

**City of Scranton**  
**Minutes for the Meeting**  
**of the Governing Body**  
**Tuesday January 20, 2009**

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 Bobi Morris, Scott Lester and Jon Reed, citizens Bob Laubach, Keith & Betsy Crispin, Tom Carnes, Gabe Faimon, Frank Stokes, Philip Parsons, Derek & Ashtyn Terry, Jason Applehantz, Jennifer Burkdoll and Jaime Stout.

A motion was made by Councilman Lester to approve the minutes for the regular scheduled meeting on December 2, 2008 as written. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Motion carried 5 – 0

**New Business:** Mayor Burkdoll recognized Greg Wright with EMG. Mr. Wright reviewed the electric loss study with the council. He stated that 11% was normal usage and loss and could be accounted for, 7% could not. Mr. Wright expressed concerns about the city taking such a large loss and recommended recouping some of it with a loss factor on the monthly statements.

Councilman Mayfield made a motion to use a 10% loss factor. Mayfield retracted the motion.

**Old Business:** Bob Laubach made a complaint about sewer problems he experienced at his home. The clerk was instructed to find out if Emcon is still under a warranty for the new sewer system and if not Scott was instructed to dig it up and find out what the problem is.

Jaime Stout requested Deaf Child signs to be placed around her house. Councilman Barnes made a motion to approve up to \$200.00 for the purchase of four Deaf Child signs. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 5 – 0

Derek Terry requested to have \$537.67 removed from his utility bill. Mr. Terry explained that vandals had turned the water meter on (at his vacant house) and he didn't know anything about it until a neighbor called because water was coming out of the foundation. Councilman Lester made a motion to remove the water charges from Mr. Terry's bill. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 5 – 0

Chief Jon Reed gave the police report.

Councilman Lester made a motion at 8:15 p.m. to go in to a ten-minute executive session with Bobi Morris and Todd Luckman to discuss personnel issue. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 5 – 0 Council returned to regular session at 8:25 p.m.

Councilman Barnes made a motion at 8:26 p.m. to go in to a five-minute executive session with Todd Luckman for client/attorney privilege. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 5 – 0 Council returned to regular session at 8:31 p.m.

Councilman Lester expressed interest in hiring a Recreation Director to handle the ball season. He is still gathering information. Tabled

Councilman Hulsopple informed the council about the water damage to the ceiling and wall of the community building. Taking bids.

There was a discussion about adding a one cent sales tax on the April ballot. Tabled

Councilman Croucher made a motion to approve \$360.00 to send the volunteer firemen to SCAFFA training. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 5 – 0

Councilman Hulsopple made a motion to send Scott to Parsons Kansas for training at a cost of \$140.00 plus expenses. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 5 – 0

Councilman Croucher made a motion to approve ordinances 3 & 4 allowing payment of the city debts and payroll. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 5 – 0

Councilman Croucher made a motion to adjourn the regular scheduled meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 5 – 0.

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**Bobi Morris**  
**City Clerk**

**Approved February 3, 2009**