

City of Scranton
Minutes for the Meeting
of the Governing Body
Tuesday January 15, 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, city attorney Mark Works, employees Bob Doepp, Scott Lester and Bobi Morris, citizens Jennifer Ogleby, Betsy & Keith Crispin, Tom Carnes, David Bennett, Dennis Cowley, Jennifer Burkdoll, Mildred Lester, Tana Brandt, Beve Brandt, Jim & Staci Jones, Courtney Jones, Donna Garmany, Trisha Garmany, Forrest Wood, Rodger & Rhonda Franks, Lynn & Shawn Wilson, Phil Parsons, Terry Ralston, Gary DeShazer, Raymond Morris, Ricky Morris, Rusty Morris, Kathy Alford, Suzette Baumgardner, Buffy Croucher, Jeanne Johnson and Shannon Kinch.

A motion was made by Councilman Barnes to approve the minutes for the regular scheduled meeting on January 2, 2008 as amended. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Motion carried 4 – 1 (Croucher).

Old Business; Due to the number of citizens present Mayor Burkdoll moved the personnel hearing up to the top of the agenda.

Councilman Barnes made a motion at 7:04 p.m. to go into a forty-five minute executive session with the city attorney present to discuss personnel issues. (Bob Doepp and his attorney will be called in shortly.) Motion was second by Councilman Lester. Carried 3 – 2 (Croucher, Mayfield) Council returned to regular session at 7:49 p.m. Councilman Barnes made a motion to accept Bob Doepp's resignation as stipulated in the executive session and allow the lawyers to work out the details. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 3 – 2 (Croucher, Mayfield)

Councilman Mayfield made a motion to move the public comments up to old business. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 5 – 0

Mayor Burkdoll recognized Keith Crispin. Mr. Crispin expressed concern about who will be returning police calls. Mayor Burkdoll stated that if there is an emergency he needed to call 911 and if it was not an emergency leave a message and the officer on duty that evening would return the calls. Mr. Crispin questioned why the mayor had not placed an ad in the paper for the city clerk and the treasurer positions. Mayor Burkdoll stated that he had no intention of replacing anyone at this time.

Mayor Burkdoll recognized Kathy Alford. Ms Alford wanted to know why there was not a designated handicap parking space out in front of the city offices. Councilman Barnes made a motion to have the maintenance department put a sign up as soon as possible. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 5 – 0. Councilman Barnes apologized to Ms Alford for the over sight.

Rodger Franks was recognized. Mr. Franks wanted the council to know that he found the recent newspaper article about the last council meeting to be very embarrassing. Mayor Burkdoll agreed with Mr. Franks to some extent and stated that the council needs to remember that they represent the city and its citizens and they need to act professional.

Mayor Burkdoll stopped the public comments due to numerous out bursts from unrecognized citizens using inappropriate language.

Mark Works informed the council that the Westar contract was not ready.

There was no discussion on W. Greenbrier and W 5th streets.

Mayor Burkdoll called Jason Hardin with Crossroads Wireless. Mr. Hardin was not present.

New Business; Neil Dayhoff addressed the council about a 173,260 gallon water bill at 606 W 5th Street. Mr. Dayhoff had installed a new line at the residence and after having the service turned on the line came apart. Mr. Dayhoff stated that it was the fault of the city workers for not noticing the meter was spinning and that the city should be responsible and not him. Scott Lester told the council that Cody Heckman was the one that installed the meter and Cody told him the meter was not spinning. Mr. Dayhoff argued that it had to be spinning because the customer was in the house checking all the faucets. Ms Myrick said that she had a river in her back yard but thought it was from the rain. Councilman Barnes made a motion to take 170,000 gallons off the bill. Motion died due to lack of a second. Councilman Croucher made a motion to charge the Myricks for 2000 gallons of water. Motion was second by Councilman Barnes. Carried 5 – 0. Councilman Barnes instructed Scott Lester to check all water meters within twenty-four hours of installing them. Mr. Myrick told the council that he wanted the city to remove the extra wire going to his shed and take the old meter but leave the pole where it is.

Councilman Hulsopple made a motion to purchase \$488.00 worth of water parts. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 5 – 0.

Councilman Croucher made a motion to purchase \$2016.60 worth of electric parts. Motion was second by Councilman Lester. Carried 5 – 0.

Joe Greene is concerned about getting the trash truck stuck servicing 606 W 5th Street and would like for the city to gravel. Councilman Lester instructed Scott Lester to gravel up by the road.

Council discussed payments due from the drug forfeiture account. Councilman Croucher made a motion to place the city attorney Mark Works on the account. Motion was second by Councilman Lester. Carried 4 – 1 (Mayfield).

Councilman Hulsopple made a motion to place ads in the official paper, the Topeka Capital Journal and on the internet for the police chief position. Motion was second by Councilman Barnes. Carried 4 – 1 (Mayfield)

Councilman Hulsopple made a motion to place rock in the alley between Brownie Blvd and Nicholas Street from Bracken Street to Mason Street. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 5 – 0

Council decided to continue having the work sessions prior to the meetings.

Mayor Burkdoll stated that the time study had been completed but the written results were not ready for them to view.

Councilman Barnes made a motion to approve ordinances 3 & 4 allowing payment of the city debts and payroll. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. After the discussion Councilman Barnes amended his motion to exclude check number 16893 to Northeast Kansas Hydraulics in the amount of \$6,641.29 until there is further information provided by the company about the increased cost. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 5 – 0

Councilman Mayfield inquired about the city's snow removal policy. Current city policy leaves the decision of when to remove snow up to the maintenance supervisor. Councilman Mayfield made a motion to change the current policy to have the mayor be the one to make the decision for snow removal and authorize the over time and that he should use a two inch accumulation rule. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 5 - 0

Councilman Barnes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Motion was second by Councilman Lester. Motion carried 4 – 0 (Croucher did not vote).

Bobi Morris
City Clerk

Approved February 13, 2008

