

**City of Scranton**  
**Minutes for the Meeting**  
**of the Governing Body**  
**Tuesday May 1, 2007**

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

In attendance were; Councilmen Ken Croucher, Ray Lester Jr., David Barnes, Larry Hulsopple, and Jack Mayfield, attorney Mark Works, employees Bobi Morris, Bob Doepp, Scott Lester, Brenda Lester and Cody Heckman citizens Jim Jones, David Bennett, Carolyn Cogswell, Francis Heiman, Philip Parsons, Ray Morris, Gaylene Croucher, Jennifer MacDougall, Darin Briggs, Rhonda & Rodger Franks, Shawn Wilson and Kyle Landauer.

Motion was made by Councilman Lester to approve the minutes for the regular scheduled meeting on April 17, 2007 as written. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Motion carried 4 – 0

Councilman Lester made a motion at 7:02 p.m. to go into a twenty-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel issues and allowing the city attorney to enter the session if he arrived. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 4 – 0. Mark Works arrived before the session convened. Council returned to regular session at 7:22 p.m.

Mayor Burkdoll gave the Oath of Office to Jack Mayfield. Councilman Mayfield signed the oath and took his seat at the council table.

Mayor Burkdoll appointed Bobi Morris as City Clerk for a term of one year. Councilman Hulsopple motioned to accept the mayor's appointment for city clerk. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Mayor Burkdoll appointed Scott Lester as Fire Chief for a term of one year. Councilman Hulsopple motioned to accept the mayor's appointment for fire chief. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 5 – 0.

Mayor Burkdoll appointed Michael Coffman as the Municipal Judge for a term of one year. Councilman Lester motioned to accept the mayor's appointment for municipal Judge. Motion was second by Councilman Barnes. Carried 5 – 0.

Mayor Burkdoll appointed Mark Works as the City Attorney for a term of one year. Councilman Croucher motioned to accept the mayor's appointment for city attorney. Motion was second by Councilman Lester. Carried 5 – 0.

Mayor Burkdoll appointed the Kansas State Bank as the city's official bank for a term of one year. Councilman Mayfield motioned to accept the mayor's appointment for the official bank. Motion was second by Councilman Barnes. Carried 5 – 0.

Mayor Burkdoll appointed the Osage County Herald-Chronicle as the city's official newspaper for a term of one year. Councilman Hulsopple motioned to accept the mayor's appointment for official newspaper. Motion was second by Councilman Lester. Carried 5 – 0.

Mayor Burkdoll appointed Robert Doepp as the Police Chief for a term of one year. Councilman Croucher motioned to accept the mayor's appointment for police chief. Councilman Croucher withdrew his motion.

Councilman Lester motioned for a five-minute executive session at 7:28 p.m. with city attorney and Robert Doepp present to discuss non-elected personnel issue. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 7:35 p.m.

Councilman Barnes motioned to accept the mayor's appointment for police chief. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 5 – 0.

Mayor Burkdoll appointed Brenda Lester as the City Treasurer.

Councilman Barnes motioned at 7:36 p.m. for a five-minute executive session with city attorney to discuss non-elected personnel issue. Motion seconded by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 7:41 p.m.

Councilman Barnes motioned to accept the mayor's appointment for city treasurer. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 4 – 0- 1 (Lester abstained).

Mayor Burkdoll appointed Bobi Morris as the Assistant City Clerk (part-time). Councilman Hulsopple motioned to accept the mayor's appointment of assistant city clerk. Councilman Hulsopple withdrew his motion.

Councilman Mayfield motioned at 7:43 p.m. for a five-minute executive session with city attorney present to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion was second by Councilman Lester. Carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 7:48 p.m.

Councilman Hulsopple motioned to accept the mayor's appointment for assistant city clerk. Motion died due to lack of second.

**Old Business;** Councilman Croucher informed the council that the current contract with Westar Energy was being extended for thirty to ninety days and that KPP was handling everything.

**New Business;** Mayor Burkdoll appointed Councilman Barnes as Director #2 for the KMEA board. Councilman Lester motioned to accept the mayor's appointment for Director #2. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 4 – 0 – 1 (Barnes abstained).

