

City of Victoria

Council Minutes

April 18, 2011

Regular Meeting

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on April 18, 2011 at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll Call

Council Members Joe Robben, Jan Piesker, Jerry Brungardt, and Kenneth Pfeifer present.

Absent Leroy Schmidtberger.

Presiding

The Honorable Mayor Curtis B. Unrein.

Also Present

Russell County News Reporter Bud Brann, Det Younger, Chris Dreiling, Jim VonFeldt, Jeff Crawford, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, City Superintendent Julius Windholz, City Attorney Don Hoffman and City Clerk Mary Pfeifer.

Minutes

Minutes of the March 21, 2011 regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Jerry Brungardt, second by Jan Piesker to approve the minutes as submitted.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Minutes from the Victoria Volunteer Fire Department were also reviewed.

Warrant Ordinance A-04-11

Ordinance A-04-11, consisting of bills against the City for the month of March was presented for review. Motion by Jan Piesker, second by Kenneth Pfeifer that Ordinance A-04-11 be approved and all bills paid.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Agenda

Motion by Jan Piesker, second by Jerry Brungardt to approve the agenda with modifications of Glenn Unrein

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Mayor Unrein presented Councilmember Joe Robben a plaque for his years of service to the city as a councilmember.

Oath of Office

City Clerk Pfeifer proceeded with administering the oath of office to newly elected Mayor Curtis Unrein and newly elected Council Members Jerry Brungardt and Jeff Crawford.

Council President

Mayor Unrein offered the name of Jan Piesker as President of Council. Motion to appoint Jan Piesker as President of Council by Jerry Brungardt, second by Kenneth Pfeifer.

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain, Motion declared carried.

Options Donation

Charlotte Linsner with Options reviewed the services that they provide. The city donated \$550.00 last year and she was asking for that consideration again for this year. Motion by Jerry Brungardt, second by Kenneth Pfeifer to donate \$600.00 to Options.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

City Superintendent Report

City Superintendent Julius Windholz gave his department report. The new lawn tractor has been delivered and the one recycling trailer is being modified for the cities use and the other has been ordered with the recyclables being taken to Hays.

Police Department Report

Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. A new windows program will need to be purchased for the police computers for them to be able to run the programs that are compatible with the county. Consensus of the council was to go ahead and purchase the software that is needed. Rural Telephone also submitted a quote for the new camera to replace the one at the compost site. Chief Dinkel will negotiate the price with Rural Telephone.

Additional Street Lights

There are several areas that are not very well illuminated for citizens when they are walking after dark. The city will request additional street lights from Midwest Energy added at 13th and Cathedral and under the railroad bridge. There was some discussion on the safety of not being able to see headlights approaching. The police will work with Midwest Energy on the placement of the light around the railroad bridge.

Recycling

There have been requests from residents outside city limits to use the recycling trailers. Consensus of the council was to only allow use of the recycling trailers by Victoria residents who live in the city limits.

Scanner Purchase

There have been times when the use of a scanner at city hall would have been useful. City Clerk Mary Pfeifer will have prices for the next meeting.

City Street Flower Pots

Det Younger has a group of citizens that will be willing to take care of the street planters for the summer. Council was very appreciative that they would be willing to take care of the pots. The city will purchase the plants.

Meeting

The next regular council meeting will be held on May 23 at 5:30 pm instead of May 16.

FCCLA Donation

Motion by Jerry Brungardt, second by Jan Piesker to donate \$100.00 to the FCCLA at Victoria High School for their national meeting.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Fire Department Appointments

Fire department submitted the names of David Tholen, Cole Dreiling and Austin Gagnon for appointment to the fire department. Motion by Kenneth Pfeifer, second by Jan Piesker to appoint David Tholen, Cole Dreiling and Austin Gagnon to the Victoria Volunteer Fire Department.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Fire Pit

Glen Unrein would like to buy a fire pit. There is no ordinance against the fire pits.

Adjournment

All business on hand having been discussed Motion to adjourn by Kenneth Pfeifer,
second by Jerry Brungardt.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Curtis B. Unrein, Mayor

Mary Pfeifer, City Clerk