

CITY OF BURTON

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Burton City Council at 5:30 p.m. was held on
TUESDAY, March 19, 2024, in the Burton City Hall
at 12200 E. Mulberry Street Spur 125, Burton, Texas.

Members Present:

Mayor Karen Buck
Councilmember Jeff Eckhardt

Councilmember Tommie Gilmon
Councilmember Macey Tidwell

Members Absent: Councilmember Nathan Kalkhake & Councilmember Paul McLaughlin

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

Citizens Present: Sarah Forsythe (Banner Press), Susan Kiel (Market Realty), Susie Tommaney, Mark Reyes, Tiffany Eckhardt (Flown the Coop) and Chuck & Debra Johnson.

Mayor Karen Buck called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. A quorum was established and all in attendance were led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Budget Public Hearing

Tiffany Eckhardt asked Council about their support of Economic Development in Burton and how they are using the Sales Tax Allocations to the City to encourage development.

Citizen Presentations

Susan Kiel of Market Realty asked for more information regarding Item #6 and told Council that she is concerned about the effect on land & home owners if a moratorium on new development and home construction is imposed.

Susie Tommaney encouraged Council to stay in communication with the appraisal district regarding a moratorium and asked Council to include a reasonable length of time as well as exceptions. She is asked that, if enacted, special attention should be given to the wording used in the ordinance to encourage hope and unity in the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

- (1) **Minutes of the February 13, 2024 Regular Meeting & the February 27, 2024 Special Meeting**
- (2) **Financial Reports-Revenue & Expenditures**
- (3) **Mayor's Report – Attached**
- (4) **City Secretary's Report – Attached**
- (5) **Utility Report**
 - a. Utility Clerk Rachel Belvin's Report is Attached
 - b. Contractor Dustin Lozano explained to Council the testing that is routinely done on the city's water and sewer systems. He walked Council through copies of those reports and said that all tests results indicate that there have been no violations and no violations to indicate non-compliance of state rules and laws.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eckhardt and seconded by Councilmember Tidwell to **ACCEPT** the consent agenda.

FOR: Gilmon
AGAINST: None
The motion passed.

DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE, ACCEPT, DENY, REMOVE OR TABLE ON:

1. Approve Road Repairs to Complete in 2024

The City Secretary shared with Council the estimate of roads repairs to be completed in 2024 as they were received from Washington County Road & Bridge. Streets in the estimate include Live Oak, E. Cedar, Brandie Ln, San Marcos, W. Washington and South Main ditches. A motion was made by Councilmember Eckhardt and seconded by Councilmember Gilmon to **APPROVE**.

FOR: Tidwell

AGAINST: None

The motion passed.

2. Accept the 2024–2025 City of Burton General & Water/Sewer Budgets & Ordinance 20240312A Establishing the Budgets for the Fiscal Year

The proposed budgets were presented by the City Secretary. A motion was made by Councilmember Eckhardt and seconded by Councilmember Gilmon to **ACCEPT**.

FOR: Tidwell

AGAINST: None

The motion passed.

3. Accept The City Secretary's Certification of Unopposed Candidates & Approve Ordinance 20240312B Cancelling the May 4, 2024 General Election

The Certification of Unopposed Candidates and the Cancelled Election Ordinance were presented. A motion was made by Councilmember Eckhardt and seconded by Councilmember Gilmon to **APPROVE**.

FOR: Tidwell

AGAINST: None

The motion passed.

4. Accept an Engagement Letter as Submitted by Medack & Oltmann, LLP to Perform the Annual Audit of Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2024

Medack & Oltmann has conducted annual audits for Burton previously. The letter retains them to conduct the city's 2023 through 2024 fiscal year. A motion was made by Councilmember Tidwell and seconded by Councilmember Gilmon to **APPROVE**.

FOR: Eckhardt

AGAINST: None

The motion passed.

5. 2024-2025 Washington County Appraisal District's Proposed Budget (This is not required by WCAD unless Council chooses to VETO the WCAD Proposed Budget.)

The City Secretary explained that this item is to make the Council aware of the appraisal districts proposed budget. There were no motions to veto so there was no action taken.

