

City of Victoria

Council Minutes

June 20, 2011

Regular Meeting

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on June 20, 2011 at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll Call

Council Members Jeff Crawford, Jan Piesker, Leroy Schmidtberger and Kenneth Pfeifer present. Absent Jerry Brungardt.

Presiding

The Honorable Mayor Curtis B. Unrein.

Also Present

Russell County News Reporter Bud Brann, Doris Westhusin, Beverly Safford, Cora Lou Ryan, Doris Robben, Cora Knipp, Miriam Wasinger, Marlene Dinkel, Joy Fischer, Arnita Scheck, Mary Ann Windholz, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, City Superintendent Julius Windholz, City Attorney Don Hoffman and City Clerk Mary Pfeifer.

Minutes

Minutes of the May 16, 2011 regular meeting and the May 23, 2011 special meeting were presented for review. Motion by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Jan Piesker to approve the minutes as submitted.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

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

Warrant Ordinance A-06-11

Ordinance A-06-11, 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-06-11 be approved and all bills paid.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Agenda

Motion by Kenneth Pfeifer, second by Leroy Schmidtberger to approve the agenda with modifications of Keith Billinger property, recycling, leaking roof and flower policy.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Program

Joy Fischer from the Ellis County Foster Grandparents/Senior Companion Program along with a number of additional members requested funding from the city. Fischer gave an overview of what the program consists of. Motion by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Jan Piesker to support the program with a donation of \$4,040.00 payable in September.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Mary Ann Windholz

Mary Ann Windholz spoke with council on some issues that are going on in her neighborhood.

Police Department Report

Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. Chief Dinkel did find a camera for the compost sight for under \$1,000.00. Consensus of the council was to go ahead with the purchase.

City Superintendent Report

City Superintendent Julius Windholz gave his department report. There have been some problems with residents not emptying recyclables out of plastic bags when putting them in the trailers. There have been some problem with the sewer pumps. Motion by Jan Piesker, second by Kenneth Pfeifer to order a new motor and pump for the sewer with a cap of \$10,000.00.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Keith Billinger Property

Keith Billinger approached Councilmember Kenneth Pfeifer about concrete that was replaced when the water project was done. It is sinking in front of his house by the curb. The city will work with Billinger on getting the problem solved.

City Hall Roof

With the rains, the roof on city hall has started leaking. City Superintendent Windholz has looked at the roof and feels it needs to be replaced. Mayor Unrein would also like to get estimates on siding to be put on the back and west side of city hall. Will get some estimates for the next council meeting.

Agreement

The boundary agreement pertaining to the property line with Jim VonFeldt was reviewed.

Connect Fee Ordinance

Ordinance B-446 authorizes the city to charge a \$40.00 connect fee. There are instances of residents moving and not paying their final bill and then moving back to Victoria. Consensus of the council was to change the ordinance to require those who move and do not pay their final bill within five years to triple the connect fee. City Attorney Don Hoffman will have an ordinance ready for council approval at the next meeting.

Flower Policy

The city does not have in place a policy for sending flowers and to whom. City Clerk Pfeifer will have a policy ready for the next council meeting.

Adjournment

All business on hand having been discussed, Motion to adjourn by Jeff Crawford, second by Leroy Schmidtberger.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Curtis B. Unrein, Mayor

Mary Pfeifer, City Clerk