

CITY OF BURTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 18, 2010, 7:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Bishop Bernidel Jefferson from Faith Deliverance Church led the Invocation and Councilwoman Ellen Ellenburg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Steven Heffner at 7:20 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ellenburg, Haskins, Heffner, Martinbianco, Smith, Wells and Zelenko.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: G. Kray, DPW Director; Attorney R. Austin and G. Webster, City Clerk.

Haskins moved and Martinbianco seconded the following motion:

Approve and authorize the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on January 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Carried 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Heffner reported that Marquerite Scott passed away today. She was on the Zoning Board of Appeals for 13½ years. She is at the Brown Funeral Home on Hill Rd. The funeral will be held on Thursday.

Mr. Heffner read a correspondence that indicated City Clerk Gayle Webster had been awarded the designation of Master Municipal Clerk from the International Institutes of Municipal Clerks. They grant the MMC designation only to those Municipal Clerks who have completed demanding education requirements and who have a record of significant contributions to their local government, community and state. The IIMC Board of Directors applauded her for her educational accomplishment and achievement. In addition, they congratulated her for her personal pursuit of professional excellence. Mr. Heffner said well-done Gayle.

Mrs. Zelenko said the Legislative Committee met today to discuss the sale of City owned properties and electronic signs. She scheduled another legislative meeting for February 15th at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussion regarding the sale of City owned properties, electronic signs and registration fees for abandoned structures. In addition, she set a legislative meeting for February 1st for the purpose of discussion regarding the fees for water meters and back yard chickens.

Mr. Wells reported the Public Access Committee met on January 12th. Topics of discussion included the purpose of the committee and what should be included on the City website. Their main objectives are to promote open government, get residents involved and promote residential and commercial growth. The intent is to offer links to various types of information, such as schools, businesses, service groups, churches, etc.

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Mrs. Ellenburg said the Friends of the Library would hold their next book sale on January 30th. In addition, she planned to attend the 911 Consortium meeting January 19th. She will keep Council up-to-date on this issue.

Mr. Martinbianco spoke regarding items 7 and 8 on the agenda. He said the Audit Workshop would be held January 27th at 6:00 p.m. Item 8 reflected a million dollar financial commitment on specific projects over the next several years. He felt the City needed a long-range plan and assessment to determine its needs.

Mr. Martinbianco thanked Mr. Wells for providing information on the Public Access Committee. Hopefully, ideas generated by this committee would make it easier for people to become more involved in government.

Mr. Smith said website links were the cheapest form of advertisement. As the committee explores ideas, he would like suggestions on other links that would be beneficial to Burton residents. These links allow people to travel down the Internet highway for free. He suggested a link be added to the Burton Library. Mr. Smith's email address is ysmith161@comcast.net.

Mr. Wells said there was a link to burtonfire.org on the website, which has some good information. In addition, Mr. Smith said the Friends of the Burton Chamber of Commerce has a link to the fire department website. These links are a good way to get the word out.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Carl Fenner, 1146 Kettering St., asked for clarification on the Davison Rd paving project.

John Stapish, PO Box 190134, spoke regarding the board appointments. He wanted to know how many terms they have served. He thought it would be nice to give others a chance to sit on these boards.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

In response to Mr. Fenner's comments, Mr. Wells said paving projects are determined by the appropriation of funds. There is only a certain amount of money for designated projects.

Mr. Kray indicated that the Davison Rd project (Genesee to Belsay) has been funded. The road construction will begin this summer. Other jobs have been funded and programmed for the upcoming years, as long as we meet our local match.

Mr. Martinbianco thought the current Davison Rd project was funded by stimulus money. He was concerned with spending general fund dollars on matching funds for these other projects. He felt there should be more discussion on long range spending issues. He gave Mr. Kildee's Office credit for planning to do reconstruction work on the Genesee railroad tracks in the spring.

