



CITY OF BURTON
BURTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 25, 2016
MINUTES

Council Chambers

Special Meeting

7:00 PM

4303 S. CENTER ROAD
BURTON, MI 48519

This meeting was opened by President Steven Heffner at 7:13 PM.

A. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tom Martinbianco	Councilman	Absent	
Duane Haskins	Vice-President	Present	
Dennis O'Keefe	Councilman	Present	
Steven Heffner	President	Present	
Ellen Ellenburg	Councilwoman	Present	
Vaughn Smith	Councilman	Present	
Steven Hatfield	Councilman	Present	

B. STAFF PRESENT

Teresa Karsney, Clerk

C. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

None

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

City Council received comments from the following citizens:

Racheal Boggs of Burton - Voiced her concerns with the issue between Council and Mayor on the negotiations of the union contracts.

E. COUNCIL ACTION

1. Consideration, discussion and possible action regarding the Resolution Instituting a Policy for the Conduct of Collective Bargaining Negotiations for the City of Burton.

Mr. Hatfield thanked Ms. Boggs for coming and voicing her concerns. He stated that he is proposing a new Resolution he thought both Council and the Mayor would be happy with.

Mr. Haskins also thanked Ms. Boggs for coming. He continued by explaining what the Council was trying to do. He also stated that he had a concern that the City Clerk was here to represent the Administration. On meeting night he felt she worked for City Council and could not be the representative for the Administration. He thought this may be a Charter violation because in Charter "Section 6.4 (a) it states "the Clerk shall be Clerk of the Council and each appointive board of the city." He quoted the City Charter "Section 4.5 (b) " The Mayor, or his designee, shall attend all

official meetings of the Council." He feels it is hard for a Clerk to be taking minutes and represent the Administration. He asked Attorney Doyle if this was a Charter violation that the Clerk was representing the Administration when she was working for the Council.

Attorney Doyle stated she felt that yes this could be a Charter violation. That maybe the President of the council could address this with the Mayor.

Mr. Heffner stated he would send an email to the Mayor letting her know.

Mr. Haskins voiced another concern was that the video was not working.

Mrs. Karsney stated that she had just received a text from Mark Udell about how to get into the video room to turn the video on.

Council took at short break from 7:29 to 7:38 p.m so the Clerk could go get the video running.

Mr. Hatfield started by letting everyone know what went on when the video wasn't on.

Mr. Haskins also went through what he had said when the video wasn't on.

Mr. O'Keefe stated that the council needs ideas on how to get back on track. How they are going to conduct city business in the future. He feels they need to stop finger pointing. Would like when the President of the Council goes and talks to the Mayor that another member of Council be present. He thinks we need to get going on this current budget for next year.

Mrs. Ellenburg stated that she feels the Mayor is just going to veto this resolution. Maybe we need a mediator between the Council and the Mayor. She also stated that section 6.1 of the Charter states "The administrative officers of the city shall be the Mayor, the Clerk, the Treasurer, the Attorney, the Assessor, the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief and a Board of Review." She stated the Clerk is part of the Administration. She stated that the Charter is just a guide for us.

Mr. Heffner stated that it is more than a guide.

Mr. O'Keefe stated that the line item budget is not working. We need to have respect for each other and the administration. We need to follow the charter.

Mr. Haskins stated this resolution gives the administration someone for the union negotiations but it also gives the Council someone to represent them. He stated that before the administration gave us notice and asked Council for their input before they started the negotiations. But this time the administration just brought us the Teamster contract to approve.

Mr. Hatfield stated a resolution is policy for the City. This gives Council a say on who the attorney is going to be.

Mr. Smith stated that the city has had the same issues since the 90's about the unfunded liability and we need to get it fixed. This Council has to come up with a way to fix it because we can't keep going on like this.

2. Motion to approve a resolution instituting a policy for the conduct of collective bargaining negotiations for the City of Burton.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Steven Hatfield, Councilman
SECONDER:	Duane Haskins, Vice-President
AYES:	Haskins, O'Keefe, Heffner, Ellenburg, Smith, Hatfield
ABSENT:	Martinbianco

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.



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Meeting: 04/25/16 07:00 PM

Department: Clerk's Office

Category: Discussion

Prepared By: Rachael Boggs

Department Head: Teresa M. Karsney

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SCHEDULED

AGENDA ITEM (ID # 2341)

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