

City of Victoria

Council Minutes

March 21, 2011

Regular Meeting

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on March 21, 2011 at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll Call

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

Presiding

The Honorable Mayor Curtis B. Unrein.

Also Present

Russell County News Reporter Bud Brann, Fire Chief Verlin Hammerschmidt, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, David Karlin, Jim VonFeldt, City Superintendent Julius Windholz, City Attorney Don Hoffman and City Clerk Mary Pfeifer.

Minutes

Minutes of the February 21, 2011 regular meeting and February 24, 2011 special meeting were presented for review. Motion by Jerry Brungardt, second by Jan Piesker to approve the minutes as submitted.

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

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

Warrant Ordinance A-03-11

Ordinance A-03-11, consisting of bills against the City for the month of February was presented for review. Motion by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Jan Piesker that Ordinance A-03-11 be approved and all bills paid.

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Agenda

Motion by Jerry Brungardt, second by Leroy Schmidtberger to approve the agenda.

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

St. John Health Clinic Update

Dave Karlin from Via Christi/St. John's presented a spread sheet showing the income and expenses of the St. John's Health Clinic. Currently the city subsidizes the clinic and that subsidy is needed to keep the clinic operating in the black. Hours have been expanded at the clinic and this has helped with revenue.

City Superintendent Report

City Superintendent Julius Windholz gave his department report. He reminded council that they had agreed to replace the curbing in front of the church when the church parking lot and sidewalk was replaced. Dumpsters will be available for a city cleanup April 15, 16 & 17.

Recycling

Recycling dumpsters can be bought for a cost of \$15,000. The recycled materials would have to be hauled to Hutchinson for a cost of \$35.00 per ton and mileage. The other option is to try and partner with Rush county. Council would like some definite information on the dumpster option.

13th Street Extension

Jim VonFeldt spoke with council about the 13th street extension. VonFeldt would like to have a written agreement with the city concerning the street. Consensus of the Council was to have a written agreement. VonFeldt's attorney will get together with City Attorney Don Hoffman and get an agreement put together that can be recorded.

Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Verlin Hammerschmidt let council know that they are going to have an open house on June 5th to dedicate the fire station to Norman Schrant. Hammerschmidt would also like to start replacing the air packs that are getting worn out. The cost for refurbished air packs run from \$3,500 to \$5,000 each. The refurbished air packs have a 10 year guarantee and the fire department needs to replace 8 or 9 of them. Motion by Jerry Brungardt, second by Leroy Schmidtberger to purchase 9 refurbished air packs for the fire department.

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Police Department Report

Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. The department has received new radios at no cost. All equipment has been upgraded and the department should not need to purchase anything new in the near future and the only expenses should be for normal maintenance. The security camera located at the compost site can be replaced with a camera that gives a 360 degree view. Consensus of the council was to get an estimate for the new camera and have the old camera installed on the back of the city hall building.

Franchise Agreement

Franchise agreement that was amended with Rural Telephone will have to be amended again. City Attorney Don Hoffman will have an ordinance ready for the next meeting.

Adjournment

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

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Curtis B. Unrein, Mayor

Mary Pfeifer, City Clerk