City of Victoria

Council Minutes

March 18, 2013

Regular Meeting

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on March 18, 2013 at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll Call

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

Presiding

The Honorable Mayor Curtis B. Unrein.

Also Present

Nancy Piatt, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, Alan Luttrell, Greg Sund, Dean Haselhorst, Ivan Werner, W. Pat Dreiling, Randy Gonzales, City Attorney Don Hoffman, City Superintendent Julius Windholz and City Clerk Mary Pfeifer.

Minutes

Minutes of the February 18, 2013 regular meeting 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 Volunteer Fire Department were also reviewed.

Warrant Ordinance A-03-13

Ordinance A-03-13, consisting of bills against the City for the month of February was presented for review. Motion by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Erica Dinges that Ordinance A-03-13 be approved and all bills paid.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Agenda

Motion by Jan Piesker, second by Jerry Brungardt to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Ellis County Sales Tax

Ellis County Administrator Greg Sund and County Commissioner Dean Haselhorst gave a presentation on improvements to county buildings and the construction of an additional EMS and rural fire department building the County Commission would like to do with revenue collected from a half-cent sales tax that is being proposed to county residents at the next election. The county was asking the City of Victoria to return their portion of the sales tax back to the county to help pay for the improvements, if the sales tax increase is approved by the voters. Council is going to take time to review the information presented and make a decision at the next regular council meeting.

Ellis County Coalition Representative

Ivan Werner, who it the current representative to the Ellis County Coalition for Economic Development spoke with council about the city still giving the pledge that is usually given yearly to the Coalition and the benefits of the organization.

Alan Luttrell

Alan Luttrell from EBH was available to discuss water issues. He went over options the city can pursue to help with the water shortage the city is experiencing because of the drought.

City Superintendent Report

City Superintendent Julius Windholz gave his department report. Crack sealing is completed for the year. Windholz also spoke about the parking lot at the health facility. It is going to have to be replaced in the near future. Council would like some type of estimate so it can be included in next years budget.

Police Department Report

Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. Chief Dinkel was able to find a replacement patrol car and it was picked up earlier in the day. Dinkel was having some of the equipment from the old patrol car installed in the new one.

2013 Pledge

After a short discussion, motion by Jerry Brungardt, second by Jan Piesker to give the 2013 Pledge of $1,000 to the Ellis County Coalition for Economic Development.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Water Restrictions

Council felt at this time the city needs to keep imposing the Stage 2 Water Restrictions with the only change moving evening watering from 7 to 10 pm instead of 9 pm to 12 midnight. The watering ordinance will first have to be rewritten, approved and published before the change goes into affect.

Lease Purchase Agreement Resolution

Motion to approve the Lease Purchase Agreement Resolution with Gorham State Bank for the 2011 Alexis Fire Truck by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Jerry Brungardt.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Annual Operation & Maintenance Agreement

Motion to approve the 2013 Annual Operation and Maintenance Assurance Statement with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Erica Dinges.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Data Compromise Coverage

Motion by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Jerry Brungardt to approve the additional insurance for Data Compromise Coverage under the cities insurance policy.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Sick Leave

After a suggestion from City Superintendent Julius Windholz, consensus of council was to let city employees give Utilities Clerk Maria Goetz some of their accrued sick time.

Adjournment

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

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

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Curtis B. Unrein, Mayor

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Mary Pfeifer, City Clerk