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Mrs. Ellenburg congratulated Mrs. Webster on her Master Clerk designation. She thought it was a positive achievement for the City of Burton.

Mrs. Ellenburg made a correction to the Attorney billing. There was an entry regarding the City selling property on North St. It should have been Norton St.

Mr. Martinbianco would like more information from the Mayor or Mr. McArdle regarding Kellar Thoma billings. He would like to know if there are other unresolved issues.

Mr. Martinbianco moved and Mrs. Zelenko seconded the following motion to: Approve and authorize items 3, 4, 5 and 6 as written. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Wells planned to see how many people have applied for board positions. He said the benefit to reappointing current board members is their experience and education. The website could indicate residents can submit applications for these board positions.

Mr. Martinbianco asked for clarification on the commitment and funding for these projects. Mr. Kray said this was the first time that he has been put in the position of authorizing funds at this level. He said if we commit to these projects and later decide not to go forward, we would probably lose creditability for federal dollars. Mr. Martinbianco was very concerned with funding \$600,000 in 2014.

Mr. Kray said the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission has allowed us to push these jobs forward. We have just reprogrammed everything. Everything you see here just got moved. We put our most important jobs first. We put everything as far out as possible to help with funding.

Mr. Martinbianco said we do not know what are needs will be in 2014, given the current condition of our roads. Those priorities may change. He wanted them to be aware of the fact, that when we move forward we may move in a different direction.

Mr. Wells agreed that we do not know what our needs will be in 2014. However, we do have to address what is in front of us, hope for the best and try and make good decisions.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION ACTION:

Moved by Martinbianco, seconded by Zelenko to: Approve and authorize items 3, 4, 5 and 6 as written. The motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL ACTION:

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Haskins moved and Ellenburg seconded the following motion:

1. Approve and authorize the Attorney Billing (Richard Austin) from December 21, 2009 through January 13, 2010, in the amount of \$6,764.75.

Motion carried 7-0.

Zelenko moved and Haskins seconded the following motion:

2. Approve and authorize the Attorney Billing (Keller Thoma) 440 East Congress, 5th Floor, Detroit, MI 48226, for the month of December in the amount of \$173.29.

Motion carried 7-0.

Martinbianco moved and Zelenko seconded the following motion:

3. Approve and authorize the Council's reappointment of Tracy Parker, 1131 Davenport Ct., Burton, MI 48529, to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Term expiring December 2012.

Motion carried 7-0.

Martinbianco moved and Zelenko seconded the following motion:

4. Approve and authorize Council's reappointment of Scott Hynes, 4370 Sunnymead, Burton, MI, 48519, as alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Term expiring December 2012.

Motion carried 7-0.

Martinbianco moved and Zelenko seconded the following motion:

5. Approve and authorize the Council's reappointment of Steve Bennett, 2295 E. Judd Rd., Burton, MI 48529, as alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Term expiring December 2012.

Motion carried 7-0.

Martinbianco moved and Zelenko seconded the following motion:

6. Approve and authorize the Mayor's reappointment of Robert Walls, 2400 Meadowcroft, Burton, MI 48519, to the Planning Commission. Term expiring December 2012.

Motion carried 7-0.

Haskins moved and Ellenburg seconded the following motion:

7. Approve and authorize the setting of an Audit Workshop to be held January 27, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Community Room.

Motion carried 7-0.

Haskins moved and Wells seconded the following motion:

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8. Approve and authorize the following resolution:

Be It Resolved that the City of Burton does hereby commit to provide the required Local match to the provided Federal funds for the following projects in the 2012-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

Project Description	Program Year	Local \$
Davison Road – Center to Genesee	2012	286,249
Center Road – Court to Davison	2013	232,320
Atherton Road – Dort Hwy. to Center	2014	219,820
Belsay Road – Court to Davison	2014	180,856
Lapeer Road – Belsay to Vassar	2014	111,160

Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Gayle K. Webster, MMC
City Clerk