

City of Scranton
Minutes for the Meeting
of the Governing Body
Wednesday February 13, 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 Scott Lester, Bobi Morris, Jeff Crosby, citizens LeRoy Ming, Jennifer Ogleby, Betsy & Keith Crispin, Tom Carnes, Dennis Cowley, Jennifer Burkdoll, Shawn Wilson, Phil Parsons, Raymond Morris, Stephanie Watson, Rhonda & Rodger Franks and Nick Stout.

Mayor Burkdoll addressed the council and citizens on the negative comments being made about our community.

A motion was made by Councilman Barnes to approve the minutes for the regular scheduled meeting on January 15, 2008 as amended. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Motion carried 4 – 1 (Lester).

Old Business; Discussion on repairs to Greenbrier was tabled until the property owners are notified and have an opportunity to voice their concerns.

New Business; Mayor Burkdoll recognized LeRoy Ming. Mr. Ming presented council with a three-year mowing contract. The new contract has a fuel adjustment clause and the hourly mowing rate increased a dollar for the riding mowers. Councilman Barnes made a motion to accept the three-year contract with LeRoy Ming. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 5 – 0.

Mayor Burkdoll recognized Tom Carnes. Mr. Carnes stated that several years ago he had received a citation for having a vehicle parked in his yard. He questioned the cars currently parked at the mayor's residence. Mayor Burkdoll stated that when he received a complaint he complied.

Scott Lester gave the maintenance report. Scott is going to get bids for repairing the over head garage door at the shop and servicing the dump truck.

Stephanie Watson was recognized. Ms Watson discussed the Osage County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Councilman Barnes made a motion to allow the mayor to sign the participation agreement. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 5 – 0.

Chief Scott Lester gave the fire report. Discussion for the Kan-Step Grant was tabled. Councilman Lester made a motion to approve \$250.00 for the Spring Fire

Training classes. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 5 – 0. Councilman Barnes made a motion to approve \$130.00 to purchase two new batteries at D&D Tire. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 5 – 0.

Councilman Barnes made a motion to adopt the dog at the pound and take him to the veterinarian for check up, neuter and vaccinations. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 5 – 0. (He will live at the shop.)

Council instructed Ken Silver to use the new patrol car. Council would like the officers to rotate the use of both cars. Councilman Mayfield made a motion to have Curtis Liggett install the in-car-camera in unit 1. Motion was second by Councilman Lester. Carried 5 – 0. Ken Silver asked council if he could buy is belt items. Councilman Barnes made a motion to allow Ken Silver to buy the items on his belt. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Councilman Barnes withdrew his motion. Council told Ken to bring a dollar amount back to the next meeting.

Bobi Morris gave the clerk's report. Councilman Mayfield made a motion to purchase four (4) boxes of window envelopes for \$222.88 plus shipping and handling. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 5 – 0. Councilman Barnes made a motion to purchase seven (7) 3x5 flags and two (2) 4x6 flags for \$300.00 plus shipping and handling. Motion was second by Councilman Lester. Carried 5 – 0.

Councilman Lester asked if anyone knew why Cody Heckman had quit his job with the city. He had heard several different stories. Councilman Croucher said there were several reasons but not having a babysitter was the main reason. Councilman Lester stated that he thought the city lost a good employee.

Councilman Mayfield asked if the building inspector had quit. The mayor said that Mr. Fenton did not have the time to do the inspections any more. Council decided not to run an ad in the paper. They want it placed on the utility statements and put notice on the bulletin board.

Councilman Croucher made a motion at 7:54 p.m. to go in to a five-minute executive session to discuss personnel issue. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 7:59 p.m.

Councilman Croucher will go to the Osage County Commissioner's meeting on the 25th to request that any new and/or improved construction since January 1st qualify for the revitalization credit.

Councilman Hulsopple wants to get the sewer lagoons annexed into the city limits.

Councilman Mayfield made a motion to hire Osage Waste Disposal to pick up the trash at 409 W Nicholas Street and add the charges to the tenant's final bill. Motion was second by Councilman Barnes. Carried 5 – 0.

Councilman Barnes made a motion to waive the minimum charges for the Methodist Church Parsonage. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Failed 0 – 4 (Mayfield did not vote). Councilman Barnes made a motion to have a committee formed to research the utility minimum charge issue. The committee will consist of two (2) councilmen, the city clerk and two (2) citizens. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 5 – 0. Mayor Burkdoll will bring his appointments for the committee back to the next meeting.

Councilman Mayfield made a motion to hold check # 692 for \$820.53 to Northeast Kansas Hydraulics. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 5 – 0.

Councilman Croucher made a motion to approve ordinances 5 & 6 allowing payment of the city debts and payroll. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 5 – 0

Councilman Hulsopple made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion was second by Councilman Barnes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Bobi Morris
City Clerk

Approved February 19, 2008