

CITY OF BURTON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 24, 2011, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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The Special Meeting is called to order by Council President Steve Heffner at 6:05 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Atty. M. Joliat, G. Kray, DPW Director and J. Adams, City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: The appointment of a Councilperson to fill vacancy.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Heffner explained procedures for the Council Candidates. Each Council applicant has a number designated to him or her on the candidate list. He has a bowl with all the numbers in it of each candidate. The candidates will be sequestered in the community room and as their number is called, that person will come to the podium to be interviewed. After the interview process is completed, we will have discussion and then start the voting. The vote will start with me and I will state a name and it will move around to each Councilperson. Whatever name is said, moves on to the second round. If your name is not said, then you are not in the next round, and so on, till we go to somebody who has 4 votes. Mr. Heffner asked Mr. Joliat to confirm the procedure.

Mr. Joliat said that is correct and what the ordinance, Charter and Roberts Rules of Order provides for.

Mr. Martinbianco wanted clarification as to the term expiring.

Mr. Heffner said it would expire in November. The person that gets the appointment tonight will have to run this year in November to finish the rest of the 2 year term.

Council Candidates were sequestered in the community room and called as their number was chosen. Candidates were interviewed in the following order: Donald Smiley, Stephanie Winford, Robert Walls, John Stapish, Laurie Tinnin, Timothy Rapacz.

Mr. Heffner called for a recess at 7:30 p.m.

The Meeting resumed at 7:50 p.m.

Council interviews continued: Robert Long, Linda Spurlock, Bob Centilli, Dennis O'Keefe, Warren Nimcheski, Rick Fuhst, Jim Craig, Jeff Swanson. The interview process was completed.

Mr. Heffner called for a short recess at 9:50 p.m.

Meeting resumed approximately 10:00 pm.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

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COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Ellenburg expressed gratitude to all the candidates that came forward and stated those who don't get the appointment tonight, to stay involved.

Mr. Heffner stated it is a tough decision tonight with so many qualified candidates. He asked that those who do not get appointed to not take it personal. Everyone had a good interview.

After 2 rounds of voting, Dennis O'Keefe obtained 4 affirmative votes and is nominated to the Burton City Council.

Mr. Heffner announced Mr. O'Keefe would be sworn in at 10:30 p.m.

COUNCIL ACTION:

Ellenburg moved and Martinbianco seconded the following motion:

1. Approve and authorize the Council appointment of Dennis O'Keefe to the Burton City Council.

Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Mr. O'Keefe was sworn in by City Clerk Julie Adams at 10:30 p.m.

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