

CITY OF BURTON

A **WORKSHOP meeting** of the Burton City Council at 5:30 p.m. was held on Tuesday, June 1, 2022 in the Burton City Hall at 12200 E. Mulberry Street Spur 125, Burton, Texas.

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-tem Nathan Kalkhake
Councilmember Tommie Gilmon

Councilmember Paul McLaughlin
Councilmember Macey Tidwell

Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Secretary Angela Harrington; Utility Clerk Rachel Belvin; City Utility Contractor Dustin Lozano.

Citizens Present: Pete Horn, Robert & Gherlaine Hofmann, Chuck & Debra Johnson, Gary Rothermel, Jeff & Tiffany Eckhardt, Madeline Johnson, Jerry Martin, Lindsay Bubeit, Taylor Whittaker, Mickey Angerame, Carol Gaskamp, and Sherri Osborne.

A. Mayor Pro-tem Nathan Kalkhake called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

B. Discussion on the following topics:

1. Bridge Ministry Building and Expansion

The following spoke in opposition to the proposed building: Mickey Angerame (401 N. Colorado St.) explained what was understood to be Phase 1 of the Burton Bridge Ministry's plan. Jerry Martin (305 N. Brazos St.) brought into question wording of the Agenda Item on the Nov. 17, 2020 meeting agenda; the fact that the Ministry did not buy the building until 11 months later; those against the building believe that the amount of traffic that the food pantry will create is an addition 750 per month and Burton roads cannot hold up to that traffic and they feel that Council should repeal the approval of the building. Lindsay Bubeit pointed out the locations of other businesses in the city and argued that those businesses did not directly affect the local residents. Mickey Angerame read a letter from Bev Houston who lives across the street from what was the Bethany church and is now the thrift store. In her letter, she wrote of her love for Burton and she stated that there were no concerns until traffic significantly increased and is now concerned about the continued traffic. Sherry Osborne spoke to wrap up the oppositions points and arguments.

The following spoke for Burton Bridge Ministry in favor of the proposed building: Madilyn Johnson, President of the Board of Directors, explained that the ministry bought the property because of Bethany Church's legacy to the community. The ministry did their due diligence before purchasing the property. The cursory plans for the development of the property were brought before Council and approved. She explained that the ministry had identified traffic, parking and the city infrastructure as challenges that they intend to compensate for. She also disagrees with the opposition's estimation of 750 cars a month for the food pantry. The thrift store has more traffic than other services with that being mainly on Thursdays. She also explained that the actual square footage of the building is not yet determined and they are determined to make it an attractive addition to the City. The ministry feels that it should be good neighbors to the nearby residents. She feels that they

have and will continue to do that. Bob Hofman, former pastor of Bethany Church, spoke of the dream of the church to serve the community, on the goal of the ministry and stated that all meetings are open to the public. There was never the intent to have a Walmart in the City. Bethany Church sold the property. He doesn't feel that there should be opposition to a metal building when City Hall is one. Mrs. Hofman explained that Dr. Southern, previous owner of the property had donated the property to the church to preserve the dignity and integrity of Burton. Linda Gamache spoke on her history of working with non-profits and tried to assure the opposition of the integrity of the ministry.

After those in favor had spoken, Mickey Angerame reiterated a few of the opposition's points and her concern for a "4000 sq. ft. building" to be built on the Burton Bridge Ministry's property.

2. Alternative Energy Supply Options for Water Well Operation in Power Blackout

Peter Horn encouraged Council to look at a bigger picture and into the future. He'd like to have a serious discussion about long term planning for future development in the City. He spoke to Council on his concerns that the sewer plant is in rough shape and in need of rehabilitation. He spoke on his concerns regarding the water well being 10 years old and having a life expectancy of 15 to 17 years. He proposed a development fee for large projects within Burton to go towards improvements to the city's infrastructure. He also explained to Council his preference for an alternative energy supply for the well being solar power. Dustin Lozano, the city's Utility Contractor, explained his preference for a mobile generator using propane which would be capable of keeping lift stations operable during extended power outages. City Secretary told Council of a mode of funding she has been researching.

3. City Property Maintenance Contract

Council discussed Jason Jaster's request for the adjustments to his maintenance of city properties. Discussion on whether the BOCC should absorb some costs due to the improvements that they've made at the park.

4. Closing Inactive Accounts at Citizens State Bank

City Secretary Angela Harrington explained to Council that there are several bank checking and savings accounts that have been inactive for several years. She has contacted the City Attorney regarding the closing of these account and how to handle it.

C. **Adjournment @ 7:39 p.m.**



Mayor Pro-tem

Attest:


City Secretary