

CITY OF BURTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2012, 7:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Councilman Steve Heffner led the Invocation.

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Tom Martinbianco at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Martinbianco, Heffner, Smith, Wells, Ellenburg, O'Keefe and Haskins.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor P. Zelenko, G. Burke-Miller, Controller, G. Kray, DPW Director, S. Warren, Dir. of Human Resource/Labor Relations and L. Young, Clerk's Office.

Heffner moved and O'Keefe seconded the following motion:

Approve the Regular Council Meeting of November 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mayor Zelenko said she has a meeting in Flint Township at 7:30 p.m. and will not be able to attend the entire meeting. Ginger Burke-Miller and Greg Kray are present to answer any questions. Ms. Warren is present to take the Council into an Executive Session for an update on labor negotiations. She suggested scheduling a Finance Meeting for discussion and possible recommendation on the hard cap vs. 80-20 debate. They could also add it onto the agenda for the December 3rd Finance Committee meeting. She reminded Council they are going to determine which scenario to implement for July 2013 and they must take action before the end of 2012.

Mayor Zelenko recognized Ginger Burke-Miller as a recipient of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award. This award is just another example that demonstrates Mrs. Burke-Miller, despite all the unfunded mandates and through these economic times, has maintained these high standards and remains focused to keep Burton moving forward. This award will join the ones received by former Controllers, Brad Becker and Karen Foster.

Mayor Zelenko introduced John Walker to share good news as it relates to one of the Parks and Recreation Commissioners.

John Walker spoke in reference to the last wolverine, which will be displayed at Courtland Center Mall sometime in December or January. He presented Mona Miron with a picture of a wolverine in honor of her hard work in getting the last wolverine to be displayed in Burton.

Mayor Zelenko stated City Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Smith said there will be a Finance meeting December 3rd to discuss the City Fee Schedule and it would be possible to add the Health Care payment option item to the agenda for the Finance meeting.

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Mr. Heffner invited everyone to attend the Toys for Tots event at Courtland Center Mall this weekend. There will be a Christmas parade on South Saginaw Street on December 15th at 1:00 p.m.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

John Stapish, P.O. Box 190134, asked if the majority of the Keller Thoma bill had to do with contract negotiations with the Police Department. He also asked why we always need penalties added into new ordinances.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. O'Keefe told Mrs. Burke-Miller that he is proud of her. He said it is good to see young people in the audience and asked Mrs. Burke to introduce her son.

Mrs. Burke-Miller introduced her son, Jonathan Miller and explained he is a Scout and needs to attend a public meeting to receive a merit badge.

Mr. O'Keefe said he has had a couple of phone calls from residents expressing their pleasure with the newly paved portion of Davison Rd. and they would like the same done for various other roads throughout the City. He also received calls regarding how smoothly the voting process went on Election Day. He thanked the Clerk's Office staff for all their hard work and preparation that went into the Election.

Council went into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 8:12 p.m.

Mr. Wells spoke in reference to agenda Item #3. He asked why it was just now coming before the Council when it has been expired for a year and ½. The cost is over \$300,000 and he would like to know if this was for sewer alone, or water and sewer combined. He asked how many emergencies we have had in the last year.

Mrs. Burke-Miller said she doesn't know the number of repairs. Last year there were \$30,000 worth of repairs and \$0 the two years prior to that.

Mr. Wells asked how much of the work could be done with our staff. He would like to table agenda Item #3 until the next meeting.

Mr. Haskins asked Mr. Heffner where the name for Atherton Settlement Park came from.

Mr. Heffner said in 1835 that location was settled by the Atherton brothers.

Mrs. Ellenburg said the more historical locations we have in Burton, the more eligible we are for grant money.

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Mr. Wells said he asked about the naming of the park in an October meeting and wanted to make sure they are doing it correctly.

Attorney Austin said it can be approved by Council action.

Mr. Wells asked how we incorporate the park in the 5 Year Park Plan.

Mr. Heffner said it has been a park since 1999.

Mr. Wells said they must make an addendum to the 5 Year Park Plan.

Mr. Heffner said they are here to do it the right way. He said the Parks and Recreation Commission is going to need \$5,000 for a new gravel parking lot.

Mr. Wells said they are in the middle of intense negotiations.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION ACTION:

Moved by O'Keefe and seconded by Ellenburg to: Approve and authorize going into Executive Session under Section 8C of the Open Meetings Act after Council Discussion. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Smith to: Table agenda Item #3 until the December 3, 2012 meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL ACTION:

Haskins moved and Ellenburg seconded the following motion:

1. Approve and authorize the Attorney Billing (Richard Austin) from October 31, 2012 through November 14, 2012 in the amount of \$6,693.10.

Motion carried 7-0.

Haskins moved and Ellenburg seconded the following motion:

2. Approve and authorize the Attorney Billing (Keller Thoma) from October 02, 2012 through October 31, 2012 in the amount of \$2,920.09.

Motion carried 7-0.

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Tabled.

3. Approve and authorize the acceptance of the low bid and allow the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a contract, contingent upon the submittal and approval by the City Attorney of the required bonds and insurance documents, on behalf of the City of Burton with Zito Construction Co., 8033 Fenton Rd., Grand Blanc, MI 48506 to provide Sanitary Sewer Emergency Repairs, for a period of one year, through December 2013.

Haskins moved and Heffner seconded the following motion:

4. Approve and authorize the official naming of the city park located on Thread Creek Boulevard in Burton as "The Atherton Settlement Park."

Motion carried 7-0.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

Haskins moved and Smith seconded the following motion:

1. Approve and authorize the Introduction of an Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2012-____-113.01, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 113 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Burton By the Addition of Text Changes, Permitting Administrative Approvals for Outdoor Recreational Events That Meet Specified Regulations, and Providing Penalties For The Violation Thereof.

Motion carried 7-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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