

City of Scranton
Minutes for the Meeting
of the Governing Body
Tuesday September 16, 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, Attorney Todd Luckman, Employees Bobi Morris, and Grant Nutter, Citizens Tom Carnes, Jennifer Burkdoll, Ethan Kahle, Keith & Betsy Crispin, Jeanne Johnson, Rodger & Rhonda Franks, Keith Miner, Dave Bennett, James Bennett, Charlie Sherwood and Catherine Faimon.

A motion was made by Councilman Lester to approve the minutes for the regular scheduled meeting on September 2, 2008 as written. Motion was second by Councilman Barnes. Motion carried 5 – 0

Old Business; Mayor Burkdoll recognized Charlie Sherwood representative for Crossroads Wireless. Mr. Sherwood addressed the council about using the water tower for antenna placement. Mr. Sherwood assured the council that working with Utility Services would not be an issue. Councilman Barnes made a motion to approve entering into a contract with Crossroads Wireless (for a fee of \$500.00 a month for the first five years) pending the approval of the city attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lester. Carried 4 – 1 (Croucher) Mr. Sherwood left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Shelia Dale was recognized but not present.

Todd Luckman addressed council on the agreement for SPP to KPP. Councilman Mayfield made a motion to have the attorney look into the matter and bring his recommendation to the next meeting. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 5 – 0

Todd Luckman's recommendation on 310 S Brownie Blvd. is to start over with a new resolution and hearing. Council requested the resolution be available at the next meeting.

Council wanted clarification as to the city's liability for the open well at 3rd and Topeka streets. Mr. Luckman explained the city doesn't have liability for something on private property. The city needs a resolution showing concern for the potential danger of the open well. Council instructed Mr. Luckman to address the issue and the mayor will instruct Scott Lester to get bids for a "cap" to cover the well.

City Clerk Bobi Morris informed the council that the insurance company had paid out \$5000.00 for the storm damaged siren. Mayor Burkdoll asked the clerk to get bids from Washington and Motorola to install a new siren and see if one of them will attend a meeting to give an opinion about the siren council wants to purchase.

Rhonda Franks asked the council if she could have electric service only at Rumors Has It. Council instructed Todd Luckman to review the city codes and the contract with Osage Waste Disposal and give them an opinion at the next meeting.

Councilman Lester made a motion at 7:49 p.m. to go in to a twenty-minute executive session with Todd Luckman to discuss non-elected personnel issues related to the police department and the treasurer position. Motion was second by Councilman Barnes. Carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 8:09 p.m.

Councilman Croucher made a motion to take a ten-minute break at 8:09 p.m. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 5 – 0 Council returned to regular session at 8:18 p.m.

Mayor Burkdoll recognized James Bennett. Mr. Bennett addressed the council about tearing down a mobile home at 200 E Bracken St. for Linda Franklin. Mr. Luckman explained that the city couldn't approve that without proof of ownership.

Mayor Burkdoll made a recommendation to appoint Scott Shea as the police chief at \$13.00 an hour.

Councilman Mayfield made a motion at 8:29 p.m. to go in to a ten-minute executive session with Todd Luckman and Brenda Lester to discuss non-elected personnel issue. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 8:40 p.m.

Councilman Barnes made a motion at 8:42 p.m. to go in to a three-minute executive session with Todd Luckman to discuss legal matters. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 4 – 1 (Lester). Council returned to regular session at 8:45 p.m.

Councilman Mayfield made a motion to accept Brenda Lester's resignation as the city treasurer for the purpose of clarification. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 4 – 0 – 1 (Lester abstained).

Councilman Mayfield made a motion to run an ad for the treasurer position. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Mayfield withdrew his motion.

Mayor Burkdoll made recommendation to appoint Brenda Lester as the city treasurer. Councilman Barnes made a motion to accept Mayor Burkdoll's recommendation to appoint Brenda Lester as the city treasurer allowing a maximum of twenty hours a week pending bonding. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Failed 1 (Barnes) – 3 – 1 (Lester abstained).

Mayor Burkdoll made recommendation to appoint Scott Shea as the acting police chief for \$13.00 an hour. Councilman Barnes made a motion to accept the mayor's recommendation to appoint Scott Shea as the acting police chief for \$13.00 an hour. Motion was second by Councilman Lester. Failed 1 (Barnes) – 3 – 1 (Hulsopple abstained)

Councilman Croucher made a motion to approve ordinances 37 & 38 allowing payment of the city debts and payroll. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 5 – 0

Councilman Lester made a motion to purchase four tires for the road grader at D&D Tire for \$1935.00. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 4 – 1 (Mayfield)

Councilman Mayfield made a motion to adjourn the regular scheduled meeting at 9:07 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hulsopple. Motion carried 5 – 0

Bobi Morris
City Clerk

Approved October 7, 2008