

City of Scranton
Minutes for the Meeting
of the Governing Body
Tuesday July 5, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Mayor David Barnes at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance were Councilmen; Gary DeShazer, Larry Hulsopple, Randy Ming and Robert Sims. Randy Jackson was absent. Employees; Christi Miles, Bobi Morris, and Larry Alexander. Citizens; Ken Croucher, Ron Hicks, Pat Cox, Keith & Betsy Crispin, Tom Carnes, Gabe Faimon, Paula Schuler, Jeanne Johnson, Duane DeShazer and Kurt Claycomb.

A motion was made by Councilman DeShazer to approve the minutes for the regular scheduled meeting on June 21, 2011 as written. Motion was second by Councilman Ming. Carried 4 – 0

Old Business; Pat Cox gave an update on the sewer project. The project is 37% complete.

Councilman DeShazer made a motion to authorize additional work items as follows;

- 1) Concrete Encasement 2) Rock Excavation 3) Additional Manhole Rehabilitation (manholes 1 through 58). Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 4 – 0

Councilman DeShazer made a motion to approve the third payment request for KC Construction in the amount of \$216,683.38. Motion was second by Councilman Ming. Carried 4 – 0

Councilman Hulsopple made a motion to place BG Consultants on the next regular scheduled meeting to discuss their findings regarding the city's water system and the possible need for a grant. Motion was second by Councilman DeShazer. Carried 4 – 0

The Clerk instructed to schedule a budget work session with Cindy Jensen. Preferably early on the 19th but if that won't work for Ms Jensen schedule a special meeting.

Council discussed forming a Neighborhood Committee to deal with nuisances and blighted properties.

Ken Croucher said that TBS is scheduled to look at our equipment on July 18th to give us a bid for bring everything up to the new broadband regulations.

Duane DeShazer expressed concern about vacation schedules leaving the city without law enforcement officers. Mayor Barnes explained that the vacations were scheduled when the department had more than two officers on the payroll.

Councilman DeShazer made a motion to adopt Charter Ordinance 2001-01 as presented by the city attorney, changing the mayor's annual appointments to the last regular scheduled meeting in March. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 4 - 0

New Business; Tom Carnes asked why Duane DeShazer was allowed to be placed on the agenda. It was explained that anyone is allowed to get on the agenda as long as they do so prior to the cut-off time. Paula Schuler presented the council with her petition/survey results.

Council gave instruction to have the fuel tank at the shop moved out of the building.

Councilman Hulsopple made a motion to authorize up to \$150.00 for a new printer for the fire department. Motion was second by Councilman Ming. Carried 4 – 0

Jeanne Johnson passed her exams and is now a certified EMT.

Councilman Ming made a motion to approve the purchase of ten (10) CD's and ten (10) DVD's for the police department. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 4 – 0

Councilman Ming made a motion to approve the fee of \$60.00 times two police officers for the KBI Terminal. Motion was second by Councilman Sims. Carried 4 – 0

Councilman Hulsopple made a motion to approve up to \$150.00 for the purchase of a desk for the police department. Motion was second by Councilman Ming. Carried 4 – 0

Councilman Hulsopple made a motion to approve \$9.00 for ????. Motion was second by Councilman Ming. Carried 4 – 0

Councilman DeShazer made a motion at 7:23 p.m. to go in to a fifteen minute executive session with Larry Alexander present to discuss personnel issues. Motion was second by Councilman Sims. Carried 4 – 0 Council returned to regular session at 7:38 p.m. and Councilman DeShazer made a motion at 9:40 p.m. to extend the executive session another ten minutes. Motion was second By Councilman Ming. Carried 4 – 0 Council returned to regular session at 7:51. p.m.

Councilman Hulsopple made a motion to turn Officer Cox in to C-post as full time. Motion was second by Councilman DeShazer (for discussion). Motion is amended to state that Officer Cox will be placed back on part-time status at the end of the year. Carried 4 – 0 Cox will still work his current schedule and will not work full time hours and therefore is not entitled to benefits.

Councilman Ming made a motion to hire Scott Young as a permanent part-time police officer at \$10.00 an hour. Motion was second by Councilman DeShazer. After Alexander stated that Young was already part-time certified with KLETC the motion carried 4 – 0.

Bobi Morris informed the council that Scott Lester had learned the metering at the COOP had been installed incorrectly and the city has been losing money on that account for the past several years. Council consensus is to get all three phase service inspected to insure they are installed properly.

Councilman DeShazer made a motion at 8:08 p.m. to go in to a five-minute executive session with Bobi Morris present to discuss non-elected personnel issue. Motion was second by Councilman Sims. Carried 4 – 0 Morris left the session at 8:11 p.m. Council returned to regular session at 8:14 p.m.

Councilman Ming made a motion to stop requiring the police department to notify the mayor before leaving town and give Chief Alexander his normal spending authority back. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 4 – 0

Councilman DeShazer made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation and appoint Eddie Lester to the Zoning Committee. Motion was second by Councilman Sims. Carried 4 – 0

Councilman DeShazer made a motion to approve ordinances 25 & 26 allowing payment of the city debts and payroll. Motion was second by Councilman Hulsopple. Carried 4 – 0

Councilman DeShazer made a motion to adjourn the regular scheduled meeting at 8:29 p.m. Motion was second by Councilman Sims. Carried 4 – 0

Bobi Morris
City Clerk

Approved July 19, 2011