CITY OF BURTON

A **WORKSHOP meeting** of the Burton City Council at 5:30 p.m. was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 in the Burton City Hall at 12200 E. Mulberry Street Spur 125, Burton, Texas.

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-tem Nathan Kalkhake
Councilmember Jeff Eckhardt
Councilmember Paul McLaughlin
Councilmember Macey Tidwell

Members Absent: Councilmember Tommie Gilmon
Others Present: City Secretary Angela Harrington; Utility Clerk Rachel Belvin

Citizens Present: William White of Texas Rural Water Association, Ron Schmidt of Texas Commercial Waste, and Pete Horn.

A. Mayor Pro-tem Nathan Kalkhake called the meeting to order at 5:39 pm.

B. Discussion on the following topics:

1. Review Water & Sewer Rate Study Results

William White of TRWA briefly explained the reasons for a rate study and how the rate study is calculated. He gave examples of what other small towns are doing regarding including a minimum in the base amount and the pros and cons of doing that. Council discussed whether or not to include a minimum usage and decided against. An Ordinance will be created by the City Secretary and put on the next February agenda for publication in March and new rates being implemented on utility bills due in April.

2. Discuss Garbage Services

Ron Schmidt of Texas Commercial Waste attended the meeting to explain the history between Burton and TCW. The Burton Utility Clerk explained some of the problems that we have been experiencing. Some of those being garbage trucks leaving sticky, nasty liquid on our streets, skipped residential & commercial pick-up, and not good customer service when she has called to report these issues. These all being the reasoning behind considering going out for competitive bids. Given the history between TCW and Burton, the Council decided to hold off on pursuing bids to give TCW a chance to correct the issues.

3. Abandoned City Property Conveyance

This topic was not addressed due to time constraints and lack of priority.

4. Review & Discuss the Proposed 2023 – 2024 City of Burton and Water & Sewer Budgets

The City Secretary presented the budgets to Council and explained how she arrived at them. Council had no questions.

C. Adjournment @ 6:29 p.m.

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Mayor Pro-tem

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City Secretary