

City of Victoria

Council Minutes

November 19, 2012

Regular Meeting

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on November 19, 2012 at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll Call

Council Members Jerry Brungardt, Leroy Schmidtberger and Erica Dinges present.

Absent Jan Piesker and Kenneth Pfeifer

Presiding

The Honorable Mayor Curtis B. Unrein.

Also Present

Nancy Piatt, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, City Attorney Don Hoffman, City Superintendent Julius Windholz, Fire Chief Verlin Hammerschmidt, Richard Gaito and City Clerk Mary Pfeifer.

Minutes

Minutes of the October 15, 2012 regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Jerry Brungardt , second by Leroy Schmidtberger to approve the minutes as submitted.

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

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

Warrant Ordinance A-11-12

Ordinance A-11-12, consisting of bills against the City for the month of October was presented for review. Motion by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Erica Dinges that Ordinance A-11-12 be approved and all bills paid.

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Agenda

Motion by Jerry Brungardt, second by Erica Dinges to approve the agenda as presented..

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Nex-Tech Wireless

Richard Gaito with Nex-Tech Wireless discussed with council about the placement of a temporary tower. United Ag is constructing a new grain bin and the antenna currently in place will be in the way. United Ag would like it temporarily taken down. In the meantime Nex-tech would like to place a temporary antenna on Nex-Tech and city property located on Main Street. The construction period should be around 30 days. Consensus of the council was to let them use the space.

City Superintendent Report

City Superintendent Julius Windholz gave his department report. The street construction is almost completed. The city will need to order bio-oxide for the sewer plant and is going to split the load with another city. The chart recorder at the sewer plant has not been working. The cost for repair will be around \$1400.00 the cost of a new one is \$2,500.00. Motion to buy a new chart recorder for \$2,500.00 by Jerry Brungardt second by Leroy Schmidtberger.

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

City Superintendent Windholz also let council know that the water level in Water Wells 9 and 11 have dropped several feet. Windholz also discussed the cost of a new sewer jetter. The old one is in need of repair. Council felt that they would like to get the sewer jetter repaired and see how it works in the spring and go from there.

Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Verlin Hammerschmidt discussed the required pump testing on the 1984 GMC fire truck. Batteries will need to be replaced in the newer fire truck. Chief Hammerschmidt also let council know that the department won \$1,000.00 and also were given \$1,125.00 from the AJ Schmidtberger memorial. The money will be used to purchase some smaller equipment for the fire department.

Police Department Report

Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. No major purchases at this time. The Dodge patrol car is fixed and running good.

Water Rates

Water rates were discussed at length. Mayor Unrein went over data received from other cities. Consensus of the council was to raise the base rate to \$26.00 for the first 2,000 gallons. 2,001 to 5,000 gallons of usage will be billed at \$3.00 per thousand gallons. 5,001 to 10,000 gallons of usage will be billed at \$4.00 per thousand gallons and \$6.00 per thousand gallons for usage over 10,000 gallons. City Attorney Hoffman will have an ordinance prepared for approval at the December council meeting.

Health Facility Compensation

The city is currently giving St. John/Via Christi \$15,000.00 per year in compensation for the health facility. Motion by Jerry Brungardt, second by Erica Dinges to reduce that compensation to \$10,000 for 2013 and reduce it to \$5,000.00 for 2014. All compensation will end in 2015.

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

American Fidelity Plan Document

A new plan document was submitted for council approval from American Fidelity. Motion by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Jerry Brungardt to approve the American Fidelity plan document.

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Future Ordinances

The League of Kansas Municipalities suggested that cities evaluate the possible adoption of an insurance proceeds ordinance. Some more research will be done on this issue and it was tabled for the next meeting. The city will have City Attorney Hoffman prepare an ordinance for scrap metal dealers.

Xmas Gifts

Consensus of the council was to give city employees \$150.00 net for Christmas.

Adjournment

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

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Curtis B. Unrein, Mayor

Mary Pfeifer, City Clerk