



CITY OF BURTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 20, 2026

MINUTES

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

7:00 PM

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

A. Call To Order

President Fenner called the meeting to order at 7pm.

B. Invocation

LED BY: Councilwoman Ellen Ellenburg

Mrs. Ellenburg introduced Sadonna Meyers to give the invocation and recognized a moment of silence for Gary Ashley's passing.

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

LED BY: Councilwoman Ellen Ellenburg

D. Roll Call

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

Absent: None.

E. Approval of Agenda

1. Approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Council Member Ellenburg, second by Council Member Heffner, to Amend the agenda by adding the approval of Gary Wines resignation letter.

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

Voting No: Kris Johns

Motion Passed 5 - 1.

F. Staff Present

Duane Haskins, Mayor

Joy Roe, Deputy Clerk

Charles Abbey, DPW Director

Ted Valley, HR Director

Brian Ross, Police Chief

Kirk Wilkinson, Fire Chief

Amanda Odette, City Attorney

G. Approval of Minutes

1. City Council Regular Meeting April 6, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Motion by Council Member Miller, 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.

H. Administrative Reports

Mayor Haskins stated our condolences to the Ashley family, as Council lady Ellenburg said. Mr. Ashley has been a pillar in our community for many years with his businesses and raising his family here. The Mayor's Day of Service is May 2 starting at 9am. It is a great time to pick up trash. We are meeting here at Burton City Hall. Hopefully, the weather will decide if it is going to be winter, spring, or maybe even summer by then. A quick update on the road projects. The asphalt plants haven't opened yet this year. They are hoping to open next week. This is the latest they have been closed in a number of years, if not in history. With that, our projects are being put off until they open. We don't have start dates yet until they do.

1. Investment Report April 2026

I. Committee Reports

Mrs. Miller stated the Friends of the Library are going to have a book sale this Saturday from 10 am until 4 pm.

Mr. Johns gave the Metropolitan Alliance committee update and stated the county has new road counting devices that can be checked out by municipalities. That will help with future road projects. He also said to check out www.geneseetrails.org and look at all the work being done for the Iron Belle Trail.

Mr. Johns stated that Parks and Recreation is trying to get more resident input to help the city with multi-generational programming. Also, the BYL is taking off, and things will be underway soon.

Mr. Fenner reminded everyone about the budget dates coming up in May.

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.

Jean Lewis of 5498 Brookwood spoke about the resident that keeps escaping from the facility at the end of the street, employees leaving before their shift is over, the cars that speed incredibly fast down the road, and how they have called 911 many times to come out.

David Lewis of 5498 Brookwood spoke about the extremely fast speeds of the cars going down the street, with one being the Flatrock maintenance truck. Things are getting out of hand and someone is going to get hurt. This woman escapes from the facility and gets out into traffic. She is either going to hurt herself or get hurt by someone else. Something has to be done.

K. Council Discussion

Discussion ensued about the Brookwood and Flatrock facilities, what we do, reaching out to

the state, and the changes in laws that have affected us.

Mrs. Ellenburg talked about GHS and if the resident is part of that program, how they can look into things a little differently.

Mr. Heffner spoke about the Youth Advisory Board he learned about and how it would be great to start one here in Burton.

Discussion about a Youth Advisory Board, getting the student representatives from our schools, how they would be chosen, and what experiences they could get out of being involved in a program like this.

The mayor gave an update about I&I and flow meters and stated they have reduced our usage by more than half.

Discussion about fiberoptics lines and Consumers Energy.

L. Council Action

1. Approve and Authorize the payment of Attorney Billing (Odette) 4/1/26 to 4/15/26, invoice #1080 & 1081 in the amount of \$3,549.00.

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) 3/1/26 to 3/31/26. invoice # 2064951 in the amount of \$850.40.

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 the request for Residential Sanitary Sewer & Water Installer's License for Steve's Plumbing and Excavating, LLC. 1212 N. Genesee Rd, Burton, MI 48509.

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.

4. Approve and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with Green Stripes Outdoor, LLC for 2026 High Weed Mowing in the amount of \$85.00 per minimum lot size (50x100) and .009 per square foot over the minimum lot size.

Mrs. Ellenburg asked what was the cost of a lot prior to this, and is this regular home owners that have let their grass get above the 10 inch requirement?

Mr. Abbey stated that is correct. This year we did well with the bidding because we had five bidders. We have had many problems with this because it is hard on equipment, there is usually junk or debris in the yard, they have to prove the lawn is more than ten inches by using a cone and taking pictures. There is a lot that goes into mowing one of these lawns and this is undesirable work. We use a standard size lot of 50' x 100' and then use a calculation to figure out the best bidder.

Motion by Council Member Heffner, second by Council Member Ellenburg, to Approve.
Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Steven Heffner, Ellen Ellenburg, Kris Johns, Tina Conley

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

5. Accept the resignation letter from Councilman Gary Wines effective immediately

Motion by Council Member Heffner, second by Council Member Conley, to Approve to accept the resignation letter from Councilman Gary Wines.

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 May 4, 2026 @ 7:00 PM.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

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