Mayor Burkdoll appointed Councilman Lester as the Alternate for the KMEA board. Councilman Croucher motioned to accept the mayor's appointment for Alternate. Motion was second by Councilman Barnes. Carried 4 – 0 – 1 (Lester abstained).

Scott Lester gave the maintenance report. All the large bleachers will be placed at the city park. Councilman Hulsopple motioned to spend \$150.00 on water supplies. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 5 – 0. Councilman Barnes motioned to increase the amount of funds for emergency expenses to \$1000.00. All purchases must be authorized by the Mayor prior to purchase being made. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 5 – 0.

Cody Heckman gave the fire report. FEMA grant was sent off April 20, 2007 for the purchase of bunker gear. The brush truck lettering has been completed.

Chief Doepp gave the police report. City attorney will handle writing up the violations of city ordinances for 402 S Topeka and 816 E 5<sup>th</sup> St. and provide them to the Mayor.

Bobi Morris gave the clerk report. Councilman Barnes motioned to set the seasonal hours not to exceed forty-eight in a two week pay period. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 5 – 0. Councilman Barnes motioned at 8:11 p.m. to go into a five minute executive session with the city attorney and city clerk to discuss personnel issues. Motion was second by Councilman Lester. Carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 8:16 p.m. Councilman Barnes motioned at 8:18 p.m. to go back into executive session for five-minutes with the city attorney, city clerk and police chief to discuss personnel issues. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 8:23 p.m. Council confirmed that when a motion specifies a purchase quantity an employee cannot increase that quantity just because their not exceeding the dollar amount set in the motion.

Councilman Croucher motioned at 8:27 p.m. to take a ten-minute break. Motion second by Councilman Lester. Carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 8:37 p.m.

Mayor Burkdoll recognized Kyle Landauer. Mr. Landauer expressed concern with the apparent violations on the block to the north of his property. Mr. Landauer would like some type of action by the city or he feels he needs to go to the county and have his taxes reduced. Chief Doepp was instructed to give citations for the noise ordinance violations when they occur and the other concerns are being addressed.

Council reviewed a \$2800.00 bid for expanding the ball diamond's infield. Franks Construction and K&B donated \$100.00 each towards expanding the infield. Council tabled the issue until the next regular meeting. Maintenance will check on a water back up in the 400 block between Topeka and Carbon. Councilman Barnes motioned to take \$100.00 from the general fund and donate it to the Saturday in the Park committee. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 5 – 0. Councilman Barnes motioned to run an ad in the paper for the open Building Inspector position. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 5 – 0. The ad will be reviewed by the mayor.

Councilman Croucher motioned to approve ordinances 17 and 18 allowing the payment of the city's debts and payroll. Motion was second by Councilman Lester. Carried 5 – 0.

Mayor Burkdoll addressed the council about standing around after the meetings have concluded. He feels that due to the council being reported for illegal meetings in the past it would be best if the council leave the premises directly following the meetings. Councilman Lester stated that information from the executive sessions was being discussed outside of those sessions. Mayor Burkdoll stated that it could only be coming

from someone at the council table and who ever it is needs to stop. Councilman Lester motioned at 9:00 p.m. to go into a twenty-minute executive session with the city attorney for non-elected personnel issues. Motion was second by Councilman Barnes. Carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 9:20 p.m. Councilman Lester motioned at 9:21 p.m. to extend the executive session five minutes. Motion was second by Councilman Barnes. Carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 9:26 p.m. Councilman Lester motioned to make the cleaning of the city offices the clerk's responsibility. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 5 – 0. Councilman Lester stated that the Police Department would be cleaned by the department's employees and the police department could also be responsible for the men's bathroom. Chief Doepp suggested that his department and the maintenance department could share the responsibility of cleaning the men's room. Council agreed with Chief Doepp. Council instructed the clerk to get estimates on a new vacuum unless one could be purchased for less than fifty dollars.

Councilman Lester made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 3 – 2 (Barnes and Croucher against).

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

**Approved**