

City of Scranton
Minutes for the Meeting
of the Governing Body
Tuesday February 7, 2023

Mayor Kyle Recob called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance were Mayor Kyle Recob, City Attorney Todd Luckman, Councilmembers: Michael Meenen, Shelley Myrick, Gary Kentch, Lisa Obregon and Treas Baker. Mayor Kyle Recob.

Employees Present Merry Whitham, Lois Berry, Ted McDaniel, John Whitham, Ken Croucher and James Palacio.

Citizens Present: J Shreve, Tyler Shreve, Justin Wheeler, Kallie Recob, Tim Nedeau, Erica Dever, Penny Scheidegger, Tim Scheidegger, Jo Babler, David Babler, Gary Bush, Tina Whittington, and Dana Jones

A motion was made by Councilwoman Myrick to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2023 Special Call meeting as written. Second Obregon. Carried 5/0

A motion was made by Councilwoman Myrick to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2023 minutes as written. Second Obregon. Carried 5/0.

New Business:

A motion was made by Councilman Meenen to approve Dana Jones request for the Melisa Ball Shade memorial ball tournament using the City of Scranton Ball Diamonds and the concession stand on March 25 and 26, 2023, and to allow alcohol to be sold by the vendor food truck of Happy Bassett, temporarily waving the city's prohibition of alcohol on the premises. The deposit of \$250.00 will be required with \$200.00 of that being refundable provided clean-up of the ball field. The city will not provide umpires. The vendor will need to get a city permit to sell alcohol along with a vendors permit and pay the usual fees associated with those permits. Second Baker. Carried 5/0.

A motion was made by Councilman Meenen to approve Resolution 23-01 waiving GAAP for the year 2022. Second Kentch. Carried 5/0.

A motion was made by Councilman Meenen to approve Resolution 23-02 waiving GAAP for the year 2023. Second Kentch. Carried 5/0.

A motion was made by Councilman Meenen to expand the mayor's authority for expenditures without council approval. He is authorized to spend up to \$2000.00 for the repair replacement or improvement of the city's capital assets. Second Myrick. Carried 5/0.

Discussion and possible action on creating a utility committee. This item was tabled, requesting that the city attorney generate an ordinance to create this entity.

Discussion and possible action on web hosting. This item was tabled and the council requested the city clerk to bring back additional options for these services.

A motion was made by Councilman Meenen to re-pass ordinances 674, 676 and 677. A roll call vote was taken. Kentch; Aye, Meenen; Aye, Obregon; Aye, Myrick; Aye and Baker; Aye. Carried 5/0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Meenen to approve the police department spending \$775.00 to put graphics on the city police cars. Second Kentch. Carried 5/0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Baker to approve the fire department spending \$500.00 for mud jacking. Second Kentch. Carried 5/0.

Maintenance Department reported on several signs being stolen from the city.

The Maintenance Department reported their on-call phone is not working correctly and they will be looking for solutions.

The manhole risers the maintenance department ordered were poor quality and sent back. Our manholes are a larger size of 25 ¾ ", making it challenging for the department fix or find replacements.

A motion was made by Councilman Meenen to add a personal day of 8 hours pay to maintenance department employee Joshua Spurlock. (This is a one-time event) In 2022 it was a benefit he earned but never received. Second Baker. Carried 5/0.

The motion was made and then withdrawn to put a dog waste can at the dog park. It was clarified there is an existing dog waste can at the dog park that was provided by a citizen.

A motion was made by Councilman Meenen to allow the fire department up to \$200.00 to purchase a battery. Second Myrick. Carried 5/0.

Treasurer: no report.

Legal: We have a number of cases pending which may need a public defender. This is a legal requirement for the city to provide if necessary. The City Attorney is looking for someone to appoint to this position.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Baker to go into executive session at 8:20 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss attorney/client confidential matters. Second Myrick. Carried 5/0.

Returned to regular session. Time 8:32 p.m.

Councilman Meenen wanted to thank the police department for help with ongoing dog issue stating that the issue was handled professionally and humanely.

Councilwoman Obregon reported that a dog caused damage to the city kennel. She provided estimates of cost to repair the damage. A motion was made by Councilwoman Baker to spend up to \$161.54 to repair the city. Second Myrick. Carried 5/0.

A motion was made by Councilman Meenen to allow the fire department to spend up to \$3000.00 for the purchase of fireworks. Second Baker. Carried 5/0.

In discussion of banner brackets for downtown city poles it was directed for the Pride Committee to raise the funds they can, then return to the city with the request for the help needed to complete their project.

Mayor Recob is requesting interested parties to fill out an application to be on the zoning board.

A motion was made by Councilman Meenen to approve Ordinance Nos. 5 and 6 to allow payment of the city debts, and payroll. Second Obregon. Carried 5/0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Myrick to adjourn. Second Baker. Carried 5/0

Time 9:07 p.m.

Merry Whitham

City Clerk

Unapproved