

CITY OF BURTON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 7, 2007, 6:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Council President Gary Isham called the Special Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: LaDuke, Major, Isham, Cross, Tinnin, Conley and Wells.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor C. Smiley, K. Foster, Controller, G. Kray, DPW Director, J. Adams, Deputy City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: **PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 2007-2008 CITY OF BURTON BUDGET.**

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Smiley indicated there is no presentation at this time. The meeting is for public input.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Jane Nimcheski, 2429 N. Genesee Rd., commented concerning the paving of streets. She requests that if dirt streets are not going to be paved, they receive the 3 applications of chloride because their street is so dusty.

Jean Neitzke, 2481 Cherylann, said she is representing the Friends of Burton Memorial Library. They are hoping for an addition to the library. She asks that there be a line item in the budget. If there is any money you don't use, please continue it and carry it over.

Warren Nimcheski, 2429 N. Genesee Rd., expressed the need for a new Fire Station #2 and Fire Station #3. The City owns the property on Davison Rd. between Surles and Swadling and he suggests if that is the site for a future station, the City buy the 50 ft. right-of-way that runs between Genesee Rd. and Ives so there will be an entrance into the back of the station.

Pauline Dargel, 6119 Hugh St., stated she spoke at the October Community Development Needs Hearing and addressed the citation as to what HUD provides for removal of architectural barriers. It does not have to be limited to a certain area of town. She anticipates it will be taken care of with Community Development dollars, the Agreement with the Department of Justice, which is up this coming fiscal year for voluntary compliance.

Mrs. Dargel stated further that sidewalks are shown in the budget for \$80,000. The sidewalk ramps are a necessary part of this agreement. She would like to see Council review the fees that are charged for the Community Room, Senior Center, general meeting room at the Police/Fire Building and the pavilion. The City Policy and Rules dated April 2002 need to be looked at as well.

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John Stapish, PO Box 190134, questioned a line item for autowash of \$50.00 in the Assessor's budget, contract services, updating the City's website, Sr. Citizen aide and nepotism.

Bud LeGrande, 2105 E. Buder, said he feels the City is doing a good job taking care of the trash and junk around here. There are a lot of houses for sale and the City is going to have to tighten things up. Mr. LeGrande spoke further on the loss of thousands of jobs from GM, and the State considering an 8 ½ % tax.

Morris Abbott, 2489 N. Eugene St., stated he is with Friends of the Burton Memorial Library. They are donating monies into an account held by the City for the expansion of the library. We would like Council to consider matching funds. The important issue is parking and their book sales are suffering because of lack of parking. People come and can't get in. We have the ground there to just about double the parking lot area, and all that has to be done is the sod taken up and gravel put down.

Richard Richardson, 2226 Ridgemoor Ct., stated he is a retired GM Employee. He is very concerned of his livelihood as well as many other retirees. He asks that Council consider the taxpayers when looking at this budget.

Art Jankowski, 4108 Leith St., addressed concerns with raising water bills and the Mayor and Council's pensions.

In closing, Mr. Isham said he met with the Mayor and shared some budget concerns. We have pledged to act and work as professionals to represent the constituents of this city. This body will show the respect to the administrative body and the Mayor for the office he holds, and in return I would hope that we get the same.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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