



CITY OF BURTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 1, 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: Council President Greg Fenner

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

LED BY: Council President Greg 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 Tina Conley, Council Member John Wright

Absent: None

E. Approval of Agenda

1. Approve the agenda as presented.

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

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 7 - 0.

F. Staff Present

Racheal Boggs, City 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 May 4, 2026, at 7:00 PM
City Council Budget Workshop May 5, 2026, at 6:00 PM
City Council Budget Workshop May 6, 2026, at 6:00 PM

Mr. Miller stated I spoke to the clerk, and she will add the roll call for the May 4th meeting.

Motion by Council Member Miller, second by Council Member Ellenburg, to Approve as Amended.

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 7 - 0.

H. Administrative Reports

Mr. Abbey stated that the mayor cannot be here tonight. Belsay Road will be closed at the Railroad crossing for two weeks. There will be public service announcements, and dates will be on our website. The first phase of road projects is underway. We are getting things done fast. Toward the end of the season, if there is money left, we would like to get the contractor to do a couple more areas.

I. Committee Reports

Mrs. Ellenburg stated that the legislative meeting scheduled for June 15th will be canceled as we have no items that need to be discussed. I met with MSU Extension today with Mayor Haskins. We have a special meeting set up on July 20th at 6:00 PM to discuss bringing a Youth Advisory to Burton.

Mr. Heffner stated this will be a good resource for our Youth Advisory. The MML will have all the information we need and there is no cost to us.

Mr. Fenner asked if MML would give a presentation as well.

Mr. Heffner said we can probably get them to do it.

Mr. Fenner stated our Retail Fraud Task Force is doing very well. The word is out that Burton is not the place to come and commit retail fraud. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work.

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.

Patrick Dargel of 6119 Hugh Street spoke about the train stopped at the Canadian National Railroad crossing on Genesee Road.

Mike Wilson of 2273 Dudley Street spoke about motorcycles parked on sidewalks on Judd and Bristol Roads, Hedges at Fern and Bristol, which creates a blind corner for traffic, and dogs running loose. He also expressed concerns about mini bikes and side by sides speeding down Fern Avenue.

Jim Craig of 6295 Hidden Trails invited everyone to join the Burton Walking Club this Wednesday, June 3rd at Formar at 7:00 PM. We will rotate through different areas of the city on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

Dr. Melinda Benn of 6177 E. Bristol Road spoke in favor of the paramedic millage renewal and her disappointment in the council's response to her comments at the last meeting.

Rebecca Martin of 2039 E. Williamson thanked Mr. Johns for providing flowers and spoke

about the condition of the old Bourbon Street building on Saginaw Street.

K. Council Discussion

Mr. Heffner asked, what terms did we give Bourbon Street?

Mr. Abbey stated we gave him some time. I can't recall what it was, but he planned to put a laundromat in there and was supposed to submit a site plan. They have done nothing except use it as a storage unit. We talk about this place every day at the DPW. We need to start the demo proceedings over again.

Mrs. Ellenburg asked if the taxes were paid.

Mr. Abbey stated they were at one time. I haven't checked lately. It appears that you asked for an immediate remedy of the parking lot and weeds, and to provide drawings and financing paperwork within 60 days. That was in July of 2024.

Attorney Odette stated there is an argument that we unreasonably delayed.

Mr. Abbey said we sent a letter a couple of weeks ago, and I'll check to see if they responded. If not, we will have to set up a hearing for the demo.

Discussion continued regarding the condition of the building and the demo process.

Mrs. Ellenburg stated, I understand the issues on Fern. I would like Mr. Wilson to provide the addresses to the Police Chief.

Mr. Johns thanked Lyndi Bigsby for her wonderful coordination of the Memorial Day event. Thank you Madam Clerk for leading the efforts to get Veterans Memorial ready for the ceremony. Also, thank you to Chris Kupaldi from the Wolverine Model Boat Club, who held a wonderful event at Kelly Lake. It was great to see so many people come out to use the park.

L. Council Action

1. Approve and Authorize the payment of Attorney Billing (Odette) 5/14/26 to 5/27/26, invoice 1092 & 1093, in the amount of \$1,984.00.

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, John Wright

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 7 - 0.

2. Approve and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a contract with Springline Excavating, LLC, Farmington Hills, MI for the Center Road Watermain Improvements 25-001-W in the amount of \$1,120,415.50.

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, John Wright

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 7 - 0.

3. Approve and Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to approve the contract with Stantec Consulting Michigan Inc., 3754 Ranchero Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108-2771. To provide as needed construction engineering for the Center Road Watermain upgrade project at a cost not to exceed \$144,520.00.

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

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

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 7 - 0.

4. Approve and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a contract with ROWE Professional Services Company for Design Engineering for SAD 26-009-P for gravel to asphalt paving of Sitka Street in the amount not to exceed \$42,500.00.

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, John Wright

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 7 - 0.

5. Approve the following budget amendment within the Rubbish Collection & Disposal Fund as follows; Increase 226-000-830.000 Garbage Collection to \$2,015,265.00.

Mr. Johns asked for clarification of this amount and why it differs from the budget meeting. It is less than we budgeted.

Mr. Abbey stated, I think when we got the fuel surcharges, it had to be recalculated.

Mr. Fenner stated this is for this year's budget, not the new 2026-27 budget.

Mr. Abbey stated part of it is for this year, and part of it is for the 2026-27 budget.

Mr. Heffner stated, speaking of rubbish, what is considered a breach of contract with Emterra? They miss streets every week. That is not what our residents are paying for. They deserve better.

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, John Wright

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 7 - 0.

6. Approve and Authorize the City of Burton Resolution 2026-09, a Resolution Approving all General Appropriation Funds for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

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, John Wright

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 7 - 0.

7. Approve and authorize the City of Burton Budget Resolution 2026-08 for all

General Appropriation Act Funds for the
2026-2027 fiscal year and that the City of Burton Budget be adopted on a
departmental basis.

Mr. Heffner stated in the past that this agenda language always had a blank spot, and we could fill in "on a departmental basis" or a "line item" budget. For some reason, that was left out, but I want the new council members to know this is our choice. I am not suggesting a line item budget. We have done it in the past when past administrations were out of control. That is not the case here.

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, John Wright
Voting No: None

Motion Passed 7 - 0.

M. Meeting Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on June 15, 2026 @ 7:00 PM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

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