

City of Scranton
Minutes for the Meeting
of the Governing Body
Tuesday December 17, 2013

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

In attendance were Councilmen; Randy Jackson, Randy Ming, Larry Hulsopple, Gary Burkdoll and Councilwoman Jennifer Burkdoll. Employees; Bobi Morris Citizens; Tom Carnes, Ray Lester, Marshall Madill, Gabe Faimon, Ken Croucher, Jeanne Johnson, Kim Trendel and Darrel Sinclair.

A motion was made by Councilman Burkdoll to approve the minutes for the regular scheduled meeting of December 3, 2013 as written. Motion was second by Councilman Ming. Carried 5 – 0

Old Business; Councilman Burkdoll made a motion to accept the bid from TRAK Construction to replace the roofing at the Fire Station with metal in the amount of \$4512.10. Motion was second by Councilman Ming. Carried 4 – 1 (Hulsopple).

Council discussed ball association expenses with Eddie Lester. The city will pay for the following expenses; Mowing, Lights (use during games only), Water, Winterization to the concession stand and open the building in the spring, Field Dirt (upon council approval). Ball Association responsible for all other expenses incurred. Any issues with any of the utilities or structure will be reported immediately to the City Clerk's office.

With the exception of the annual Men's Slow-Pitch marathon and the annual Saturday-in-the-Park tournament there will be a fee charged for use of the field unless waived by the City Council. After September 1st the property reverts back to the City.

The Ball Association will provide the City Clerk with a current calendar of events (including regular season games) prior to the beginning of the season. Any schedule changes will need to be provided as well.

New Business; Mayor Sims opened the floor for a termination hearing for Ken Croucher. Issues discussed with Ken Croucher; State Surplus account was set up without authority, Name changed to the Osage County Fire District #8, Money borrowed from the Fireman's Relief Fund and/or the Fireman's First Responder's Fund for the unauthorized purchase of four laptop computers, No monthly Incident Reports filed with the State Fire Marshall's office since February 2010 (fines will be assessed starting January 20, 2014) and bringing all volunteer candidates before the Council prior to allowing them to serve the ninety-day probationary period. Croucher stated that the reporting to the State would be completed by the end of the month if reinstated.

Motion was made at 8:11 p.m. by Councilman Burkdoll to go in to a ten-minute executive session with Todd Luckman present to discuss non-elected personnel issue. Motion was second by Councilwoman Burkdoll. Carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 8:21 p.m.

Councilman Ming made a motion at 8:53 p.m. to go in to a five-minute executive session with Todd Luckman present and the right to call in Bobi Morris to discuss non-elected personnel issue. Motion was second by Councilman Jackson. Carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 8:28 p.m.

Councilman Ming made a motion at 8:30 p.m. to go in to a five-minute executive session with Todd Luckman and Ken Croucher (who requested Ted McDaniel and Darrel Sinclair be present) to discuss non-elected personnel issue. Motion was second by Councilwoman Burkdoll. Carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 8:36 p.m.

Councilman Burkdoll made a motion to remove Ken Croucher as the city's Fire Chief. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Councilman Ming made a motion to reinstate Ken Croucher as the Fire Chief. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 3 – 2 (Burkdoll & Burkdoll)

Mayor Sims recognized Marshall Madill with the Integrity Insurance Agency. Mr. Madill discussed the cancellation of coverage by EMC. There are two other carriers that he will be getting quotes from.

Councilman Burkdoll made a motion to approve the 2014 Cereal Malt Beverage license for the Casey's General Store. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 5 – 0

Councilman Burkdoll made a motion to approve the 2014 Drinking Establishment license for the Branding Iron. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 5 – 0

Councilman Burkdoll made a motion to approve the purchase of a pair of wire crimpers for the electric department at a cost \$1848.00 plus shipping and tax. Motion was second by Councilman Ming. Carried 5 – 0

Councilman Jackson made a motion to authorize the budgeted transfer from the Electric fund to the General fund as needed to balance the 2013 budget. Motion was second by Councilman Burkdoll. Carried 5 – 0

Motion was made by Councilman Hulsopple to give the employees a \$50.00 Christmas bonus. Motion died due to a lack of a second.

Councilman Burkdoll made a motion to approve ordinances 45 & 46 allowing payment of the city debts and payroll. Motion was second by Councilman Ming. Carried 5 – 0

Councilman Hulsopple made a motion to adjourn the regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion was second by Councilman Burkdoll. Carried 5 – 0

Bobi Morris
City Clerk

Approved January 7, 2014