

City of Scranton
**Minutes for the Meeting
of the Governing Body
Thursday March 17, 2009**

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

In attendance were; Councilmen Ken Croucher, Eddie Lester, Larry Hulsopple and Jack Mayfield, David Barnes was absent. Employees Bobi Morris, Scott Lester and Jon Reed, citizens Tom Carnes, Jennifer Burkdoll, Scott Bennett, Joe & Joyce Greene, Jeanne Johnson, Nick Stout, Gabe Faimon, Frank Stokes, Philip Parsons, Rhonda and Rodger Franks.

A motion was made by Councilman Croucher to approve the minutes for the regular scheduled meeting on March 5, 2009 as written. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Motion carried 4 – 0

A motion was made by Councilman Croucher to approve the minutes for the special call meeting on March 5, 2009 as written. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Motion carried 4 – 0

Old Business: Hearing was held for the unsafe structure at 310 Brownie. Scott Bennett informed the council that he had the building sold if the city would allow the new owners more than sixty days to remove it. Councilman Croucher made a motion to table the hearing until the April 7, 2009 meeting and request the potential buyers be present. Motion was second by Councilman Lester.
Carried 4 – 0

Scott Lester gave an update on the sewer issues at 402 S Carbon and 421 S Burlingame. It is still too muddy at 402 Carbon and he needs more time to get the three bids on 421 Burlingame.

The sealed bids on the 2002 Mercury Sable were opened. Steve Vandevord bid \$250.00 and Don & Rhonda Riffey bid \$526.00. Councilman Lester made a motion to reject all bids on the Mercury Sable and allow Chief Reed to place it on Purple Wave. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 4 – 0

New Business: Mayor Burkdoll recognized Brent and Denise Isabell. They were not present.

Joe and Joyce Greene presented council with a new contract agreement. Due to some contractual changes decision to accept the bid was tabled until the April 7, 2009 meeting to allow the attorney time to review the contract.

Councilman Mayfield made a motion to spend \$300.00 for the city Easter Egg Hunt. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 4 – 0 Joyce Greene presented the city with a \$100.00 donation from Osage Waste Disposal for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Councilman Lester made a motion at 7:27 p.m. to go in to a ten-minute executive session with Todd Luckman and Jon Reed present to discuss non-elected personnel issue. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 4 – 0 Council returned to regular session at 7:38 p.m.

Councilman Lester made a motion to hire Ruby Hilton and Marty Kane as part-time police officers contingent on background check, physiological evaluation and certification from the Part-time Academy. Pay of \$9.00 an hour until certification is obtained then increased to \$10.00 an hour. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 4 – 0

Bobi Morris informed the council that the insurance premiums with Blue Cross Blue Shield has increased \$128.68 per employee and that she was checking in to get insurance with the State's employee plan. Councilman Mayfield made a motion to renew the contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield for the employee medical insurance for now and proceed with the State coverage. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 4 – 0

Council reviewed the investment summaries for Receipt Management and Billing & Licensing software that was recommended by the city auditor last year. Councilman Hulsopple made a motion to spend \$5495.00 to purchase, install and train employees on the Receipt Management and Billing & Licensing software programs. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 4 – 0

Councilman Mayfield asked when the city's property was going to be returned by David Roberts and Jim Jones. Letters were sent out nearly a year ago requesting the return of all fire equipment in their possession. It was decided to allow Chief Scott Lester one week to collect the property. Police Chief Reed will be sent to collect the equipment if Fire Chief Lester is not successful.

Councilman Lester made a motion at 7:50 p.m. to go in to a twenty-five minute executive session with Bobi Morris, Scott Lester and Jon Reed being called in to discuss non-elected personnel issue. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 4 – 0 Council returned to regular session at 8:15 p.m.

Councilman Lester made a motion at 8:16 p.m. to go in to a five-minute executive session with Todd Luckman to discuss non-elected personnel issue. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 4 – 0 Council returned to regular session at 8:21 p.m.

Councilman Mayfield made a motion to combine the Police, Fire, First Responder, Emergency Preparedness and Code Enforcement departments in to one called the Scranton Department of Public Safety and accept Mayor Burkdoll's recommendation to appoint Jon Reed as the supervisor for said department at a pay rate of \$42,000.00 annually. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 4 – 0

Councilman Hulsopple made a motion to purchase two (2) fire hydrants and take the \$2400 out of the water fund. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 4 – 0

Councilman Mayfield made a motion to approve ordinances 11 & 12 allowing payment of the city debts and payroll. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple Carried 4 – 0

Councilman Hulsopple made a motion to adjourn the regular scheduled meeting at 8:29 p.m. Motion was second by Councilman Lester Carried 4 – 0.

Bobi Morris
City Clerk

Approved April 7, 2009