

CITY OF BURTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2003, 7:30 P.M., BURTON SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Pastor Dale Pattee of Beulah Land Christian Center gave the Invocation.

Vice President Danny Wells led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Vice President Danny Wells at 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bement, Centilli, Cross, Martinbianco, Tinnin and Wells.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brawner.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor C. Smiley; C. Abbey, City Administrator; R. LaDuke, DPW Director; Attorney R. Austin and G. Webster, City Clerk.

Cross moved and Bement seconded the following motion:

Approve and authorize the minutes of the following meeting: Regular Meeting of November 3, 2003 at 6:30 P.M.
Motion carried 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mayor Smiley said there was a possibility that our state shared revenues would be cut by \$200,000.00. He will keep Council updated on this issue. He thought the Council and Administration should meet in the next few weeks and decide how to deal with this loss of revenue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Louise Rose, 6487 Porter Rd., Grand Blanc, presented Mayor Smiley and Councilman Wells with a congressional recognition certificate on behalf of Senator Debbie Stabenaw honoring the 30th Anniversary of the City of Burton. She gave her congratulations and thanked everyone for having such a great city. Mrs. Rose invited the Mayor and Council to attend Old Country Buffet's 15th Anniversary Celebration that will be on November 24th from 5-8 p.m.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Martinbianco offered his gratitude and thanks to both Mrs. Tinnin and Mr. Brawner for their many years of dedicated service. He said they served the City well as they worked toward the betterment of Burton.

Mrs. Tinnin thanked Mr. Martinbianco for his kind remarks. She was privileged to be elected to the city council and serve the citizens of Burton. She said it has been both enjoyable and a challenge. She hoped that some day in the future she would be able to serve the residents again in Burton.

In reference to an entry on Mr. Austin's billing, Mr. Martinbianco asked for clarification on the adoption of a property maintenance code.

Attorney Austin said a letter was sent to a property owner that was not in compliance with the property maintenance code. There was no response from the property owner. Mr. Austin will provide Council with more information on this issue at a later date. There is no pending litigation on this matter.

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COUNCIL ACTION:

Bement moved and Cross seconded the following motion:

1. Approve and authorize the Attorney Billing (Richard Austin) from October 29, 2003 to November 12, 2003 in the amount of \$2,180.75.
Motion carried 6-0.

Cross moved and Bement seconded the following motion:

2. Approve and authorize the Attorney Billing (Richard Hamilton) from November 10, 2003 to November 12, 2003 in the amount of \$665.00.
Motion carried 6-0.

Bement moved and Cross seconded the following motion:

3. Approve and authorize the setting of a Second Public Hearing for Zoning Case #282 on Monday, December 1, 2003 at 7:00 P.M.
Motion carried 6-0.

Council recessed at 7:50 p.m.

The Swearing In Ceremony Commenced at 8:05 p.m.

The Swearing In Ceremony for Mayor Charles Smiley, Councilman Bement, Councilman Cross, Councilman Curtis and Councilman Isham was held. (Please see attached Swearing In Program for more details)

The Council reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bement, Centilli, Cross, Curtis, Isham, Martinbianco and Wells.

Mr. Wells welcomed the new council members and said that he looked forward to working with them in the future. He announced that a motion was in order to nominate a new council president.

Mr. Centilli moved and Mr. Isham seconded the motion to nominate Mr. Wells for council president.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Cross moved to close nominations and vote by acclamation to accept Mr. Wells as president.

The motion carried 7-0. Mr. Wells became council president.

Mr. Wells announced that a motion was in order to nominate a vice president.

Mr. Isham moved and Mr. Bement seconded the motion to nominate Mr. Centilli for vice president.

Nominations were closed.

The motion carried 7-0. Mr. Centilli became vice president of council.

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Mr. Wells indicated that he would be filling committee appointments within the next couple of weeks. He distributed a committee list to council members. He asked the members to select their top three priorities. He will contact them to determine their strengths, weaknesses and preferences regarding committee appointments. In addition, he will be setting up a seating arrangement by the next meeting. He hoped past attitudes would be left behind and that everyone would check political agendas and egos at the door and do what was right for the City of Burton.

The Mayor announced that Beulah Land Christian Center would hold its Thanksgiving service Wednesday, November 26th at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. The church is located across from Atherton High School just off of Genesee Rd.

The Mayor congratulated and welcomed the new president and vice president of council.

Toni Dill and Darcel Spence, seniors at Bendle High School, are part of a non-profit program called Project Close-Up. This is a government organization that teaches high school students about our government. This year the students have an opportunity to travel to Hawaii and continue their studies on government issues. The conference will focus on International Agents and Foreign Policies. They are asking for business people and organizations to make donations to help with trip expenses for this worthwhile cause. They need to raise \$2,215.00 by December 8th. They would appreciate any help Council might be able to offer.

Mr. Bement suggested the seniors contact the Kiwanis to see if they could help in any way. They might be able to sponsor a spaghetti dinner to help raise funds for the trip. He told the students to contact him in reference to this issue.

Mr. Cross acknowledged Miss Jackie Brown that the council sponsored for Miss Junior America Burton and Miss Tiffany Crim Burton's Memorial Princess. He said these two ladies travel a lot and participate in various pageants. They have represented Burton very well. On behalf of the Council, Mr. Cross thanked them for their participation in many City events.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:20 P.M.

Gayle Webster, CMC
City Clerk

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