

City of Scranton
**Minutes for the Meeting
of the Governing Body
Tuesday April 15, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Council President David Barnes at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance were; Councilmen Ken Croucher, David Barnes, Larry Hulsopple, and Jack Mayfield, employees Scott Lester, Bobi Morris, Frank Heiman, & Brenda Lester citizens Betsy & Keith Crispin, Jason Hardin, Travis & Andrea Shafer, Jeanne Johnson, Rodger & Rhonda Franks, Dennis Cowley, Shawn Wilson, Randy Jordan, Scott Williams, Clint Golay, Scott Scurlock, Royce & Christine Berkley.

A motion was made by Councilman Croucher to approve the minutes for the regularly scheduled meeting on April 1, 2008 as amended. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Motion carried 4 – 0

Old Business; Councilman Croucher made a motion at 7:06 p.m. to go into a ten-minute executive session with Mark Works present to interview a job applicant. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 3 – 1 (Mayfield). Council returned to regular session at 7:17 p.m. Councilman Barnes made a motion at 7:18 p.m. to go back into executive session for an additional five-minutes. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 3 – 1 (Mayfield). Council returned to regular session at 7:23 p.m. with no action taken.

A representative from Aerial FX, Inc. discussed the 2008 Shooters School and what arrangements can be made for the Saturday in the Park celebration this year. For an additional ten percent of our fireworks purchase Aerial FX will provide liability insurance that pays up to five million dollars per incident. Clerk was instructed to check with the city's insurance agent about the city's liability for the display. Bob Schick has offered to supply the mortars this year for free. There is a class on Saturday April 19th and Councilman Mayfield made a motion to send Phil Parsons, Shawn Wilson, Nick Stout and Ken Croucher to the training. Paying \$25.00 each for the first three and Ken Croucher will pay for his own.

Councilman Barnes recognized Jason Hardin with Crossroads Wireless. Councilman Hulsopple made a motion at 7:37 p.m. to go in to a five-minute executive session with Mark Works for legal issue. Motion was second by Councilman Barnes. Carried 3 – 1 (Barnes). Council returned to regular session at 7:43 p.m. Councilman Mayfield made a motion not to accept the current contract allowing antenna installation on the water tower with the understanding that another contract with Crossroads will be implemented with a free standing tower. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 3 – 1 (Barnes). Mr. Hardin offered \$350.00 a month for the land lease on the new contract.

Council addressed Mr. & Mrs. Travis Shafer about the privacy fence they installed without obtaining a building permit. Council informed the Shafers that the electric meter needs to be moved off of the house and on to a pole in the city's easement. Council also told them that the service line from the meter back to the house would be their responsibility not the cities from then on. The Shafers agreed with the council and left the meeting.

Randy Jordan, Scott Williams and Clint Golay from Martin Tractor addressed the council about leasing a new backhoe and refurbishing the road grader. Council was provided with pamphlets and written estimates for both machines. Any decisions were tabled and Mr. Jordan, Williams and Golay left the meeting.

New Business; Councilman Barnes recognized Royce and Christine Berkley. The Berkley's had concerns about the Osage County Sheriff deputies parking in the back parking lot and following customers from the R/C Saloon. They explained to the council that they were not doing anything wrong and that their business was suffering because of what the Sheriff deputies were doing. Council explained that they didn't have any say over the Sheriff deputies. Council recommended taking their concerns to the County Commissioners. The Berkleys thanked the council and left the meeting.

Councilman Barnes made a motion at 8:39 p.m. to take a five-minute break followed by a forty-minute executive session with Mark Works and Scott Lester present for maintenance interviews. Council returned to regular session at 9:24 p.m. Councilman Croucher made a motion at 9:25 to into a five-minute executive session with Mark Works and Scott Lester for personnel issue. Council returned to regular session at 9:31 p.m. No action was taken.

Councilman Hulsopple made a motion to make a \$75.00 donation to the Santa Fe Trail Renaissance Committee. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 4 – 0.

As acting Mayor, Councilman Barnes declared April Fair Housing month and signed the declaration.

Brenda Lester gave the treasurer's report.

Scott Lester gave the maintenance report. Councilman Croucher made a motion to buy four new transformers not to exceed \$2500.00. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 4 – 0.

Frank Heiman gave the police report. Officer Heiman will contact the Sheriff and find out about a bike that has been in the office for several months. Council gave their approval to donate the bike to the Lions Club if it is not claimed. Terry Ralston will start work on Friday. Councilman Hulsopple had received a complaint about there not being any police coverage at Casey's at closing time. Officer Heiman stated that if they have a justified reason for police coverage all they needed to do was call the department. Council instructed the clerk to run the chief position on the internet until the position is filled. Councilman Croucher and Mayfield will be in the office tomorrow to review the chief applications that we currently have. Councilman Mayfield made a motion at 10:01 p.m. to go into a five-minute executive session with Mark Works and Frank Heiman for personnel issue. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 4 – 0. Council returned to regular session a 10:05 p.m. Councilman Croucher made a motion to hire Scott Scurlock as a part-time officer at \$9.00 an hour, pending a satisfactory background check by Mark Works and Frank Heiman. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Carried 4 – 0.

Bobi Morris gave the clerk's report. Bobi asked for clarification on what the cities responsibility is when moving an electric service from private property to the cities easement. After council's discussion, it was determined that the city will continue to move the meter off the property and the property owner will be responsible for contracting an electrician to install a cut-out and run the service line back to the property. Councilman Barnes asked the clerk to send a letter to the Shafers and the Tantaros' making sure that they understood what the cities responsibility would be and coordinate the maintenance department schedule with their electrician's schedule.

Councilman Mayfield made a motion to get reimbursed .47 cents a mile for the League of Kansas Municipalities training in Olathe Kansas. Motion was second by Councilman Croucher. Carried 4 – 0.

Councilman Mayfield made a motion to replace the water heater in the community building using funds from parks capitol outlay and have the maintenance department install it. Motion was second by Councilman Barnes. Carried 4 – 0.

Councilman Barnes asked if the inspector was paid by the hour or by the inspection. Clerk Morris stated the pay is by the inspection and that the last inspector was receiving an hourly wage just during the condemnation process. Councilman Barnes questioned how the inspector would be paid for random inspections such as open wells. Clerk Morris stated that the building inspector would not be paid because those are health and safety issues which (by code) are handled by the health and safety officer and not the building inspector. Any inspections performed by the building inspector, other than those required by a building permit, have always been approved by the council prior to the inspection.

Councilman Mayfield wants to discuss employee raises at the next work session.

Councilman Mayfield is going to get pricing for a metal roof on the community building.

The rain date for Saturday in the Park will be July 12th.

Councilman Barnes made a motion to allow the Saturday in the Park committee to spend the funds as they see fit. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 3 – 0 (Croucher did not vote)

Councilman Croucher made a motion to commit \$1100.00 of the Saturday in the Park funds for the purchase of fireworks. Motion was second by Councilman Mayfield. Motion did not pass due to a tie vote. 2 – 2.

Councilman Mayfield made a motion to approve ordinances 15 & 16 allowing payment of the city debts and payroll. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 4 – 0

Councilman Mayfield made a motion to adjourn the regular scheduled meeting at 10:59 p.m. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 4 – 0

Bobi Morris
City Clerk

Approved May 6, 2008