

City of Scranton
Minutes for the Meeting
of the Governing Body
Tuesday December 1, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sims at 7:01 p.m.

In attendance were Councilmembers; Gary Burkdoll, Jennifer Burkdoll, Amy Miner, Randy Ming and Tim Nedeau. Employees; Wesley Wright and Bobi Morris. Citizen; Gabe Faimon and Ken Croucher.

A motion was made by Councilman Ming to approve the minutes for the regular scheduled meeting of November 17, 2015 as written. Motion was second by Councilwoman Miner. Carried 5 – 0.

Old Business: Pat Cox gave an update on the Park Project.

Utility rate increases were discussed at length.

Councilman Ming made a motion to set the minimum monthly residential water rate at \$30.00 (includes first 1000 gallons.) and \$12.00 per thousand for additional gallons. Motion second by Councilman Burkdoll. Carried 5 – 0

Councilman Burkdoll made a motion to set the minimum monthly residential and commercial sewer rate at \$42.00 (includes first 1000 gallons of water used) and \$3.00 per thousand for additional gallons, based on water use averaged annually. Motion was second by Councilman Ming. Carried 5 – 0

Councilman Burkdoll made a motion to set the residential trash rate at \$16.00 monthly. Motion was second by Councilwoman Burkdoll. Carried 4 – 1 (Miner opposed)

Councilwoman Burkdoll made a motion to set the minimum monthly out-of-town customer water rate at \$35.00 (includes first 1000 gallons.) and \$14.00 per thousand for additional gallons. Motion second by Councilman Burkdoll. Carried 3 – 1 – 1 (Miner opposed, Nedeau abstained)

Councilman Burkdoll made a motion to increase dumpster rates by \$4.00 above the vendor rates to be retained by the city. Motion was second by Councilwoman Burkdoll. Carried 5 – 0

Councilman Burkdoll made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 651 increasing water, sewer and trash rates upon publication in the official newspaper. Motion was second by Councilwoman Burkdoll. Carried 5 – 0

Councilman Burkdoll made a motion at 7:43 p.m. to go in to a ten-minute executive session with Todd Luckman present to discuss non-elected personnel issue. Motion was second by Councilman Ming. Carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 7:53 p.m.

Councilman Burkdoll made a motion at 7:55 p.m. to go in to a ten-minute executive session with Todd Luckman and Wesley Wright present to discuss non-elected personnel issue. Motion was second by Councilwoman Miner. Carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 8:05 p.m.

Councilman Burkdoll made a motion to pay Scott Lester \$18.00 an hour for sixteen hours of consulting services. Motion was second by Councilman Ming. Carried 5 – 0

New Business: Mayor Sims recognized Brenda Lester. Ms Lester had concerns and complaints about the lack of responding firemen when her rental house caught on fire. Stating there was only one and he was on light duty due to a back injury. She stated the fire hydrant nearest the property wasn't functioning. Mayor Sims apologized and assured Ms Lester that the issues would be addressed. Ms Lester inquired about joining the department and was told to get an application from Chief Croucher.

Councilwoman Miner made a motion at 8:20 p.m. to go in to a fifteen-minute executive session with Todd Luckman present and the ability to call in Ken Croucher to discuss non-elected personnel issue. Motion was second by Councilman Ming. Carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 8:35 p.m.

Councilman Ming made a motion to approve the purchase of ten radio batteries and 1 charger for \$767.00 from TBS for the fire department. Motion second by Councilman Burkdoll. Carried 5 – 0

Councilwoman Burkdoll made a motion at 8:44 p.m. to go in to a ten-minute executive session with Todd Luckman and Ted McDaniel to discuss non-elected personnel issue. Motion was second by Councilman Ming. Carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session 8:54 p.m.

Todd Luckman left the meeting.

Wesley Wright left the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Councilman Ming made a motion at 9:16 p.m. to go in to a fifteen minute executive session with Bobi Morris Present to discuss non-elected personnel issues. Motion was second by Councilwoman Miner. Carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 9:32 p.m.

Councilman Burkdoll made a motion at 9:34 p.m. to go in to a fifteen minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel issue. Motion was second by Councilwoman Burkdoll. Carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 9:49 p.m.

Councilman Burkdoll made a motion to approve ordinances 47 & 48 allowing payment of the city debts and payroll. Motion was second by Councilwoman Miner. Carried 5 – 0

Councilman Burkdoll made a motion to adjourn the regular scheduled meeting at 9:53 p.m. Motion was second by Councilman Ming. Carried 5 – 0

Bobi Morris
City Clerk

Approved December 15, 2015