

CITY OF BURTON
COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
MAY 19, 2010, 6:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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The Council Workshop is called to order by President Steve Heffner at 6:40 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ellenburg and Zelenko.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor C. Smiley, J. Benthall Police Chief, K. Gould Deputy Fire Chief, K. Foster Controller, and J. Anderson, Clerk Typist.

**PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: COUNCIL WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED
2010-2011 CITY OF BURTON BUDGETS, AS
FOLLOWS:**

1. Final Budget Amendments

PRESENTATION: None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Heffner makes an announcement to the press that we have received an e-mail from Congressman Kildee's Office from Federal Railroad Association that July 19th is the tentative date to start repairs of the tracks on Genesee Rd.

Mr. Martinbianco asked Mrs. Foster if there were any amendments presented to her. Mrs. Foster replied no.

Mr. Martinbianco said there will be some changes to the document but not until we receive final tax values from the County. He asked Mayor Smiley what department restructures he has.

Mayor Smiley replied that eleven employees are retiring, and we are going to hire two people to do four positions in the DPW. The police department has made concessions and there will be no layoffs. AFSCME is still trying to come to an agreement. He will be evaluating the jobs to better prepare for next year.

Mr. Martinbianco asked if the building inspector would also be the code enforcer. Mayor Smiley replied that is correct.

Mr. Heffner requested a copy of the agreement between the police officers and the City regarding concessions.

Mr. Martinbianco spoke about passing the cost of street lighting on to the residents.

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Mr. Wells stated he does not want to impose on the residents but he is for street lighting. We should collect figures and have a meeting on the energy costs. Mr. Wells expressed further, purchasing new cutters for the Fire Department.

Mr. Gould stated cutters for all three stations would cost \$19,485.

Mr. Martinbianco suggested transferring excess rubbish monies to capitol improvement to make the purchase.

Mrs. Foster said we could add that amendment to the next meeting once we know the exact cost for cutters.

Mr. Heffner asked Chief Benthall for information on the K-9 fund.

Chief Benthall stated that the K-9 fund is all donations.

Mr. Haskins said he would like to find a way to save the liaison officer.

Chief Benthall stated it is one of the cuts that needs to be made to maintain police service in the City, and that the schools understand we do not have the revenues for that position. The officers will be able to respond at any time if needed.

Mr. Heffner thanked everyone for coming and Karen Foster for a fabulous job.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

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