



# CITY OF BURTON

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 2, 2026

### MINUTES

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**Council Chambers**

**Regular Meeting**

**7:00 PM**

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

#### **A. Call To Order**

President Fenner called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

#### **B. Invocation**

LED BY: President Greg Fenner

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

LED BY: President Greg Fenner

#### **D. Roll Call**

Present: Council President Gregory Fenner, Council Member Steven Heffner, Council Vice-President Gary Wines, Council Member Ellen Ellenburg, Council Member Tina Conley  
Absent: Council Member Kris Johns-Excused, Council Member Candice Miller-Excused

#### **E. Approval of Agenda**

1. Approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Council Vice-President Wines, second by Council Member Conley, to Approve.  
Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Steven Heffner, Gary Wines, Ellen Ellenburg, Tina Conley

Voting No: None

**Motion Passed 5 - 0.**

#### **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 February 19, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Motion by Council Vice-President Wines, second by Council Member Ellenburg, to Approve.

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Steven Heffner, Gary Wines, Ellen Ellenburg, Tina Conley

Voting No: None

**Motion Passed 5 - 0.**

## **H. Administrative Reports**

Mayor Haskins stated the Hot Fudge Run was a great success. Great job to Kiwanis and Mr. Craig for all that you do for the Burton Race Series. The Parks and Recreation will be having the Easter Egg Hunt on March 28 from noon until 2pm here at City Hall. Once again, condolences to our City Clerk as they had to say their final goodbyes this evening to a loved one. This winter, we have had a deep freeze and the frost loss took effect February 18 at 6am. What that means is our roads took a pounding and the nice black top could develop some issues and start popping. Just to reassure everyone, our road crew has been out and is working very hard at filling the holes. They will continue to do their best to prevent any damage to vehicles as well. As it was announced, the former Parks and Recreation Director had stepped down from that position for a number of reasons. I am proud to announce that Joy Roe is the new Parks and Recreation Director and I have made a co-Director position and that will be filled by Jacki Malin.

## **I. Committee Reports**

Mr. Wines stated I haven't heard of any conflicts with the dates for the budget meetings, so those dates are good to go.

Mrs. Ellenberg stated the Legislative Committee had scheduled a meeting for March 16th at 5pm. If the administration can be in attendance to see if there is anything that needs to be brought up, it would be appreciated. It has been awhile since we have had meetings on a regular basis and I know our bylaws and the ordinances are probably outdated.

Discussion about the ordinances.

## **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.

Sadonna Meyers of 1495 Alberta Avenue in Burton spoke about the Burton Memorial Library. March 14th is pie day, and we will be having a book sale and pie for everyone to enjoy.

Brandon Johnson of 3475 Williamson Road in Saginaw stated he is a State Senate candidate in District 26 and spoke about running.

Melinda Benn of 6177 E. Bristol Road spoke against mosquito spraying in the city and gave examples of the possible harmful reactions that could occur. She also provided recommendations for individual residents to control mosquitoes in a nontoxic way.

David Martin of 805 S. State Rd. #122 in Davison our State Representative for the 68th District spoke about Dort Hwy, the speed limit, and rerouting the traffic from I-475 onto that road.

## **K. Council Discussion**

Mrs. Conley asked the administration to give a few more details about the Police and Fire Memorial.

Mayor Haskins stated the hill between the Police Department and the Fireman's Memorial.

Mr. Heffner asked what the extra amount of money is needed for.

Chief Wilkinson explained the need for the extra \$78,550.00 to complete the project.

Mayor Haskins explained a couple of other changes to the project as well.

Mrs. Conley asked about the orange cones located on Center Road.

Mr. Abbey stated we are under design for watermain improvements which you will all get in the future. It could be for that.

Mr. Wines stated we haven't talked about the mosquitoes and we should start early spring. I don't think it is budgeted, so is that going to happen this year?

Mr. Abbey stated that is up to the council. We did this last year for the first year. I will reach out to the gentleman that did it last year and we can bring them in before the council.

Discussion ensued about the next steps with the mosquitoes.

#### **L. Council Action**

1. Approve and Authorize the payment of Attorney Billing (Odette) 2/12/26 to 2/25/26 in the amount of \$3,267.00.

Motion by Council Vice-President Wines, second by Council Member Conley, to Approve.  
Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Steven Heffner, Gary Wines, Ellen Ellenburg, Tina Conley  
Voting No: None

**Motion Passed 5 - 0.**

2. Approve and Authorize the payment of Attorney Billing (Miller Johnson) 1/1/26 to 1/31/26 invoice 2049889 in the amount of \$5,945.60.

Motion by Council Vice-President Wines, second by Council Member Conley, to Approve.  
Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Steven Heffner, Gary Wines, Ellen Ellenburg, Tina Conley  
Voting No: None

**Motion Passed 5 - 0.**

3. Approve and authorize the mayor's appointment of Charles Sheaffer, 4404 Maplewood Meadows, Burton, MI., 48439 to the City of Burton Planning Commission, term to expire March 2029.

Motion by Council Member Conley, second by Council Vice-President Wines, to Approve.  
Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Steven Heffner, Gary Wines, Ellen Ellenburg, Tina Conley  
Voting No: None

**Motion 5 - 0.**

4. Approve and authorize Resolution 2026-04 of Intent to Sell the City-Owned Properties.

Mr. Heffner asked if the Parks and Recreation has gotten the list of the properties to go over to see if there were any that could be used before we sell them. He stated I don't think that has been followed in the past, so I just want to make sure in the future we are following that.

Discussion ensued about the properties and how things are handled.

Motion by Council Vice-President Wines, second by Council Member Ellenburg, to Approve.

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Steven Heffner, Gary Wines, Ellen Ellenburg, Tina Conley

Voting No: None

**Motion Passed 5 - 0.**

5. Approve and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a contract with LA Construction, 3453 N Linden Rd. STE 1, Flint, MI 48504 for the Burton Police and Fire Memorial in the amount of \$239,350.00.

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

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Steven Heffner, Gary Wines, Ellen Ellenburg, Tina Conley

Voting No: None

**Motion Passed 5 - 0.**

6. Approve and authorize the following budget amendments within the Police/Fire Sculpture Fund and General Fund: Increase 272-000-732.005 Police/ Fire Sculpture Expenditures \$113,550. Increase 272-000-669.101 Contributions from Other Funds \$78,550. Increase 101-999-995.272 Transfer Out to Police/Fire Sculpture Fund \$78,550.00.

Motion by Council Member Heffner, second by Council Vice-President Wines, to Approve.

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Steven Heffner, Gary Wines, Ellen Ellenburg, Tina Conley

Voting No: None

**Motion Passed 5 - 0.**

#### **M. Meeting Adjournment**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, March 16, 2026 @ 7:00 PM.

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President Fenner adjourned the meeting at 7:33pm.

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