

City of Victoria

Council Minutes

June 18, 2012

Regular Meeting

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on June 18, 2012 at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll Call

Council Members Jerry Brungardt, Leroy Schmidtberger, Jan Piesker, and Erica Dinges. Kenneth Pfeifer absent.

Presiding

The Honorable Mayor Curtis B. Unrein.

Also Present

Russell County News Reporter Nancy Piatt, Police Officer Ryan Mauch, City Attorney Don Hoffman, City Superintendent Julius Windholz, Dave Karlin, Keith Engweiler, Marlene Dinkel, Doris Westhusin, Irene Dinkel, Cora Knipp, Miriam Wasinger, and City Clerk Mary Pfeifer.

Minutes

Minutes of the May 21, 2012 regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Jerry Brungardt, second by Leroy Schmidtberger to approve the minutes as submitted.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Minutes from the Victoria Housing Authority, Victoria Rec Commission and Victoria Volunteer Fire Department were also reviewed.

Warrant Ordinance A-06-12

Ordinance A-06-12, consisting of bills against the City for the month of May was presented for review. Motion by Jan Piesker, second by Leroy Schmidtberger that Ordinance A-06-12 be approved and all bills paid.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Agenda

Motion by Jerry Brungardt, second by Erica Dinges to approve the agenda with modifications of contractors license application and Sunflower Polka Club donation.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Foster Grandparents, Senior Companion Program

Marlene Dinkel from the Ellis County Foster Grandparents/Senior Companion Program along with a number of additional members requested funding from the city. Dinkel gave an overview of the program. Motion to donate the amount of \$4,040.00 payable in September by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Jerry Brungardt..

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried,

Tree Removal

When the city proceeds with replacing streets, there is a tree located at the corner of 6th & Iron that is scheduled to be removed. Keith Engweiler was asking for the council to consider not removing the tree until the old street is removed. This will give everyone an opportunity to see how the roots of the tree are growing and whether it will have to be removed or not. Consensus of the council was to let the contractor look at the tree and see if they can work around it and maybe save the tree.

Health Clinic Update

Dave Karlin and Maren Moody with Via Christi/St. John's presented a spreadsheet showing income and expenses for the health clinic located in Victoria. Currently the city subsidizes the clinic and that subsidy is needed to keep the clinic operating in the black.

City Superintendent Report

City Superintendent Julius Windholz gave his department report. The gas company would like to use the city easement to move the gas line along the back of Hickory Street. Harvey Ruder will set the pins for the property lines and send the bill to the city. The gas company will then reimburse the city for any costs. Street sealing prices were discussed. Julie will check with the county to see if they would be willing to help reseal a smaller amount of streets since \$9,000.00 was all that was budgeted for.

Police Department Report

Patrol Officer Ryan Mauch gave the police department report. There is a home that is unoccupied and in a state of disrepair. The city may have to check into getting the home condemned. Mauch also let council know that pit bulls the department picks up have to be put down when they are not claimed because the humane society will not take them.

Donation

The Sunflower Polka Club inquired if the city would like to place an ad in their newsletter. Consensus of the council was not to place an ad in the newsletter.

Contractor's License Application

A contractor's license application was submitted by Brian Mewhinney/Brian's Concrete Service. All items being in order, Motion by Jerry Brungardt, second by Leroy Schmidtberger to approve the contractor's license application submitted by Brian's Concrete Service.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Donation

Consensus of the council was to give the Herzogfest committee the donation of \$1,500.00.

School Zone Lights

Councilmember Leroy Schmidtberger presented some estimates for solar operated flashing lights in the school zone. Councilmember Jerry Brungardt will approach the school district about helping defray the cost of the flashing lights before a final decision is made.

Pool Lift

Purchasing a pool lift will be put on hold. The government may be changing the ruling on requiring pools to have a pool lift and for now the time frame has been extended to January.

Adjournment

All business on hand having been discussed motion to adjourn by Erica Dinges, second by Leroy Schmidtberger.

Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Curtis B. Unrein, Mayor

Mary Pfeifer, City Clerk