6. Discuss Implementing a Moratorium on New Buildings, Development and/or Utility Connections within the City's Service Area Due to the Water System being Near Its Capacity and the Aging Infrastructure of the City's Water and Sewer Systems

A copy of a recent email from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) dated March 13, 2024 was provided for all. Mayor Buck explained to all in attendance that this email solidified the fact that only two hundred fifty (250) connections are allowed for a one (1) well system regardless of the capacity of the well. Burtons water connection count at this time is two hundred forty-seven (247.) It is imperative that action be taken now to prevent fines and fees for violations of state law. The particular law cited is 30 TAC §290.45(b)(1)(D)(i). There was discussion on the situation and it was pointed out that imposing a temporary moratorium on utility connections is not something the city wants to do but the city is at a point where it MUST until the activation of a second well. Mayor Buck reminded everyone that we have a water well project in the works due to the funding we are going to receive from the General Land Office that was allocated through the Brazos Valley Council of Governments. She has begun looking for the additional funds needed to complete the well project. There was no action. Only discussion.

7. Discuss Hiring an Engineering Firm to Evaluate the City's Future Water and Wastewater System Needs

The City Secretary, Angela Harrington, informed Council that it is her understanding through research that the city may implement a TEMPORARY moratorium before approving an ordinance. For a moratorium ordinance, there is a requirement of two (2) public hearings, two (2) readings of the ordinance and the procurement of an engineering firm to perform an evaluation of the city's water and wastewater infrastructure and needs for future development. The engineer's findings must be presented in writing to Council. Mrs. Harrington is awaiting legal verification that her understanding of the law is correct before the city will move forward with action.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

FOR: Eckhardt, Gilmon, Tidwell
AGAINST: None



Karen Buck

Mayor Karen Buck

ATTEST:

Angela Harrington

City Secretary Angela Harrington

Mayor's Report – March 2024

This past month's list of activities included...

- +Working with the City Secretary and the City Attorney following up on Council's decision to hold a public hearing regarding solid waste disposal.
- +Utility Clerk and I also visited with several of the city's commercial business owners regarding their needs, complaints, etc in preparation for the Special Meeting/Hearing.
- +Updating the ad for the City of Burton's spring ad in the Brenham Banner Press.
- +Contacting contractor to clean the fence line at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, checking on the work, follow-up phone call with contractor before invoice is sent.
- +Met with a representative with Texas Rural Water Association (along with Utility Clerk and Council Member Paul) to learn more about our water well and wastewater systems.
- +Attended Open Houses/Ribbon Cuttings at –
 Burton Bridge Ministry's Furniture Store (2/24)
 Citizen's State Bank (2/29)
- +Sent letter to Burton ISD regarding dumpsters and had follow-up conversation with Superintendent.
- +Sent letters to residents with updates on solid waste, water loss, and water well updates.
- +Working with the contractor who will be conducting the socio-economic survey as we move forward to seek funding with the Texas Water Development Board. City Staff assisted in finding a map of town for his team.
- +Attended a meeting with Health Point in Somerville via invitation from Carol Gaskamp and Burton Bridge Ministry. Health Point is a non-profit clinic serving clients with/without health insurance both in a free-standing clinic as well as area school districts (not in Washington County). They are interested in visiting with the City of Burton regarding how they might be able to serve residents in the

surrounding area. I have invited them to attend the April Council Meeting (like Burton Chamber of Commerce, Burton Fire Dept, Washington County EMS, etc.)

+Visited with Dustin Majewski (County Commissioner) regarding the sheer number of 18-wheelers coming thru town. Per the conversation – The roads that run through town are state roads; we cannot prevent vehicles from using state roads. However, law enforcement can “sit” visible in hopes to slow them down a bit on roads in the central part of town as well as FM 1697. He said that he would visit with the constable about the latter.

+Asked for and received from Dustin (HDU) 3 years’ worth of waste water treatment plant (WWTP) and water well reports. Prepped summaries and pulled noteworthy information for Council to learn more about the WWTP and water well.

