



CITY OF BURTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2026

MINUTES

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

7:00 PM

**4303 S. Center Road
Burton, MI 48519**

A. Call To Order

The Council President called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

B. Invocation

LED BY: Councilman Kris Johns

A moment of silence was recognized for the loss of Heather Burnash.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

LED BY: Councilman Kris Johns

D. Roll Call

Present: Council President Gregory Fenner, Council Member Candice Miller, Council Member Steven Heffner, Council Member Ellen Ellenburg, Council Member Kris Johns, Council Member Tina Conley

Absent: Council Vice President, Gary Wines (Excused)

President Fenner welcomed everyone to the first council meeting of 2026. I hope you all had a Happy New Year.

E. Approval of Agenda

1. Approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Council Member Heffner, second by Council Member Miller, to Approve.

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Steven Heffner, Ellen Ellenburg, Kris Johns, Tina Conley

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

F. Staff Present

Racheal Boggs, City Clerk

Charles Abbey, DPW Director

Ted Valley, HR Director

Brian Ross, Police Chief

Amanda Odette, City Attorney

G. Approval of Minutes

1. City Council Audit Presentation Meeting Monday, December 15, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

Motion by Council Member Heffner, second by Council Member Conley, to Approve.

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Steven Heffner, Ellen Ellenburg, Kris Johns, Tina Conley

Voting No: None

Motion 6 - 0.

2. City Council Regular Meeting Monday, December 15, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

Motion by Council Member Heffner, second by Council Member Conley, to Approve.

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Steven Heffner, Ellen Ellenburg, Kris Johns, Tina Conley

Voting No: None

Motion 6 - 0.

H. Administrative Reports

Mr. Abbey gave the following report:

Mayor is unavailable tonight. Mr. Valley and I, along with Chief Ross, are here if you have any questions tonight.

I. Committee Reports

None.

J. Audience Participation

Now is the time set-aside for members of the audience to address the Burton City Council. I would ask each individual to give their name and address for the record and to limit their comments to three (3) minutes and to speak on the topics germane to City business.

Ashley Prew of 619 Heritage Circle in Fenton stated she is a candidate for Genesee County Court Probate Judge and gave an overview of her experience and the role of a probate judge.

Sadonna Meyers of 1495 Alberta Ave in Burton spoke about the Pie Day event and book sale on March 14th at the Burton Memorial Library.

Patrick Dargel of 6119 Hugh Street spoke about the Planning Commission Meeting and the city master plan.

K. Council Discussion

Mr. Heffner asked about item #3 on the agenda. There is not a lot of backup material.

Mr. Abbey stated there is not a lot of information yet. Over the holidays, we had a major issue. Our transmission lines shorted out and blew everything. Consumers and Goyette were onsite. We had to order new lines from Indiana. The bills have started to come in, and this is the first one that we have not budgeted for. We may get reimbursement on some of this. At some point, we may need a transfer from general fund.

Mrs. Conley thanked the DPW for working so hard to keep the potholes filled.

Mr. Abbey stated that the snow and cold weather have played havoc on our roads.

L. Council Action

1. Approve and Authorize the payment of Attorney Billing (Odette) 12/11/25 to 12/30/25 in the amount of \$3,318.00.

Motion by Council Member Conley, second by Council Member Miller, to Approve.

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Steven Heffner, Ellen Ellenburg, Kris Johns, Tina Conley

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

2. Approve and Authorize the payment of Attorney Billing (Miller Johnson) 10/1/25 to 10/31/25 in the amount of \$2,865.00.

Motion by Council Member Miller, second by Council Member Heffner, to Approve.

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Steven Heffner, Ellen Ellenburg, Kris Johns, Tina Conley

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

3. Approve and authorize a budget amendment across multiple Department of Public Works departments to cover the expense of an overnight emergency electrical line repair that occurred on 11/20/2025 in the amount of \$80,896.24 as follows:

GL Number	Increase
202-482-960.000	\$ 5,536.57
203-482-960.000	\$ 3,693.72
249-371-960.000	\$ 9,021.96
590-535-960.000	\$ 13,204.44
591-536-960.000	\$ 12,948.04
661-443-960.000	\$ 35,719.28
661-443-709.000	\$ 772.24

Motion by Council Member Heffner, second by Council Member Conley, to Approve.

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Steven Heffner, Ellen Ellenburg, Kris Johns, Tina Conley

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

M. Meeting Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2026 @ 7:00 PM.

Agendas and minutes may be found at www.burtonmi.gov.

Mr. Heffner stated that tomorrow is Police Officer Appreciation Day. I want to send my appreciation to our Police Department and all the departments across the state and country.

President Fenner adjourned the meeting at 7:17 PM.

[MIN_SIGNATURES]