

CITY OF BURTON

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A **SPECIAL MEETING** of the Burton City Council at 5:30 p.m. was held on **Tuesday, July 15, 2025** in the Burton City Hall at 12200 E. Mulberry Street Spur 125, Burton, Texas.

Members Present:

Mayor Karen Buck

Councilmember Paul McLaughlin

Councilmember Nathan Kalkhake

Councilmember Jeff Eckhardt

Members Absent: Councilmember Macey Tidwell; Councilmember Tommie Gilmon

Others Present: City Secretary, Angela Harrington; Utility Clerk, Rachel Belvin

Citizens Present: None

Mayor Karen Buck called the meeting to order at 12:01pm and established a quorum.


Mayor Buck explained the timeline for the grant application that the Friends & Neighbors are applying for through the Lower Colorado River Authority. The city was asked to prepare a letter in support of the grant application due to the fact that any received grant funds would be used for improvements on the Friends & Neighbors Ballpark facilities are located on land owned by the city. The mayor read the letter out loud and the general consensus was to approve the letter with the three (3) councilmembers in attendance signing the document.


The grant funds if received by Friends & Neighbors will be used to convert the lights to LED lighting that is more cost effective for electricity and add covers over the seating areas between the ball fields.

A motion was made by Councilmember McLaughlin and seconded by Councilmember Kalkhake to adjourn

D. Adjourned Meeting @ 12:12 p.m.

Attest:


City Secretary



Mayor Karen Buck

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Dear LCRA Grants Review Committee –

The City of Burton has been a longtime and proud supporter of Burton Friends & Neighbors and all of the ways they provide opportunities for the youth in Washington County to participate in youth sports and provide a great environment for their families to gather in a comfortable space to cheer for their athletes.

Burton Friends & Neighbors is a longtime, well-known, and successful non-profit in our community. For more than 20 years, the City of Burton has allowed them the use of city property which was donated to the city for use as a ballpark. This past spring, the relationship between the City of Burton and Friends & Neighbors moves from a “gentlemen’s handshake” to a formal relationship. As elected city leaders, we are both honored and excited to be a part of this grant process for them.

We understand that Friends & Neighbors is applying for a grant to help fund two projects at the ballpark – the first to change the lighting to a more cost-efficient LED lighting, the second to purchase covering for the seating area between the two ballfields. Both of these projects will enhance the fields for athletes and families alike. Our community will benefit as well as Friends & Neighbors continues to host little league games for all ages/teams in Washington County as well as for tournament play for teams from all over the area.

Again, we are excited for Friends & Neighbors and for their vision forward for the ballfields. We are honored to be a part of all that they do here in our community. We hope that you will consider their request. It will be a grant that is well-invested in young athletes discovering skill sets, making friends, and offering them a place to learn hard lessons about winning, losing, and being gracious about both. It will be a grant that is well-invested in a space that is welcoming for families to gather and connect, whether they have “littles” in strollers or grandparents using a walker or whether they are from here or from a bit further away.

Thank you for making these grants possible to grow ideas and grow communities in our area.

With gratitude –



Karen Buck, Mayor

Councilmembers

