

CITY OF BURTON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2008, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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The Special Meeting is called to order by Council President Tom Martinbianco at 6:10 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Haskins, Ellenburg, Tinnin, Martinbianco and Heffner.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Conley.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor C. Smiley, K. Foster, Controller and J. Adams, Deputy City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Public Hearing for the Proposed 2008-2009 City of Burton Budget.

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Smiley stated Mrs. Foster worked hard in putting the budget together. It is a balanced budget.

Mr. Martinbianco stated we still have some issues to go through in this current fiscal year and we are attempting to work those out. Mr. Martinbianco inquired if they foresee any changes relative to the general operations of the City.

Mrs. Foster stated in reference to property taxes there is an additional \$27,000 for the fiscal year 2008-2009. They went up only 3 quarters of 1%. She will have final numbers before we do the final amendments.

Mr. Martinbianco stated at MML they discussed State Shared Revenues. He asked what are the expectations.

Mrs. Foster said the increase is 4% on the statutory portion of revenue sharing which will give us an extra \$23,000 in total. She included that in this budget and if it doesn't pass, she will have to do an amendment to remove that.

Mayor Smiley said they put that amount in his budget for a new vehicle. His car is a 2000 and it is time to replace it. If the revenue sharing comes through and Council allows it, they will have a new car purchased.

Mayor Smiley indicated further it is pretty much a neutral revenue, less than \$50,000 in a 7 million dollar budget is not a lot of extra money.

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Mr. Martinbianco said in reference to the budget and what has been talked about, there are some that think there is going to be a tax increase based on what we want to do with capital improvements. There needs to be discussion as to how we are going to obligate ourselves in doing certain things and accomplishing those objections city-wide whether they are mandatory or not mandatory.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Art Jankowski, 4108 Leith St., spoke regarding concerns of the 11.5 million dollar bond.

Mr. Martinbianco expressed that Mr. Holzer made it a part of the capital improvement budget to include between community development and capital improvements to make almost \$900,000 available which would be outside the scope of the 11.5 million budget to take care of the Fern St. watermain. Mr. Martinbianco addressed further the DEQ requirements and stated on November 26, 2007, a meeting was held concerning certain components that are part of this bond issue. Some of which are replacing Fire Station #2, ADA compliance of all fire stations, the Fenton and Vassar Rd. waterlines and waterlines to Atherton Schools. A re-purchase agreement at 3 to 4 ½% and we could make more than 6%, we should borrow the money.

Rick Fuhst, 1208 S. Genesee, inquired concerning upcoming union negotiations.

Mr. Martinbianco stated the current budget as presented by the Mayor included fringe benefit increases but did not include any wage increases. Given the state of the economy that will be under a state of flux right now depending on how the outcome of negotiations go

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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