Total volunteer hours for the month of February – 78 hours

Secretary's Report

March 12, 2024

- 1) Wesley Stolz, the County Engineer, and Rowdy SCOTT, with Road & Bridge, met with me on Feb. 7th to look at our street needs. The same list of repairs planned for 2023 will be on the 2024 list with the addition of Brandie Lane & W. Washington St. The total list of roads to be repaired or maintained are: Live Oak Street, Brandie Lane, E. Cedar Street, San Marcos Street and W. Washington St. Rest assured that Washington County Road & Bridge has been told of antique show dates. The amount for each repair is in your packet.
- 2) I have placed the street repairs before the budget approval so that any roads that council chooses to omit from this year's list can be noted and the budget can be approved with that change.
- 3) The 2024-2025 budget is based on actual income & expenses for March 2023 through February 2024 with additions and subtractions that I know will be taking place. (Ex: New this year is \$47 a month for our email hosting that is reflected in the Dues and Subscriptions.)
 - A few miscellaneous notes on the budgets:
 - a. Other Income includes Decimal Interest in local wells and tower rent.
 - b. Franchise Income is communications companies and Bluebonnet electric for lines within the City limits.
 - c. We have made the final payment on the copy machine lease.
 - d. No election will be held in 2024 due to all unopposed candidates so there will be no election expenses.
 - e. An Employee Health Savings Account has been added to the expenses. This will not add any burden to the budget given that we no longer have the copier payment.
 - f. There will be no more EMS Expense according to Kevin Deramus because they haven't been using the fuel as much as planned.
- 4) The new owner of the Hair Depot building called because she is concerned about a hole that is covered by a wooden pallet. I went to look at the situation and will be trying to find where to buy a larger metal grate to cover the current metal grate that is below the pallet. She is concerned about someone tripping or falling due to the pallet. If you have a chance, please take a look at the situation and let me know if you have any ideas on a better solution.
- 5) I researched how to impose a moratorium on new building and development within the City's utility service area.
- 6) A new banner for the events that take place here in town was ordered and received. Bluebonnet Electric has been contacted to hang it over Main St. for the Spring Antique Show and the MS 150.
- 7) I sat in on a meeting with the Mayor, Rachel, Paul and Garry of TRWA.

Utility report- MARCH

Excuse me;
I have to leave
early to be a
softball
mom.

- A couple of new accounts were open for renters
- A couple new meters were found throughout town that have never been read- they will now have accounts and be billed accordingly.
- A couple people have expressed interest in installing new meter taps- we are almost at our state limit for the 1 water well we have. We have 240 in our current system
- Reports for the state that are coming up; water loss audit, annual conservation report, utility profile and the water conservation plan. All due before May 1st
- Dumpster days were set this morning for April 5th – April 8th
- There has been a lot of mis-read meters so we are going through a process to get those straightened out from being mis-read from the beginning. Meters have different “counts” to them and we figured that out in our meeting with TWDB.
- Water loss percentage is still looking awesome from where it was. 7%
We have worked diligently on finding out the root causes to the high percentage we were at.
- Dustin took the first route to start the lead line inventory report- we will be doing inventory checks for the next couple months.
- We had a couple garbage complaints of missed trash and trash being left from emptying dumpsters.
- End of the fiscal reports will be done last day of the month; will be filing all paperwork into the storage room.

System Totals Report

City of Burton

Water Pumped This Month	1,083,500 Gallons
Water Sold This Month	958,580 Gallons
Water Used for Fire and Flushing Line	40,000 Gallons
Water Loss	84,920 Gallons
Water Loss (%)	7.84 %

	Amount (\$)	# Of Accounts
Total Water	11,085.80	217
Total Sewage	6,024.45	192
Total GARBAGE	4,367.00	206
Total Adjustments	(44.31)	2
Total Current Charges	21,432.94	229
Amount Past Due 1-30 Days	2,544.14	35
Amount Past Due 31-60 Days	827.64	11
Amount Past Due Over 60 Days	7,004.97	19
Amount Of Overpayments/Prepayments	(2,007.98)	45
Total Receivables	29,801.71	241

Total Receipts On Account	23,436.44	195
Net Change in Deposits	250.00	1
Amount of All Deposits	31,636.12	258
Amount of All Deposit 2	100.00	2
Turned Off Accounts (Amount Owed)	3,139.73	80
Collection Accounts (Amount Owed)	494.93	19
Number Of Unread (Turned On) Meters		9
Average Usage For Active Meters	4,096	234
Average Water Charge For Active Meters	51.09	217

Usage Groups	Gallons	# Of Accounts	Usage Gallons	% Of Usage	% Of Sales
Over 50,000		3	360,400	37.60	8.13
40,001-50,000		0	0	0.00	0.00
30,001-40,000		0	0	0.00	0.00
20,001-30,000		1	22,500	2.35	0.98
10,001-20,000		12	167,000	17.42	8.09
8,001-10,000		6	55,900	5.83	3.63
6,001-8,000		9	60,700	6.33	4.29
4,001-6,000		19	92,500	9.65	9.22
2,001-4,000		35	96,150	10.03	14.64
1-2,000		117	103,430	10.79	43.25
Zero Usage		32	0	0.00	7.76
Total Meters		234	958,580	100.00	100.00

