

CITY OF BURTON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 16, 2012, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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The Special Council Meeting was called to order by President Tom Martinbianco at 6:10 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wells, Martinbianco, Ellenburg, O’Keefe and Smith.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Haskins and Heffner.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor P. Zelenko, L. Moss, Deputy DPW Director, D. Marshke, Water and Sewer Foreman and M. Snow, Clerk’s Office.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Water Capital Improvement Plan Presentation

PRESENTATION:

Dima El-Gamal of Stantec gave a power point presentation on a Capital Improvement plan for 2012-2017.

Chris Elenbaas of Stantec said the “Tower District” in the south end is much older than the rest of the system and the water mains are in very poor condition. Since 2001 over 21 main breaks have occurred. There are 19 separate projects of which 2 are urgent. He said the total identified need through 2017 is about \$17,170,000, which equals \$2.8 million dollars per year.

Ms. El-Gamal went over payment options and savings, which include Bond Sales, a Special Assessment District, a Low Interest Loan by MDEQ and the Drinking Water Revolving Fund at 2.5% over 20 years. She said the planning, design and engineering construction is covered under the loan and that a need for this must currently exist. She said the City would get points for each eligible component but we just have to justify the need.

Dave Marshke showed the Board corroded piping and said the water is unable to move through the pipes when they are in this condition.

Ms. El-Gamal said new pipes would have a cost increase to the residents but pipes 8 inches or under are not recommended. She explained there would be multiple phases allowing up to 5 years for completion but there is no guarantee funding will be available.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Jim Craig, 6295 Hidden Trails, asked that this information be available on the City website.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Marshke said when the power was out from the recent storm the tower filled to capacity and caused 3 main breaks in the south end.

Mr. Smith asked if the percentage rate could be locked in.

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Ms. El-Gamal said the rate is locked in for the project and interest is not paid until it is complete.

Mr. Marshke said the rest of the City pipes are 30-50 years old and are not far behind for repairs.

Mr. Martinbianco asked if other types of piping were considered.

Mr. Elenbaas said there has been a 40% savings on pvc piping but the problem is Detroit is controlling where this is used.

Mayor Zelenko said the City's first step is to have a meeting with Jeff Wright of the Drain Commission.

Ms. Moss said Swartz Creek switched to pvc pipes and love it so we would not be the first community to do this.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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