



CITY OF BURTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 18, 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 7:00 PM.

B. Invocation

Led by: President Fenner

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

Led by: President Fenner

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 John Wright

Absent: Tina Conley, Excused

E. Approval of Agenda

Motion to add to the agenda, item # 5: Motion to cancel the contract with ERC and instruct the administration to take the steps necessary to effectuate the same.

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

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Steven Heffner, Ellen Ellenburg, Kris Johns, John Wright

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

1. Approve the agenda as amended.

Motion by Council Member Heffner, second by City Council Member Wright, to Approve with the addition of agenda item # 5.

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Steven Heffner, Ellen Ellenburg, Kris Johns, John Wright

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

F. Staff Present

Duane Haskins, Mayor

Racheal Boggs, City Clerk

Charles Abbey, DPW Director

Kirk Wilkinson, Fire Chief
Amanda Odette, City Attorney

G. Approval of Minutes

1. City Council Special Meeting, April 29, 2026, at 6:00 PM.
City Council Public Hearing, May 4, 2026, at 6:00 PM
City Council Budget Hearing, May 4, 2026, at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Council Member Miller, second by Council Member Ellenburg, to Approve.
Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Steven Heffner, Ellen Ellenburg, Kris Johns, John Wright
Voting No: None

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

H. Administrative Reports

Mayor Haskins reported the following:

The staff has been busy with road projects and the Memorial Day celebration coming up. Happy Memorial Day to everyone. We hope you will come out and enjoy the following festivities:

Memorial Day Race 8:30 AM
Cornhole 12:00 PM
Parade 1:00 PM
Kid Zone 2:00 PM
Car Show, flyover, and memorial service 3:00 PM
Live Music 5:00 PM
Fireworks at dusk

I. Committee Reports

Mrs. Miller stated the library had another great sale on Saturday. We are planting flowers this Saturday that were donated by Beautify Burton. Anyone who would like to help is welcome.

Mrs. Ellenburg stated the 911 Consortium met last Tuesday. I get to sit in the Council President's position on the Executive Board. The consortium has agreed to go to BS&A and pay for the upgrade that will be required in five years for cloud services. We should think about earmarking some money for this during our budget discussions.

Mr. Johns stated Parks & Recreation met last week. We had wonderful direction with the new Chairperson and new Parks Directors. Historically, we have been focused on events geared toward our youth. We are now making active efforts to have a full age spectrum of event options. We are taking feedback from the community through surveys. We now have a full board representing all areas of Burton, and positive things are coming out of this department.

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.

Dr. Kristy Spann of 6143 Greenview Court in Burton spoke about the Burton Rock and Blues Fest that will take place this Saturday. The Chamber has worked very hard on this event for the third year in a row. There will be several rock and blues bands, and it should be a fun time.

Dr. Melinda Benn of 6177 E. Bristol Road in Burton stated it is EMS Week. In August, there will be a millage renewal for the Sheriff/Paramedic division. She spoke in support of the millage renewal.

Jim Craig of 6295 Hidden Trails in Burton stated one of the goals of the Parks & Recreation Department is to promote health and wellness in the community. He spoke about the Burton Walking Club that will meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. June 3rd will be the first meeting at Formar.

K. Council Discussion

None.

L. Council Action

1. Approve and Authorize the payment of Attorney Billing (Odette) 4/30/26 to 5/13/26, invoice 1090 & 1091, in the amount of \$3,745.00.

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

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Steven Heffner, Ellen Ellenburg, Kris Johns, John Wright

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

2. Approve and Authorize the payment of Attorney Billing (Miller Johnson) 4/1/26 to 4/30/26, invoice 2069523, in the amount of \$4,565.40.

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

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Steven Heffner, Ellen Ellenburg, Kris Johns, John Wright

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

3. Approve and authorize the request for Residential Sanitary Sewer & Water Installer's License for Gazda's Grading & Excavating, 9440 Apple CT. Fenton MI, 48430.

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

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Steven Heffner, Ellen Ellenburg, Kris Johns, John Wright

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

4. Approve and authorize Consumers Energy Company to make changes in the lighting service as provided in the Standard Lighting Contract between the Company and the City of Burton, dated 3/9/2016, in accordance with the Authorization for Change in Standard Lighting Contract to install 1 streetlight at the corner of Pear Tree and Belsay Road at a cost estimate of \$230.00.

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

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

John Wright

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

5. Motion to cancel the contract with ERC and instruct the administration to take the steps necessary to effectuate the same.

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

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Steven Heffner, Ellen Ellenburg, Kris Johns, John Wright

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

Mr. Fenner announced that the Burton Kiwanis had donated four pitching machines to the Burton Youth League. Thank you to the members of the Kiwanis who were instrumental in doing this.

Mr. Heffner asked about the time for the Burton Rock and Blues Fest.

Mrs. Ellenburg responded that the event would be at the Burton Eagles from 1:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

M. Meeting Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on June 1, 2026 @ 7:00 PM.

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President Fenner adjourned the meeting at 7:17 PM.

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