

CITY OF BURTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 15, 2010, 7:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Council Vice President Duane Haskins led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. The Regular Meeting was called to order by Vice President Duane Haskins at 7:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Haskins, Martinbianco, Smith, Wells and Zelenko.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ellenburg and Heffner.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor C. Smiley; G. Kray, DPW Director; Attorney R. Austin and G. Webster, City Clerk.

Martinbianco moved and Zelenko seconded the following motion:

Approve and authorize the minutes of the following meeting: Regular Council Meeting on March 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mayor Smiley attended an Eagle Scout Ceremony for Philip Mason Smith. He presented him with a key to the City. Philip worked on the sledding hill at Kelly Lake. Other Eagle Scout projects included the grill, the benches and bathhouses at Kelly Lake. He indicated that all these accomplishments were very impressive. He mentioned the successful Trick or Treat Trail event that was sponsored by the parks commission. There will be a small boat racing event at Kelly Lake on May 22-23. The Mayor felt that Kelly Lake has had a positive effect on our community.

The Mayor said the budget would be introduced at the next Council Meeting.

The Mayor said the media and other organizations were doing a good job getting the message out regarding the Census.

Mr. Haskins acknowledged the presence of County Commissioner Chairman Jaime Curtis.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Martinbianco said a Finance Meeting was held earlier to discuss a new fee schedule for the abandon structure ordinance. He said the ordinance is on the agenda for a first reading. The Finance Committee recommended that the requisite fee increase would be implemented in conjunction with the adoption of the second reading of the ordinance. There was a review of the fee structure and it was found to be inadequate. The new registration fee would be \$90.00 and the inspection fee would be \$50.00. Registration renewals would remain at \$100.00.

Mrs. Zelenko said the Legislative Meeting was canceled because the presentation was not prepared in time. She planned to address the police ordinances in the future.

Mr. Haskins said the Easter Egg Hunt would be held at City Hall on March 27 at 1:00 p.m. In addition, there are other Parks events planned. These events are possible due to volunteers and donations. If anyone would like to make a donation or volunteer for the events, they should contact Liz Moss.

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AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

John Stapish, P.O. Box 190134, opposed the abandoned structure fees. He said Davison recently repealed their rental inspection fees. He opposed the grass-cutting ordinance. He said that he was arrested last year because of it. In reference to the reappointments, he felt other residents should be considered for these board positions.

Rick Fuhst, 1208 S. Genesee Rd., said tough decisions needed to be made in the upcoming budget. He stressed the importance of keeping public safety in place, especially the police officers. He suggested restructuring the fire department and utilizing only the firemen that are necessary. He suggested cuts in nonessential areas.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Austin said that Mr. Stapish was not arrested due to the length of his grass or anything related to the length of the grass. His arrest had nothing to do with his grass. The ordinance being addressed is not a rental inspection ordinance. It is an abandoned structure ordinance. It does not single out rental units in the City. It singles out properties that have become abandoned.

In reference to Plante & Moran, Mr. Martinbianco said they have done an outstanding job. In addition, professional services do not have to go out to bid. Not only are we very satisfied with their work, but also in the last couple of years they have provided us with some critical insight and futuristic planning. We are better able to assess our financial exposure and what we can do about it.

Mr. Smith said that Plante & Moran has even reduced their fees for the City. That is extraordinary. They have scaled their fees back to the 2007 rates. That is fundamental. They recognize the challenges facing the City and they still want to be part of the financial future.

Mr. Haskins agreed that Plante & Moran has proven to be very beneficial when planning the City's budget. He announced that the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day would be held May 15, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Grand Blanc High School.

Mr. Curtis indicated that he was planning a prescription drug drop off program in Burton. He would like to coordinate this with the public officials, the police department and public schools. These drugs will be disposed of properly. Old drugs are not supposed to be flushed down toilets. These types of drug drop off programs bring awareness to the public and help to keep drugs out of the hands of children.

COUNCIL ACTION:

Smith moved and Zelenko seconded the following motion:

1. Approve and authorize the Attorney Billing (Richard Austin) from February 24, 2010 through March 10, 2010, in the amount of \$5,827.50.

Motion carried 5-0.

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Martinbianco moved and Wells seconded the following motion:

2. Approve and authorize Plante & Moran to provide audit services for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2010, 2011, and 2012.

Motion carried 5-0.

Wells moved and Zelenko seconded the following motion:

3. Approve and authorize the Mayor's reappointment of John Palmer, 1323 Casto Blvd., Burton, MI 48519, to the Board of Review for a 3-year term ending July 1, 2013.

Motion carried 5-0.

Wells moved and Martinbianco seconded the following motion:

4. Approve and authorize the Mayor's reappointment of Robert Centilli, 4479 Lawnwood Ln., Burton, MI 48529, to the Planning Commission. Term expiring February 2013.

Motion carried 5-0.

Zelenko moved and Wells seconded the following motion:

5. Approve and authorize Gayle Webster to purchase seven (7) months of MERS pension generic service time. The total cost of \$9,083.00 will be at the member's expense.

Motion carried 5-0.

Wells moved and Zelenko seconded the following motion:

6. Approve and authorize the incorporation of the Senior Citizens Millage allocation into the 2009-2010 City of Burton Senior Citizens Center Fund Budget.

Motion carried 5-0.

Zelenko moved and Smith seconded the following motion:

7. Approve and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a contract with Rowe Professional Services, 540 S. Saginaw St., STE 200, PO Box 3748, Flint, MI 48502, for the purposes of Preliminary Engineering of the Rehabilitation of Atherton Road Bridge over Thread Creek at a cost not to exceed \$40,448.00 for the project known as: Atherton Road Bridge over Thread Creek Rehabilitation, DPW Job #08-002-P.

Motion carried 5-0.

Martinbianco moved and Zelenko seconded the following motion:

8. Approve and authorize the City Controller to transfer \$40,448.00 from the 2009 / 2010 Major Street Unappropriated Surplus to DPW Job #08-002-P for Preliminary Engineering services.

Motion carried 5-0.

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INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

Wells moved and Martinbianco seconded the following motion:

1. Approve and authorize the Introduction of an Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2010-1-91.04, an Ordinance amending Chapter 91 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Burton by requiring that a Certificate of Occupancy be issued prior to the reoccupation of any vacant or abandon building or structure and adopting penalties for the violation thereof.

Motion carried 5-0.

Martinbianco moved and Wells seconded the following motion:

2. Approve and authorize the Introduction of an Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2010-__32.19, an Ordinance amending Chapter 32 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Burton by the inclusion of a detailed property sales procedure for both real and personal property owned by the City.

Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Gayle K. Webster MMC
City Clerk