

Burlingame City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
December 4, 2006

1. Call to Order by Mayor.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

2. Roll Call.

Roll Call:	Present:	Bill Kraus Kevin Fry James Nelson Ron Nichols Julie Sanders
	Absent:	Dustin Swander
	Staff Present:	Christina Lewis, City Clerk Jon Shaffer, Police Chief Ed Ogle, City Superintendent Rick Godderz, City Attorney

Mr. Swander entered the meeting at 7:05pm.

3. Citizen Comments.

Kathy Kessinger, Charlene Fry, John Fry, and Patti Gilbert attended the meeting.

Mr. Fry asked if we have found out anything on the utilities yet. Mr. Kraus said that we have not. Mr. Fry asked if the water was safe to drink. He stated that he still saw water leaks around town. Mr. Kraus responded that the water was safe to drink. Mr. Fry stated that the cemetery's water usage has always been zero with a minimum charge of \$19.00 a month. He wanted to know if he would be responsible for the bill if someone turned on the faucet and left it on. Mr. Kraus stated that Mr. Fry is responsible for any usage that goes through the meter. Mr. Fry asked if the minimum charge for water was \$19.00. Mrs. Lewis advised that the minimum charge for water for the cemetery was \$19.00. Mr. Fry stated that he thought the charge was kind of high. He stated that since the cemetery hasn't used any water for quite sometime, he might have the water shut off.

4. 5. & 6. Minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 15th special meeting, the November 20th regular meeting, and the November 27th special meeting as presented by staff by Sanders and seconded by Fry.

Vote:	Ayes:	Dustin Swander Julie Sanders Ron Nichols James Nelson Kevin Fry
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7. 109 East Santa Fe Avenue.

Mr. Kraus stated that at the last meeting Kathy Kessinger was to provide the City with a copy of the engineer's report and it had not been done yet. Mrs. Kessinger provided a copy of the report at the meeting. Mrs. Kessinger stated that she was still waiting on the bid from Larry Morris.

Motion to table the item until the next meeting after reviewing the engineer's report by Sanders and seconded by Nelson.

Vote:	Ayes:	Dustin Swander Julie Sanders Ron Nichols James Nelson Kevin Fry
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Council entered into executive session at 7:25pm with Christina Lewis and Rick Godderz.

Council returned to open session at 7:40pm.

No action taken in executive session.

No action taken on this item.

13. Executive Session.

Motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel by Fry and seconded by Sanders.

Vote:	Ayes:	Dustin Swander Julie Sanders Ron Nichols James Nelson Kevin Fry
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Council entered into executive session at 7:43pm with Christina Lewis and Edward Ogle.

Council returned to open session at 7:53pm.

No action taken in executive session.

Motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel by Fry and seconded by Swander.

Vote:	Ayes:	Dustin Swander Julie Sanders Ron Nichols James Nelson Kevin Fry
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Council entered into executive session at 7:55pm with Christina Lewis.

Council returned to open session at 8:05pm.

No action taken in executive session.

Motion by Sanders and seconded by Fry to give all full time employees \$100.00 bonuses, all part-time employees \$50.00 bonuses and Jim Strohm a \$100.00 bonus. Emerson Hayden is to receive a \$100.00 gift certificate as a token of our appreciation for his volunteer service.

Vote:	Ayes:	Dustin Swander Julie Sanders Ron Nichols James Nelson Kevin Fry
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Motion to give Josh Welch a \$1.00 an hour raise by Fry and seconded by Sanders.

Vote:	Ayes:	Julie Sanders Ron Nichols James Nelson Kevin Fry
	Nay:	Dustin Swander

14. **Reports.**

Edward Ogle – Mr. Ogle updated the Council on the status of the new water tower and the telemetry system.

He stated that he met with Osage City’s Public Works Department. They have concerns with the City of Burlingame operating under their water licenses.

Mr. Ogle met with KCC staff concerning non-compliance issues with the City’s natural gas system. He stated that KCC felt that the City was addressing the immediate concerns, but they would like to see us continue to address the pipeline issue in Osage City.

Jon Shaffer – Mr. Shaffer reported that he was preparing a year-end report for the Council. He stated that the bullet resistant vests had been ordered. Mr. Shaffer reminded the Council about the toy drive being done by the law enforcement agencies in the county. He gave information on how families in need could register.

James Nelson – Mr. Nelson stated that he does a lot of traveling to attend various economic development meetings across the county. He stated that he is currently the only one representing the City of Burlingame. He wanted to know if he would be able to get mileage reimbursement for economic development work. Mr. Kraus thought he should be reimbursed for his mileage. Mr. Godderz stated that it would have to be passed and approved by the Council. Mr. Kraus stated that it needed to be put it on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Mr. Nelson informed the Council that the City has been invited to a meeting in Harveyville that is being set up by the Wabaunsee County economic development director. He stated that they are attempting to put together a plan for having an exit onto the turnpike from highway 31.

Mr. Nelson expressed concerns about how citizen complaints are handled. He would like to make this an agenda item some time in the future.

Bill Kraus – Mr. Kraus asked Mr. Godderz what should be done about possible utility rate increases. He wanted to know if the Council should start working on this process or should they wait until a City Administrator is hired. Mr. Godderz recommended that the Council start working on the rate increases.

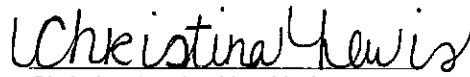
15. **Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Fry and seconded by Swander.

Vote:

Ayes:

Dustin Swander
Julie Sanders
Ron Nichols
James Nelson
Kevin Fry



Christina Lewis, City Clerk