PROJECT	PERSONEL COSTS					EQUIPMENT COSTS					MATERIAL COSTS					Project Cost
	Employee	Employee Rate w/fringe	Hours	Wages	Equipment	Equipment Code	Equipment Rate	Equipment Cost	Item	Quantity	Unit Price	Cost				
PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT																
Live Oak Street (Main St - Railroad St)																
300 Feet																
	Michael Brooks	37.82	8	\$302.56	Belly Dump Truck/Trailer	8637	\$40.53	\$324.24	Grade 1/2 Base	161 TN	\$24.80	\$3,992.80				
	Duane Boecker	37.55	8	\$300.40	Belly Dump Truck/Trailer	8637	\$40.53	\$324.24	SS-1	54 GAL	\$2.88	\$155.52				
	Lance Lehde	36.67	6	\$220.02	Grader	8331	\$116.57	\$699.42	Water	80 GAL	\$0.005	\$0.40				
	Bryceon Bonner	29.75	6	\$178.50	Roller	8219	\$64.05	\$384.30	AC-10	575 GAL	\$3.22	\$1,851.50				
	Chandler Burns	33.13	6	\$198.78	Truck Water Tanker	8614	\$40.76	\$244.56	302 Type B Grade 3	8 TN	\$42.00	\$336.00				
	Nathan Nelson	33.13	3	\$99.39	Soil Stabilizer	8636	\$214.97	\$644.91	302 Type PB Grade 4	6 TN	\$93.00	\$558.00				
	Gene Noey	33.13	8	\$265.04	Distributor Truck	8582	\$34.66	\$277.28								
	Michael Kohring	37.97	4	\$151.88	Chip Spreader	8423	\$94.46	\$377.84								
	Chandler Burns	32.81	4	\$131.24	Dump Truck	8724	\$96.03	\$384.12								
	Bryceon Bonner	32.81	4	\$131.24	Dump Truck	8724	\$96.03	\$384.12								
	Hunter Matthews	32.81	4	\$131.24	Street Sweeper	8157	\$184.20	\$736.80								
				\$2,110.29				\$4,781.83				\$6,894.22		\$13,786.34		
E Cedar Street																
(Main St - N Brazos St)																
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	Michael Kohring	37.97	6	\$227.82	Chip Spreader	8423	\$94.46	\$576.18								
	Chandler Burns	32.81	6	\$198.86	Dump Truck	8724	\$96.03	\$576.18								
	Bryceon Bonner	32.81	6	\$198.86	Dump Truck	8724	\$96.03	\$576.18								
	Hunter Matthews	32.81	6	\$198.86	Street Sweeper	8157	\$184.20	\$1,105.20								
				\$2,383.09				\$5,723.27				\$6,894.22		\$15,000.68		

RECEIVED
FEB 28 2024

By: _____

1. Live Oak St. \$13,786.34
2. E. Cedar St. \$15,000.58
3. Brandie Lane \$24,074.32
4. W. Washington - Level up \$ 6,684.08
5. S. Main Ditches \$ 2,148.64
6. San Marcos - Chip Seal \$ 7,426.67
7. Total **\$69,120.63**

ORDINANCE 20240312A

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BURTON, TEXAS
ESTABLISHING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2024-2025

WHEREAS, prudent management and statutory requirements mandate that the business of the City of Burton be conducted in strict accord with an overall financial plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BURTON, TEXAS:

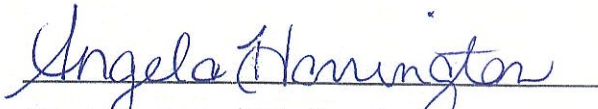
The City Council of Burton anticipates revenue and expenditures for the fiscal year of 2024-2025 as projected and set forth in the attached Exhibit A, City of Burton Budget, and Exhibit B, City of Burton Water & Sewer Budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 19th day of March, 2024.



Karen Buck, Mayor

ATTEST:


Angela Harrington, City Secretary

CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES

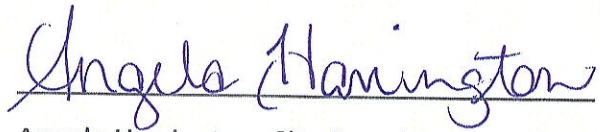
BY CITY SECRETARY

I, Angela Harrington, certify that I am the City Secretary of the City of Burton and the authority responsible for preparing the ballot for the May 4, 2024 city election. I further certify that no person has made a declaration of write-in candidacy, and all of the following candidates are unopposed:

Councilmember Position #2 – Tommie Gilmon

Councilmember Position #3 – Jeff Eckhardt

Councilmember Position #5 – Macey Tidwell



Angela Harrington, City Secretary
City of Burton

DATED this 12th day of March, 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 20240312B

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN THE MAY 4, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION, ELECTED TO OFFICE; CANCELING THE ELECTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the general city election was called for May 4, 2024, for the purpose of electing members to the city council; and

