

City of Scranton
**Minutes for the Meeting
of the Governing Body
Tuesday March 18, 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, Frank Heiman, Ken Silver, Jeff Crosby & Brenda Lester, citizens Brenda Head, Stephen McDonald, Paul Vowell, Sheila Dale, Tom Carnes, Shawn Wilson, Cody Heckman, Gary DeShazer, Nick Stout, Joe & Joyce Greene, Rodger Franks, Dennis Cowley and Raymond Morris.

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

Old Business; Mayor Burkdoll recognized Brenda Head. Councilman Lester made a motion at 7:03 p.m. to go in to a twenty-minute executive session with Mark Works for legal issue and will call in Brenda Head and Stephen McDonald at some point. Motion was second by Councilman Barnes. Carried 3 – 2 (Croucher, Mayfield). Council returned to regular session at 7:25 p.m. Councilman Barnes made a motion to table the issue until other interested parties can be notified and have an opportunity to voice their opinion. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 5 – 0.

Council stated that they wanted pictures of the city equipment and facilities for the newspaper layout.

Mayor Burkdoll called Gary DeShazer. Councilman Mayfield wanted to know why the zoning members were not appointed in 2007. Mayor Burkdoll made a recommendation to re-appoint Jennifer Burkdoll and Dennis Lamberd. Councilman Barnes made a motion to accept the mayor's recommendations and re-appoint Jennifer Burkdoll and Dennis Lamberd to the zoning committee, continuous since their last appointment, for a term of three years. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 3 – 1 (Croucher) – 1 (Mayfield abstain). Mr. DeShazer requested a work session with the council to go over changes to the zoning book prepared by the committee. Council agreed.

Sheila Dale spoke to the council about annexing the sewer lagoons. Mark Works will contact Vic Montgomery with KDHE and find out about any regulation changes that may occur from the annexation.

Joe Greene addressed the council about the fuel and dump fees increasing. Councilman Hulsopple made a motion to give Osage Waste a \$2.05 increase for their solid waste removal services. There was a discussion followed by Councilman Hulsopple with-drawing his motion. Councilman Barnes made a motion to approve the \$2.05 increase and amend ordinance 15-520 to reflect actual cost. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 5 – 0.

Council wants to schedule a special call meeting with Jason Hardin of Crossroads Wireless to finalize the tower contract on March 27th or April 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Mary Staples wants her deposit returned because she relocated and the deposit amount has changed. Councilman Lester made a motion to repay the deposit. Motion was second by Councilman Barnes. Carried 5 – 0. Bobi Morris requested Ms Staples receive a copy of the

motion that dictated what the clerk's office was to do regarding this issue. Bobi did not want Ms Staples to think she was being singled out or picked on when she was denied a refund.

New Business; Brenda Lester gave the treasurer report. She stated that the water salaries were over budget for the first quarter. All councilmen want to receive the large budget report like the one the mayor gets. Joe and Joyce Greene donated \$100.00 to the Easter egg hunt. Councilman Mayfield made a motion to spend \$300.00 for the Easter egg hunt. Motion was second by Councilman Barnes. Carried 5 – 0. Councilman Hulsopple will put notice on the Lions sign and notice will be put up in all the businesses.

Councilman Barnes made a motion to approve \$200.00 for Topeka Truck Repair to service the dump truck. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 5 – 0. Councilman Croucher made a motion to accept the bid from Al's for \$2130.00 to replace the overhead door and install a commercial grade opener. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 3 – 1 (Lester) – 1 (Barnes abstain) Council instructed Scott to get the bid in writing before allowing the work to be done.

Cody Heckman discussed two grants for the fire department. The FEMA grant is due by April 4, 2008 with a five percent match of \$6,055.00 to the city. The Forestry grant is due by March 29, 2008 with a fifty percent match of \$7,569.50 (option #1) or \$3,689.00 (option #2) to the city. Councilman Barnes made a motion to table until April 1, 2008 to allow time to gather more information about the fire department's needs. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 4 – 1 (Lester). Chief Scott Lester will provide the clerk with a list of firemen that need to receive a fifteen day notice to return city property.

Councilman Croucher made a motion at 8:38 p.m. to take a fifteen minute break. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 4 – 1 (Hulsopple). Council returned to regular session at 8:54 p.m.

Councilman Mayfield made a motion to remove David Roberts from the fire department. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Councilman Lester asked for the reason. Councilman Mayfield stated attendance and acting as the chief at a call. Councilman Lester stated that Jim Jones also needed to be removed then. Councilman Mayfield amended his motion to included Jim Jones and any others that have not been attending meetings. Carried 3 – 0 – 2 (Lester, Barnes abstain) Councilman Barnes made a motion to have the fire department write up the criteria for maintaining active status with the fire department. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 4 – 1 (Lester). Mayor Burkdoll vetoed the motion made by Councilman Mayfield to remove volunteer fireman pending the outcome of the criteria write-up from the fire department. Councilman Mayfield made a motion to over-ride the mayor's veto. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 2 – 1 (Barnes) – 2 (Hulsopple, Lester abstain).

Frank Heiman gave the police report. Councilman Barnes made a motion to allow Terry Ralston to ride along with officer Heiman and officer Silver in a non-officer capacity for a total of ten hours over a two week period. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 5 – 0. Police chief interviews will be done on the same night as the special call meeting for the tower contract. Mayor Burkdoll will schedule three at 8:00 p.m. and three at 9:00 p.m.

Councilman Croucher made a motion at 9:24 p.m. to go into a ten-minute executive session with Mark Works, Phil Parsons, Randy DonCarlos and Raymond Morris present to discuss a legal issue. Motion was second by Councilman Barnes. Carried 4 – 1 (Mayfield) Council returned to regular session at 9:34 p.m.

Councilman Lester wanted to know what the council was going to do about customers coming in or calling the clerk's office and acting inappropriately. Councilman Lester expressed concerns about people harassing or acting in a threatening manner when there are only two ladies alone in

the office. It was agreed that shutting the window and calling 911 was the correct course of action for the clerk's to take when any situation gets out of control.

Councilman Lester reminded the council that they discussed extending the office hours as soon as Brenda returned from maternity leave. Councilman Lester wants to see the office open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Bobi Morris expressed concerns about the extended hours placing the clerk's at a higher risk because there would be six hours a day that there would only be one clerk in the office. Councilman Barnes made a motion to stagger the lunch breaks starting with the next pay period. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 4 – 1 (Lester).

Councilman Croucher discussed getting help with low interest loans and grants for the fire department. Rodger Franks asked if his taxes were going to go up and are they going to build some huge building they don't need or be realistic about it. Councilman Croucher said they were going to be realistic and taxes would not increase because there are plenty of other ways to generate the money. Shawn Wilson stated that the city's ISO rating would improve and insurance savings alone would make up for any tax increase. He stated that his homeowners insurance went up \$250.00 a year because the city was rated a 10. Bobi Morris questioned when it was changed from a 7 to a 10. Council asked Bobi to find out what the rating is.

Councilman Croucher made a motion to approve ordinances 11 & 12 allowing payment of the city debts and payroll. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 5 – 0

Councilman Mayfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Motion failed 1 (Mayfield) – 4

Councilman Croucher made a motion at 10:05 p.m. to go into a five-minute executive session with Mark Works for personnel issue. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 4 – 0 – 0 (Mayfield no vote) Council returned to regular session at 10:12 p.m.

Councilman Croucher made a motion to adjourn the regular scheduled meeting at 10:13 p.m. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 4 – 0 – 0 (Mayfield no vote)

Bobi Morris
City Clerk

Approved April 1, 2008