

CITY OF BURTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 1999, 7:30 P.M., BURTON SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Pastor Bruce Gardner of Faith Tabernacle Church gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Bob Centilli.

Gayle Webster, City Clerk read a poem dedication to Councilwoman Alta Walls.

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Ted Hammon at 7:30 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cox.

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

Cross moved and Centilli seconded the following motion:

Approve and authorize the minutes of the following meetings: Regular Meeting of November 1, 1999 at 6:30 P.M., as printed. Motion carried 6-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mayor Smiley presented Councilwoman Alta Walls with a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked her for sixteen dedicated years of service to the City of Burton.

Councilwoman Alta Walls gave a few farewell remarks as she closed her tenure of city council.

Mayor Smiley requested that Item #7 be removed from the agenda, because the appointment hasn't been confirmed.

Mr. Hammon removed Item #7 from the agenda at the request of the administration.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Pauline Dargel, 6119 Hugh, commented on an ad that was placed in the Suburban News regarding a job position for a civil engineer technician.

Mayor Smiley said hourly employees have residency requirements added to their contracts.

Mr. Major said the cost of this employee would be shared with water/sewer and DPW. It will be a union position.

Linda Burris-Croley, 6223 Crabtree Lane, commented on the Clara Barton fire, snow removal, sanitary sewer units, the status of traffic light locations and publishing minutes in the Suburban News.

Mr. Major said water/sewer and road personnel are called in as needed for winter snow removal.

Mr. Major said the Genesee County Drain Commissioner has asked cities to work together in equalizing sewer units. We are charging the same amount that we paid for the sewer units.

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Mr. Major gave an update on several proposed traffic signals.

Mr. Hammon will research the issue of publishing minutes in the Suburban News. This matter will probably not be addressed until budget time.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Martinbianco commented on the recent paving of Lippincott. He thought the asphalt overlay adjoining the side streets to Lippincott needed more work. He recommended DPW revisit the sites and give him a report.

Mr. Major said roadwork has been completed on Lippincott. A procedure called feathering was used on this project which is acceptable. Money could be allocated for the installation of curbs and gutters at the intersections, which would eliminate the feathering and limestone shoulders.

Mrs. Zelenko asked how many sewer units would be left after the sale of 300 units.

Mr. Major indicated that Burton currently has 739 units. After the sale of 300 units, we would have 439 units.

Mr. Cross asked what line item would be credited with the sale of sewer units.

Mr. Major said the money would be added to the sewer operating fund or the sewer debt fund.

Mr. Becker agreed that the money from the sale would be used for the bond sewer debt. It should not substantially affect the budget.

Mr. Hammon commented on the previous sale of sewer units.

Discussion continued in reference to the sale of sewer units.

In regards to Item #2, Mr. Hamilton made a correction to his billing. The payment should be changed to \$2500.50.

In reference to Item #4, Mr. Martinbianco asked about having a contract with Lowe's covering the installation and maintenance of a traffic signal light.

Mr. Major indicated there would be a contract agreement with Lowe's similar to other area businesses.

COUNCIL ACTION:

Cross moved and Zelenko seconded the following motion:

1. Approve and authorize the Attorney billing (Richard Austin) from October 27, 1999 to November 10, 1999, in the amount of \$1,739.50.

Motion carried 6-0.

Centilli moved and Walls seconded the following motion:

2. Approve and authorize the Attorney billing (Richard Hamilton) from October 15, 1999 to November 10, 1999 in the amount of \$2,500.50.

Motion carried 6-0.

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Zelenko moved and Cross seconded the following motion:

3. Approve and authorize the sale of 300 sanitary sewer units to Grand Blanc Township for the established price of \$183.31/unit in a lump sum payment of \$54,993.00 within 30 days of the execution of said contract by all parties.

Motion carried 6-0.

Centilli moved and Cross seconded the following motion:

4. Approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk authority to execute on behalf of the City of Burton and its City Council, a cost agreement for a Traffic Signal Control on Court Street at Lowe's/Home Depot entrance with the Genesee County Road Commission. (Note: City shall pay 100% of installation, maintenance, and operation with the City to invoice Lowe's 100% of invoiced installation charges and 50% of maintenance/operational charges as invoiced).

Motion carried 6-0.

Cross moved and Zelenko seconded the following motion:

5. Approve and authorize setting of a second public hearing for Zoning Case #247 on December 6, 1999 at 7:00 P.M.

Motion carried 6-0.

Walls moved and Zelenko seconded the following motion:

6. Approve and authorize the Mayor's re-appointment of Ludin Cills, 1254 Arrowhead Drive, Burton, MI, to the Salary Commission. Term to expire October 2005.

Motion carried 6-0.

Removed by the chair at the request of administration.

7. Approve and authorize the Mayor's appointment of _____ Burton, MI, to the Salary Commission. Term to expire October 2006. (Replacing Dave Chandanaais)

Council recessed at 8:15 P.M. and reconvened at 8:30 P.M.

Pastor Dale Pattee led the Invocation.

Senator John Cherry was Master of Ceremony. He made introductions and welcomed the guests.

The Swearing Ceremony for Mayor Charles Smiley, Councilman Brawner, Councilman Cross, Councilwoman Tinnin and Councilwoman Zelenko was held.

Council members introduced their families and gave a few remarks.

Mayor Smiley introduced his family and gave a brief acceptance speech.

Senator John Cherry gave closing remarks.

Pastor Melvin Santos led the Benediction.

President Ted Hammon announced that a motion was in order to nominate a President.

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Mr. Centilli nominated Mr. Hammon for President.

Mr. Martinbianco nominated Mrs. Zelenko for President. The motion passed 4-3 in favor of Mrs. Zelenko for President.

President Zelenko assumed the Chair. She announced that a motion was in order to nominate a Vice President.

Mr. Cross nominated Mr. Martinbianco for Vice President.

Mr. Hammon nominated Mr. Centilli for Vice President. The motion passed 4-3 in favor of Mr. Centilli for Vice President.

The Mayor reminded Council to contact Joyce Centilli if they planned to attend the meeting at Mott College on November 22, 1999 at 5:30 P.M.

Mr. Hammon thanked Mrs. Walls for sharing her wisdom, honesty, insight and love with him over the last fourteen years.

Mrs. Zelenko invited everyone to stay for refreshments.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Gayle Webster
Burton City Clerk

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