

CITY OF BURTON

A **WORKSHOP MEETING** of the Burton City Council at 5:30 p.m. was held on Tuesday, **AUGUST 27, 2024** in the Burton City Hall at 12200 E. Mulberry Street Spur 125, Burton, Texas.

Members Present:

Mayor Karen Buck

Councilmember Nathan Kalkhake

Councilmember Paul McLaughlin

Councilmember Jeff Eckhardt

Councilmember Tommie Gilmon

Members Absent: Councilmember Macey Tidwell

Others Present: City Secretary, Angela Harrington; and, City Attorney, Bridgette Begle.

Citizens Present: Tiffany Eckhardt, Joshua Blaschke (KWHI), Sarah Forsythe (Banner Press), Susie Tommaney, Ned Ross, Pete Horn, Sherri Osborne, Susan Kiel, Gabri Means, Melinda Fuchs, and Vikki Curry (BISD Superintendent.)

- A. Mayor Karen Buck called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm, established a quorum and lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. **Citizen Presentations** – All comments were regarding the Simplified Subdivision Ordinance.

Susie Tommaney spoke to council regarding the fact that under the proposed ordinance she would not be allowed to sell a portion of her property. She also feels that having this ordinance could become very costly for the city.

Ned Ross handed council a written explanation of his suggestions regarding the ordinance and stated that the ordinance does not mention current property owner's ability to sell a portion of their property. According to the proposed ordinance, the current owner of ½ of a block cannot sell a portion of it.

Pete Horn spoke of the need for a comprehensive plan that outlines the "vision of the city."

Sherri Osbourne stated that she believes that all involved have the best interest of the city in mind and that there is a need for some regulation to protect the city's infrastructure.

Susan Kiel told council that a block and lot plat was used for the formation of the city in the 1800's. Those lots are still being used today and they should continue to be used.

C. Discussion Items:

1. Ball Park Use Agreement between the City and Friends & Neighbors as recommended by Olson & Olson

The mayor gave a synopsis of the history of the relationship between the Friends & Neighbors and the city. On November 13th, 2002, the city accepted the transfers of ownership of 6.834 acres of land from Wayne T. Roberts to the city. This transfer took place after discussion at council meetings on July 18, 2002 and October 9, 2002. The mayor also pointed out that this all took place several mayors ago and no formal agreement had ever been put together to reflect any agreements between the little league organization and the city. She strongly feels that it would be beneficial to all involved to have expectations in writing as we move forward. The Burton Friends & Neighbors Inc., who has been managing the park, are having an attorney

review the proposed agreement. Once the city hears back regarding any changes they wish to make to the document, more discussion on this item will take place.

2. What Should be on a Survey Gathering Information on the Opinions of City of Burton Residents (Those that pay Property Taxes that Fund the Government of Burton)

It was recommended to push sending a survey to residents who live within the city limits to the beginning of next year in light of the fact that a survey very much like the one presented to council by Jeff Eckhardt had been sent out on Facebook and by the Burton Chamber of Commerce. The mayor told council that there was a short 3 question survey in their packets that was going out with the September bills to our residential and commercial customers in hopes of learning their opinions of the current solid waste collector. She explained that there are not many complaints from residents but, due to the number of issues with dumpsters, it seems that the current provider cannot meet the needs of our commercial customers.

3. Simplified Subdivision or Land Division Ordinance as recommended by Olson & Olson

Council walked through the proposed ordinance paragraph by paragraph discussing the recommendations and comments made by the recently contracted engineering firms of BEFCO Engineering and Strand Associates. The concerns revealed in the previous citizens comments were further discussed and Attorney Bridgette Begle was tasked with taking all suggestions, comments & concerns into consideration in the further development of this ordinance. This document is still a work-in-progress as the city continues to work towards something that will maintain the integrity of our small community life in Burton and protect the city's water and sewer infrastructure.

D. Adjournment @ 7:30 p.m.

Attest:


Angela Hamington
City Secretary

Karen Buck
Mayor Karen Buck