

City of Victoria
Council Minutes

June 16, 2014
Regular Meeting

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on June 16, 2014 at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll Call

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

Presiding

The Honorable Mayor Curtis B. Unrein.

Also Present

Nancy Piatt, Irene Dinkel, Arnita Scheck, Jolene Niernberger, Doris Robben, Cora Lou Ryan, Doris Westhusin, Laurie Hicks, Louis Robben, Donna Mangold, Otto Dinkel, Arlyn Schumacher, Aaron White, Marla Robben, Jeff Hertel, Carl Bauman, Doug Frihart, Carolyn Dotson, Emery Jennings, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, City Attorney Don Hoffman, and City Clerk Mary Pfeifer.

Minutes

Minutes of the May 19, 2014 regular meeting, the June 2, 2014 and June 5, 2014 special meetings were presented for review. Motion by Jerry Brungardt, second by Leroy Schmidtberger to approve the minutes as submitted.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

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

Warrant Ordinance A-06-14

Ordinance A-06-14, consisting of bills against the City for the month of May was presented for review. Motion by Jan Piesker, second by Erica Dinges that Ordinance A-06-14 be approved and all bills paid.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Agenda

Motion by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Jan Piesker to approve the agenda with modifications of contractors license, warranty maintenance issue, cost of living and the public works position.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Resignation

Retirement resignation from Julius Windholz was submitted. Motion to approve the resignation of City Superintendent/Building Inspector Julius Windholz by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Jerry Brungardt.

Vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Foster Grandparents/Senior Companion Program

Jolene Niernberger from the Ellis County Foster Grandparents/Senior Companion Program along with a number of additional members requested funding from the city. Niernberger gave an overview of the program. Motion to continue funding the program for \$4,084.00 by Jan Piesker, second by Jerry Brungardt.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Victoria Housing Authority

Jeff Hertel and Marla Robben with the Victoria Housing Authority discussed the possibility of doing some repairs to the Grant Street Terrace street and adding several more handicap approaches. Council will have the city employees look over the street to see what can be done and try to get some type of cost estimate for the repairs.

Health Clinic

Doug Frihart with Via Christi informed the city that Via Christi is planning on closing the health clinic on June 30. They have looked at several options and were unsuccessful in finding someone else to take over the clinic. After some discussion, Via Christi will delay the closing until the end of July to look into other possibilities to keep the clinic open.

Middle School Building

Carl Baumann and Carolyn Dotson had some questions about the middle school building. They are interested in purchasing the middle school building and running a furniture manufacturing business. They employ veteran's to make the furniture. Council was receptive to the idea and would like Mr. Baumann to first get approval from the Kansas State Historical Society and apply for a zoning change.

Police Department Report

Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. There was a discussion on the ordinance for weed notices and other items in yards.

Contractors License Application

Brian's Concrete Service/Brian McWhinney submitted a Contractors application for council approval. Motion to approve the contractor's license application submitted by Brian's Concrete Service by Jerry Brungardt, second by Leroy Schmidtberger.

Vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Maintenance Agreement

Manatron submitted a maintenance agreement for the two city office computers. Council felt there was no need for the maintenance agreement at this time.

Cathedral Street Improvements

City Superintendent Julius Windholz put together a rough estimate of what the cost would be to have Cathedral Street redone from 8th to 10th Street. The city will need to send a letter and get on the agenda for an Ellis County Commission meeting to see what the county will do in helping with the cost of improving the street.

Cost of Living Raise

Councilmember Jerry Brungardt proposed giving the employees a cost of living increase of 1.5%. Motion by Jerry Brungardt second by Jan Piesker to provide an across the board cost of living raise of 1.5% excluding Julius Windholz and Jake Nuss effective on the next payroll.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Public Works Position

Council would like Public Works Assistant Terry Riedel to review the current applications and interview possible candidates. Riedel then can make recommendations to council.

Fireworks Ban

Motion by Jan Piesker second by Erica Dinges to ban fireworks for on July 4, 2014.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Planning Commission Appointment

Glen Unrein resigned his position on the Planning Commission. Joe Robben has agreed to fill that position. Motion by Jerry Brungardt, second by Leroy Schmidtberger to appoint Joe Robben to the Planning Commission.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Adjournment

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

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Curtis B. Unrein, Mayor

Mary Pfeifer, City Clerk