

CITY OF BURTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 1, 1999, 6:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY PASTOR BRUCE BILLINGS OF ATHERTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Council President Ted Hammon at 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Centilli, Cox, Cross, Hammon, Martinbianco, Walls and Zelenko.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: J. Major, DPW Director; Attorney R. Hamilton and G. Webster, City Clerk.

Cross moved and Zelenko seconded the following motion:

Approve and authorize the minutes of the following meetings: Special Meeting of October 18, 1999, at 7:00 P.M., Regular Meeting of October 18, 1999 at 7:30 P.M. and Special Meeting of October 25, 1999 at 6:00 P.M., as printed. Motion carried 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Pauline Dargel, 6119 Hugh, commented on the Consumer Confidence Report, which deals with the city's water quality.

Mr. Major indicated the city was in full compliance with EPA guidelines in regards to the mailing of the Consumer Confidence Report. This report is available for review at the DPW and the Clerk's Office.

Dianna Dumler, 4231 Leith St., commented on the proposed traffic light for Center Rd. and the widening of Genesee Rd.

Mr. Major said the DPW is working with the Road Commission on the Center Rd. traffic light issue. Meijers will be contacted at a later date in regards to sharing the cost of this project.

In reference to the widening of Genesee Rd., Mr. Major indicated the new business has already received site plan approval. Mr. Visser shouldn't be made to pay for the roadwork after the fact.

Dennis Kinder, 1224 Genesee Rd., spoke in reference to his back pay issue.

Mr. Hammon said this issue has been discussed several times in the past. The Council has no authority to deal with this matter. He has personally reviewed the case and sees no basis for the payment.

Don Sanderlin, 4460 Killarney Park. Dr., commented on Detroit water rates, a new law dealing with the loss of property due to back taxes and the need for a left-hand turn lane at Dort Hwy and Maple Rd.

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Allan Roberts, 4371 Great Oaks Dr., approved of the Source Book published by the Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the City of Burton. Also, he spoke on the children's Halloween party and the posting of special meetings.

Mr. Cox said only emergency meetings are set at the last minute. Usually special council meetings are set in advanced.

Mrs. Webster received written notice of the special meeting from the Mayor and the notice was posted in compliance with our City Charter. Council was notified as soon as possible.

Larry Petrella, 1081 Howe Rd., was concerned with the special meeting regarding the purchase of the fire trucks and faulty electrical outlets in the council chambers.

Mr. Major said Mike Holzer was working on the electrical problems in the council chambers.

Discussion continued on the electrical outlets in the council chambers.

Becky Lasley, 4231 Leith St., said the Council should be more respectful of audience participants.

Jan Bolen, 1169 Howe Rd., thought it was important for Mr. Petrella to video tape the meetings because the minutes are not printed in the paper.

Bruce Billing, 3119 Coin St., commented on semi trailers being parked at Meijers and the dangerous driving conditions at the intersection of Atherton and Genesee.

Mr. Major said the semi trailers are being parked at Meijers during their remodeling. This helps keep the building site neater.

Mr. Major will contact the Road Commission for a determination on the Atherton and Genesee road intersection. A study would be necessary to assess conditions at this intersection. Some roadwork might qualify for hazardous road dollars.

Discussion continued on the road conditions at Atherton and Genesee roads.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Cox said some residents in parcel 35 didn't receive their summer tax statements and they are afraid late fees will be added to their billings.

Mr. Major said he would look into the matter.

Mr. Cross made reference to a letter from Howard Throop stating that a four way stop was not warranted at the corner of Blanche and Roberta.

Mr. Major said this area does not meet any warrants by the State Highway Department. We can't install a four way stop at this time. The DPW will continue to monitor the area for future needs.

Mr. Martinbianco asked about the filling being done at Bristol and Genesee Roads. He wanted to know if this would impair the drainage district. In addition, he wanted know if an engineer plan was on file for this work.

Mr. Major said the company plans to construct swales to assist drainage in that area. There is a permit on file for this work.

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Mr. Martinbianco said the terrain should be fixed at Genesee and Lapeer Roads.

Mr. Major will take care of the situation the first thing in the morning.

Mr. Centilli indicated that the special council meeting for the fire trucks was called to meet existing dead lines. The interest rates for financing the trucks were extended for only seven days.

Mr. Martinbianco was concerned with the financing of the fire trucks. He suggested that the City should have taken open bids for the trucks.

Attorney Austin will look into the matter of purchasing fire trucks.

Mrs. Zelenko made reference to the late tax statements. She wanted to know if the statements were to be mailed to the Grand Blanc zip code.

Mrs. Zelenko commented on debris that had been dumped along Gilkey Creek behind Eastgate.

Mr. Major will check into this situation.

Mr. Cross asked how the clean up of this area would be billed.

Mr. Major said nearby residents would probably be billed for the clean up, unless someone knows who did it. He estimated the charge would be about \$10.00-\$25.00 per household in the district. This would be billed through drains at large.

Mr. Cox thought Mr. Kinder should be paid for his services.

Mr. Cox supported the purchase of fire trucks. However, he did not want them financed over a ten-year period. He said this would cost the city an additional \$180,000.

Mr. Centilli indicated that the city would generate more savings due to the interest rates on the \$400,000 invested in the General Fund than the expenditure of interest rates we would pay on the trucks over the ten-year period. If the interest rates continue to rise, we could accumulate even more money.

Mr. Hammon wished council members best of luck on their re-election.

COUNCIL ACTION:

Cox moved and Zelenko seconded the following motion:

1. Approve and authorize the Attorney Billing (Richard Austin) from October 13, 1999 to October 27, 1999, in the amount of \$1,036.00.

Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Gayle Webster
City Clerk

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