



CITY OF BURTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 3, 2025

MINUTES

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

7:00 PM

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

A. Call To Order

President Greg Fenner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

B. Invocation

LED BY: Councilwoman Christina Hickson

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

LED BY: Councilwoman Christina Hickson

D. Roll Call

Present: Council President Gregory Fenner, Council Member Candice Miller, Council Member Christina Hickson, Council Member Steven Heffner, Council Member Vaughn Smith, Council Member Gary Wines

Absent: Council Vice-President Greg Hull

E. Approval of Agenda

1. Approve the agenda as presented.

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

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Christina Hickson, Steven Heffner, Vaughn Smith, Gary Wines

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

F. Staff Present

Duane Haskins, Mayor

Racheal Boggs, City Clerk

Charles Abbey, DPW Director

Ted Valley, HR Director

Kirk Wilkinson, Fire Chief

G. Approval of Minutes

1. City Council Regular Meeting October 20, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

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

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Christina Hickson, Steven Heffner, Vaughn Smith, Gary Wines

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

H. Administrative Reports

Mayor Haskins stated the Veterans Honor Run was a great event. A shout-out to everyone who put it together. On Tuesday, November 11th at 11:11 AM, we will have our Veterans Day celebration at our Veterans Memorial. Everyone is welcome to come. Tomorrow is election day. Good luck to all the candidates on the ballot. I encourage everybody to get out and vote. Due to the federal government shutdown and lack of SNAP benefits, our Senior Director asked for help for the seniors. We are hosting a food drive from now through November 20th for those in need. Donations can be dropped off at city hall. We will be stuffing the senior center van from 9 AM -5 PM on November 20th. If you can, please help.

I. Committee Reports

Mrs. Miller stated we had our last library sale on Saturday, and it was a great turnout. We will begin again next spring.

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 in Burton thanked Mr. Smith for his many years of service and spoke about the courts being moved and the voting records of the city council candidates. He expressed concerns about a candidate who was on the County Commission.

Mayor Haskins reminded President Fenner that our city council is a nonpartisan board and the Genesee County Board of Commissioners is a partisan board. It is part of the oath you took, so I request that this dialect not be brought to city council meetings.

Mr. Heffner stated that this is freedom of speech. He can say anything he wants as long as he is not attacking anybody or racially slurring anybody.

Mr. Fenner asked for the City Attorney opinion.

Attorney Odette stated I don't think it is improper as long as he is not defaming anyone.

Discussion continued about Mr. Dargel's comments and whether or not this is a First Amendment right.

Jim Craig of 6295 Hidden Trails in Burton spoke about the Veteran's Honor Run and thanked sponsors, participants, and volunteers. Those needing food can go to the Foodbank at FBEM.org under the "find food" section, where there are a lot of resources.

Mr. Smith asked if giving money is better for the Foodbank than bringing food.

Mr. Craig stated money goes further. For \$1.00, we can get six meals.

K. Council Discussion

Mr. Heffner stated that the food drive is a great thing to do. I suggest that everyone call their Senator and tell them to vote yes on re-opening the government.

Mrs. Miller stated the traffic control at the Veterans Honor Run was much better than last year. They did a great job.

Mr. Smith concurred with Mrs. Miller about the traffic control at the race.

Mr. Fenner stated there is a blood drive at the Fire Department on Black Friday. I have signed up, and I encourage everyone to sign up as well.

L. Council Action

1. Approve and Authorize the payment of Attorney Billing (Odette) 10/16/25 to 10/29/25 in the amount of \$3,018.00.

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

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Christina Hickson, Steven Heffner, Vaughn Smith, Gary Wines

Voting No: None

Motion 6 - 0.

2. Approve and Authorize the payment of Attorney Billing (Miller Johnson) 8/1/25 to 8/31/25 in the amount of \$6,427.50.

Motion by Council Member Wines, second by Council Member Hickson, to Approve.

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Christina Hickson, Steven Heffner, Vaughn Smith, Gary Wines

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

3. Approve and authorize the re-appointment of Joseph Richvalsky G-4387 S. Saginaw St. Burton, MI 48529 to the DDA term to expire November 2029.

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

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Christina Hickson, Steven Heffner, Vaughn Smith, Gary Wines

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

4. Approve and authorize the re-appointment of Neil Martz 5103 E Atherton Rd Burton, MI 48519 for the DDA term to expire November 2029.

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

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Christina Hickson, Steven Heffner, Vaughn Smith, Gary Wines

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

5. Approve and authorize the re-appointment of Steven A. Coates 4454 S. Saginaw St. Burton, MI 48529 for the DDA term to expire November 2029.

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

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Christina Hickson, Steven Heffner, Vaughn Smith, Gary Wines

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

6. Approve and authorize the re-appointment of Nate Henry 4258 Somers Dr. Burton, MI 48529 for the DDA term to expire November 2029.

Motion by Council Member Wines, second by Council Member Hickson, to Approve.

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Christina Hickson, Steven Heffner, Vaughn Smith, Gary Wines

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

7. Approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. (OHM), 34000 Plymouth Rd. Livonia, MI 48150, for Professional Engineering of Healthy Endowment Grant Phase 2 Pathway Design, at an amount not to exceed \$164,075.00.

Motion by Council Member Wines, second by Council Member Hickson, to Approve.

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Christina Hickson, Steven Heffner, Vaughn Smith, Gary Wines

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

8. 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 professional engineering for the Center Road Watermain upgrade project at a cost not to exceed \$169,600.00.

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

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Christina Hickson, Steven Heffner, Vaughn Smith, Gary Wines

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

Mr. Heffner reminded everyone that a week from today on November 10th, the United States Marine Corps turns 250 years old.

M. Meeting Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 17, 2025 @ 7:00 PM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

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