

**Scranton City Council Minutes**  
**August 24, 2010**

Present: Walker, Gustoff, Ehrich, Mohr, Jacobsen  
Absent: None

The Scranton City Council met in special session Tuesday, August 24, 2010 in the former school music room. Mayor Rudolph called the meeting to order at 6:01PM. Motion by Walker, second by Jacobsen to approve the agenda. APVA/MC.

Mayor Rudolph opened the public forum for discussion regarding the Scranton Police Department and the option to contract for county coverage. There were 15 members of the community present for comments and questions. No action was taken at the meeting. The City is currently advertising the police position. The council will review applications and further discuss the options at the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The public forum was closed at 7:00PM and the council took a 5 minute recess.

Mayor Rudolph called the meeting back in session at 7:06PM to meet with Ed Schwertfeger of Silver Falls Housing, LLC regarding housing development and tax incremental financing. Joe Behrens of Region XII COG and Ken Paxton with Greene County Chamber and Development were also present for the discussion. The council was given an overview and introduction to TIF as well as tentative development plans for the former tennis court property. TIF is a public financing method which has been used for redevelopment and community improvement projects. TIF is a tool to use future gains in taxes to finance current improvements. Silver Falls will prepare additional plans and details for discussion at the October meeting. Silver Falls also requested the City consider a 5-year tax abatement incentive for new housing outside of the possible TIF district.

The Council discussed the Public Education and Recreation Levy (PERL). PERL is a 13 ½ cent tax per thousand which generates money for improvements for things such as parks and athletic fields. Jefferson-Scranton Superintendent Tim Christiansen invited the council to select someone to sit on the PERL committee. Councilman Mohr volunteered to attend the PERL meeting.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Gustoff, seconded by Mohr to adjourn at 8:10PM. APVA/MC.

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Melinda Hanners, City Clerk

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Dawn Rudolph, Mayor