when they never received their bill, a lot of people are having a problem with it. She is not the only one.

Mr. Hayman stated he can answer that, and anyone who has called about a shut-off notice or might call, feel free to tell them that no one will be shut off. The bills were about a week late.

Mrs. Conley stated that you still get a late fee.

Mr. Hayman stated no, it will be extended out the exact amount of time that it normally would, with the same time frame.

Mrs. Conley stated her husband had to pay an extra \$40.00 as a late fee when he came to the city to pay their water bill.

Mr. Hayman stated to please have anyone who is in that situation call him so he can take care of the issue so he can address it and that he would be happy to look at Mrs. Conley's account as well.

Mrs. Conley stated to Mr. Hayman that she will give him the bill after the meeting.

Mr. Martinbianco stated that the city Attorney is present and asked if she would advise if the city should pass a resolution absolving any and all late fees for the current period for any residents that already received them, as well as provide a refund for residents who, like Mrs. Conley, have already paid the late fee.

Attorney Doyle stated you can certainly do that, it would be an administrative task to take care of those fees. It would be handled the same way as shut-off notices, people that wouldn't be able to pay it, ask for extensions, and that it is generally done through the administration.

Mr. Hayman asked the council that they give him through tomorrow to check on the issue and that he would get back with everyone through the council president. Unless there is something he is unaware of that should have not happened, he does not think a resolution will be necessary, but they are welcome to do it and it is in the Mayors ability of powers to do.

Mr. Martinbianco stated he is sure of that and inquired if there is something within the system that automatically kicks that out and if that is something that should be addressed as well.

Mr. Hayman stated that he agrees with Mr. Martinbianco.

Mr. Wells expressed concern that this may be a mute point once the new mayor elect is sworn in.

Mr. Haskins stated that the next council meeting on November 18th will be held at the Senior Center. The council meeting will be a short meeting. Immediately following the council meeting there will be a meet and greet. They will have some food and beverages and at 8:00pm they will begin the swearing-in ceremony. Asked the Fire Chief the capacity. Invitations will be sent out for the new elects.

J. COUNCIL ACTION

1. Approve and authorize the Attorney Billing (Doyle) 10/16/2019 to 10/29/2019 in the amount \$4,619.00.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Christina Conley, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Dennis O'Keefe, Councilman
AYES:	Martinbianco, Haskins, O'Keefe, Heffner, Wells, Smith, Conley

2. Approve and authorize the following 2019-2020 budget amendment in the General Fund: Increase 1001-8001-818.0000 Contractual Services-Planning by \$43,500; Decrease 1001-0000-390.0000 Unappropriated Surplus by \$43,500.

Mr. Martinbianco stated he intends to vote for it because it was approved by the city council for the contract. He expects they should bring forth their work product, i.e. contacts, exhibitions of the city, exhibits of the city discussing the tax rates, water and sewer capabilities, and the amount of land that will be available. He would like to see a timeline of the work that will be performed under the budget amendment. He would like to see how the city plans to work with the current land owners on these plans as well.

Mr. Smith stated he had discussed the Retail Coach with a citizen earlier today, his concerns were with the empty buildings in Burton. Mr. Smith explained to the citizen their plans. He went on to discuss that we cannot have guaranteed numbers but this company has survived and flourished. We need to try new things. Recommended to the council that they support this.

Mr. Hayman stated to Mr. Martinbianco that there are some deliverables and they will get progress reports. The Retail Coach will be in town next week on Tuesday the 12th, he will be looking at the businesses and collecting data. He will be meeting on Wednesday the 13th with the Regional Chamber and the Local Chamber. Mayor Elect Haskins is aware of the meetings.

Mr. O'Keefe stated that he voted no on the original tally because he felt there were missing pieces. He would like to look at commercial, industrial and manufacturing over just looking at retail. Mr. O'Keefe stated it was his belief that the city has a better shot at getting that group in here over retail but sincerely hopes he is wrong. Expressed his reservations but stated he will be voting yes.

Mr. Hayman discussed that the proposal is a little bit beyond retail, it will include hotels and restaurants as well.

Mr. O'Keefe stated that he did not see anything that discussed commercial, industrial or manufacturing but that our city has the space. He stated we have an airport nearby and an expressway so it's his belief that this is something the city should look into. Further discussed wanting to look into fixing Court Street out front of the Courtland Center Mall a little later on.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dennis O'Keefe, Councilman
SECONDER:	Vaughn Smith, Councilman
AYES:	Martinbianco, Haskins, O'Keefe, Heffner, Wells, Smith, Conley

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Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.