WHEREAS, the City Secretary has certified in writing that there is no proposition on the ballot, that no person has made a declaration of write-in candidacy, and that each candidate on the ballot is unopposed for election to office; and

WHEREAS, under these circumstances, Subchapter C, Chapter 2, Election Code, authorizes the city council to declare the candidates elected to office and cancel the election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURTON:

SECTION 1

The following candidates, who are unopposed in the May 4, 2024 General Election are declared elected to office, and shall be issued certificates of election following the time the election would have been canvassed:

Tommie Gilmon	Councilmember Position #2
Jeff Eckhardt	Councilmember Position #3
Macey Tidwell	Councilmember Position #5

SECTION 2

The May 4, 2024 general city election is canceled and the City Secretary is directed to cause a copy of this ordinance to be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

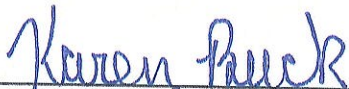
SECTION 3

It is declared to be the intent of the city council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraph, or sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this ordinance is declared invalid by the judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this ordinance since the city council would have enacted them without the invalid portion.

SECTION 4

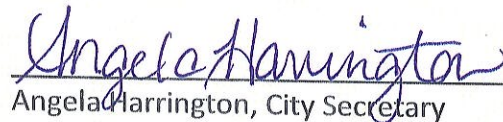
This ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of March, 2024.



Karen Buck, Mayor

ATTEST:


Angela Harrington, City Secretary



MEDACK & OLTMANN, LLP
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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February 21, 2024

To the City Council

City of Burton, Texas
P.O. Box 255
Burton, Texas 77835

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide City of Burton, Texas for the year ended March 31, 2024.

Audit Scope and Objectives

We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the disclosures, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of City of Burton, Texas as of and for the year ended March 31, 2024. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement City of Burton, Texas's basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to City of Burton, Texas's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient appropriate evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The following RSI is required by GAAP and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

- 1) Management's Discussion and Analysis
- 2) Budget to Actual Comparison
- 3) GASB 86 – Required Supplementary Pension Information

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion about whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with GAAP; and report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment of a reasonable user made based on the financial statements.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

We will conduct our audit in accordance with GAAS and will include tests of your accounting records and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We will evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management. We will also evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements,

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burtonsecr

From: Ruben Meza <ruben.meza@tceq.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 3:40 PM
To: burtonsecr
Cc: Craig Stowell; Joel Klumpp; Troy Richardson; PTRS
Subject: RE: Is there a limit to the number of connections on a one well system?

Dear Ms. Harrington:

On March 12, 2024, we received an email from you requesting to know whether there is a limit to the number of connections (meters) on a one well system? Moreover, in a March 13, 2024, phone conversation, you indicated that this question is related to the following public water system: City of Burton Public Water System (PWS) (PWS ID No. 2390002). Our records show this system is at 226 connections. The number of connections that a system may provide is dependent on what type of system the PWS is classified as (i.e., community, non-community/non-transient, or non-community/transient; how many connections, how much water the well produces and is spelled out in **30 TAC §290.45 Minimum Water System Capacity Requirements**.

With 226 current connections (by our records), the system is currently required to meet 30 TAC §290.45(b)(1)(C)(i) which requires a well capacity of 0.6 gallons per minute (gpm) per connection. So if the system is allowed to have only one well and the number of connections is the flow divided by 0.06 gpm/connection. The system has one active well rated for 250 gpm Which is good for 250 gpm/0.6 gpm/connection is 416 connections. However, once the system reaches 250 connections, the requirement is:

§290.45(b)(1)(D)(i) two or more wells having a total capacity of 0.6 gpm per connection. Where an interconnection is provided with another acceptable water system capable of supplying at least 0.35 gpm for each connection in the combined system under emergency conditions, an additional well will not be required as long as the 0.3 gpm per connection requirement is met for each system on an individual basis. Each water system must still meet the storage and pressure maintenance requirements on an individual basis unless the interconnection is permanently open. In this case, the systems' capacities will be rated as though a single system existed.

When the system reaches 251 connection, the system will need to have a second active approved well or an approved interconnection that is capable of providing 0.35 gpm per connection.

Thank you for your question. Please contact me if you need any additional information.

Ruben Meza, P.E.
Plan Review Team
Water Supply Division
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
512-239-2546

From: burtonsecr <burtonsecr@cityofburton-tx.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 1:11 PM
To: PDWS <PDWS@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Is there a limit to the number of connections on a one well system?

Just looking for an answer to the question:
Is there a limit to the number of connections (meters) on a one well system?

Have a Great Day!