

City of Scranton
Minutes for the Meeting
of the Governing Body
Wednesday January 2, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burkdoll at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance were; Councilmen Ken Croucher, Eddie Lester, David Barnes, Larry Hulsopple, and Jack Mayfield, employees Bob Doepp and Bobi Morris, citizens Dennis Cowley, Jennifer Burkdoll, Jason Hardin, Randy Jackson, and Wayne White. Shawn Wilson attended late.

A motion was made by Councilman Lester to approve the minutes for the regular scheduled meeting on December 18, 2007 as amended. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Motion carried 5 – 0.

A motion was made by Councilman Lester to approve the minutes for the 2007 Amended Budget Hearing as written. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Motion carried 4 – 0 – 1 (Barnes abstained).

A motion was made by Councilman Barnes to make the 2007 budget transfer of \$27,000.00 from the water fund to the general fund. Motion was second by Councilman Lester. Motion carried 5 – 0.

A motion was made by Councilman Lester to make the 2007 budget transfer of \$15,000.00 from the sewer fund to the general fund. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Old Business; Christmas Light Contest Winners are first place Keith Dunn, second place Peggy Tupou and third place Aaron Traphagan. S&A Telephone won the business category. Mayor Burkdoll thanked everyone for participating and to all those who helped to make it a success.

Councilman Lester spoke to Robert Laubach and let him know that the city will bring dirt and grass seed to his property when the weather warms up.

Councilman Croucher stated there is not any change with the Westar contract.

Discussion on W. Greenbrier and W 5th streets was tabled.

City web site is currently in progress.

New Business; Randy Jackson was recognized by Mayor Burkdoll. Mr. Jackson asked the council to approve the purchase of a new commercial vacuum. Due

the amount of gravel that gets tracked in Mr. Jackson has ruined two vacuums. There was a discussion about speaking to the employees and have them scrape their boots off before they enter the building. Councilman Barnes made a motion to purchase a vacuum from Bob's Janitorial Service in the amount of \$229.00. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 5 – 0.

Jason Hardin with Crossroads Wireless addressed the council about installing a cell phone tower for Sprint on city property. Possible revenue for the city could be \$150,000.00 over a twenty-five year leasing period. He choose the property to the East of the Tennis courts. Council didn't want to do that because the park is used by Life Star. Mr. Hardin is going to look at the property near the water tower and the sewer lagoons. The ponds are in the county and may need to be annexed into the city limits. Mr. Hardin will report back to the council at the next regular scheduled meeting.

Councilman Lester reported that the door on the community building had been replaced.

Councilman Lester informed the council that as of December 31, 2007 all permits held by volunteer firemen for emergency lights and sirens had expired.

Chief Doepp gave the police report. He had confirmation for the training on the eighth, ninth and tenth but still not sure what the cost will be to the city. Owen Sullivan was cited via registered mail and Palmer still needed to remove two more vehicles.

Bobi Morris gave the clerk's report. Due to the "missing" time card at the last meeting there will only be copies of the time cards in the file. The originals can be viewed in the clerk's office.

Councilman Mayfield reported that the hayrack ride was enjoyed by everyone.

Councilman Lester stated that employees were still clocking in late for work. There was a discussion about how late employees were. Mayor Burkdoll clarified that being (up to) seven minutes late, while not docking an employees pay they are still late. Mayor Burkdoll said even if it is only one minute that is considered late for work. Councilman Lester wanted to know what if anything was going to be done about the tardiness. Councilman Mayfield made a motion to throw the current employee hand book out. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Failed 2 – 3 (Hulsopple, Barnes & Lester).

Councilman Lester questioned councilman telling employees things that were stated in executive session. There was a disagreement as to whether the comments were made in executive session or open session.

Mayor Burkdoll apologized for not having made the time to do the employees time study and stated that he will do it next week. Council will review the tardiness issue at the next regular scheduled meeting.

Chief Doepp was questioned about getting the patrol car stuck in the snow outside of the city limits. Chief Doepp said that the Osage County Sheriff's office sent him out to check on a reported stranded vehicle and got the patrol car stuck before reaching the destination. Mayor Burkdoll stated that he had not been notified by Chief Doepp and wished he had been so he could have told people he knew what was going on. Instead he learned about it when citizens told him. Councilman Barnes told Chief Doepp that since the amount of the tow bill exceeded the employee limit (of \$50.00) only the Mayor could have authorized the expense and he (Doepp) needs to report to the Mayor.

Councilman Lester questioned the over due statements owed by the police department against the drug proceeds. Councilman Croucher stated that everything had been taken care of and Chief Doepp concurred. Councilman Lester asked the clerk for copies of the statements and questioned the payment of each. Councilman Barnes made a motion at 7:57 p.m. to go into a ten-minute executive session for personnel issues. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 3 – 2 (Croucher & Mayfield). Chief Doepp was called into the session. Council returned to regular session at 8:07 p.m. Mayor Burkdoll requested the drug proceeds check book. Councilman Barnes made a motion at 8:08 p.m. to return to executive session for fifteen-minutes for personnel issue with Chief Doepp present. Chief Doepp left the session. The city clerk was called into the session. Council returned to regular session at 8:23 p.m. The clerk provided the mayor with the bank record of check number 163 which was the replacement for voided check number 161 and he shared it with the council. Councilman Barnes made a motion to suspend Chief Doepp with pay until a hearing could be held on January 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Motion was second by Councilman Lester. Councilman Mayfield asked Councilman Barnes for a reason and Councilman Barnes stated Departmental Management. Carried 3 – 2 (Croucher & Mayfield).

Councilman Croucher made a motion to approve ordinances 1 & 2 allow payment of the city debts and payroll. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 4 – 1 (Lester).

Councilman Mayfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Motion carried 3 – 2 (Barnes & Lester).

Bobi Morris
City Clerk
Approved Jan. 15, 2008

