

City of Scranton
**Minutes for the Meeting
of the Governing Body
Tuesday August 5, 2008**

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

In attendance were councilmen; Eddie Lester, David Barnes, Larry Hulsopple, Jack Mayfield and Ken Croucher, Employees Bobi Morris and Mark Knowles, Citizens Betsy & Keith Crispin, Tom Carnes, Dennis Lamberd, Tony Roberts, Rhonda Franks, Jennifer Burkdoll, Chance Ellis, Jeanne Johnson, Terry & Rebecca Ralston, Keith Miner, Richard Lyda and Chad Myrick.

A motion was made by Councilman Lester to approve the minutes for the special call meeting on July 15, 2008 as written. Motion was second by Councilman Barnes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Hulsopple to approve the minutes for the special call meeting on July 16, 2008 as written. Motion was second by Councilman Lester. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Old Business; Mayor Burkdoll recognized Jeanne Johnson. Ms Johnson shared regulations on mobile homes in neighboring cities. The Zoning Committee's recommendation was to leave the age limit as it is. The Committee is working on variance procedures and expects to have it completed by the end of September. Council took no action on Ordinance 576.

Mark Knowles stated Washington Electronics prepared a statement that our siren had been damaged by lightning and we had submitted it to the insurance for a claim. Mark is going to continue the fund raising efforts so the other siren can be replaced before it stops working.

New Business; Council was informed about the city attorney Mark Works submitting his resignation letter effective July 16, 2008.

Suzette Baumgardner was recognized but not present. Councilman Croucher explained Ms. Baumgardner had made a complaint to him about the property to the South of hers not being mowed. The Mayor will ask Jim Jones to attend the next meeting.

Chad Myrick requested the city be responsible for a debt owed to Peiman Title for preparing easement on his property. Council denied the request.

Chance Ellis inquired about possible noise violations if he had a band at his residence on August 9, 2008 during the marathon. Council advised Mr. Ellis to notify all of his neighbors about his plans.

Councilman Hulsopple wants to get a treasurer appointed. Issue was tabled until next meeting.

Councilman Mayfield made a motion at 7:27 p.m. to go in to a twenty-minute executive session with Mark Knowles present to discuss employee concerns. Motion was second by Councilman Barnes. Carried 4 – 1 (Lester) Council returned to regular session at 7:48 p.m.

Councilman Barnes made a motion to terminate Terry Ralston. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Councilman Barnes made a motion for a vote for public censor on Councilman Mayfield. Motion was second by Councilman Lester. Carried 4 – 1 (Croucher)

Councilman Barnes made a motion at 7:51 p.m. to go in to a ten-minute executive session with Mark Knowles to discuss non-elected personnel issues. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 4 – 1 (Lester) Councilman Croucher left the session at 8:00 p.m. Council returned to regular session at 8:02 p.m.

Councilman Barnes made a motion at 8:03 p.m. to go in to a ten-minute executive session with Mark Knowles and Terry Ralston to discuss non-elected personnel issues. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 4 – 1 (Lester) Councilman Lester was not in attendance. Council returned at 8:13 p.m.

Mayor Burkdoll recognized Keith Crispin. Mr. Crispin discussed his tall grass concerns.

Mayor Burkdoll recognized Terry Ralston. Mr. Ralston stated he did not have anything at this time.

Councilman Mayfield made a motion to purchase twenty-four (24) pad locks (keyed alike) from White Star to be used for water meters when at residence is vacant and electric meter if the seals are broke or tampered with. Motion was second by Councilman Lester. Carried 5 – 0

Councilman Barnes made a motion at 8:31 p.m. to go in to a thirty-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel issues with employees being called in as needed. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 9:02 p.m.

Councilman Barnes made a motion to terminate Terry Ralston based on recommendation of Chief Knowles and documentation provided. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. 3 – 3 (Croucher, Lester, Hulsopple) mayor called for a re-vote. Failed 2-3 (Croucher, Lester, Mayfield)

Councilman Mayfield made a motion at 9:07 p.m. to go in to a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel issue. Motion was second by Councilman Lester. Carried 5 – 0 Council returned to regular session at 9:13 p.m. Councilman Mayfield asked the mayor to convey the councils consensuses to Chief Knowles.

Councilman Croucher made a motion to approve ordinances 31 & 32 allowing payment of the city debts and payroll. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 5 – 0

Councilman Lester made a motion to adjourn the regular scheduled meeting at 9:14 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hulsopple. Motion carried 5 – 0

Bobi Morris
City Clerk

Approved August 19, 2008