

City of Victoria
Council Minutes
January 18, 2016
Regular Meeting

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on January 18, 2016 at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll Call

Council Members Jerry Brungardt, Leroy Schmidtberger, Erica Dinges, Dustin Schumacher and Kenneth Pfeifer present.

Presiding

The Honorable Mayor Jerry Kanzenbach.

Also Present

Police Chief Cole Dinkel, City Attorney Don Hoffman, Arlyn Schumacher, Jim Scheck, John Weber, Wilmer Dinkel Jr., Harland Rupp, Brenda Bitter, Mark Karst, Public Works Employee Brad Schmidtberger, City Superintendent Jake Nuss and City Clerk Mary Pfeifer.

Minutes

Minutes of the December 21, 2015 regular meeting and January 7, 2016 special meeting were presented for review. Motion by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Kenneth Pfeifer to approve the minutes as submitted.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Minutes from the Victoria Rec Commission and Victoria Volunteer Fire Department were also reviewed.

Warrant Ordinance A-01-16

Ordinance A-01-16, consisting of bills against the City for the month of December was presented for review. Motion by Jerry Brungardt, second by Leroy Schmidtberger that Ordinance A-01-16 be approved and all bills paid.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Agenda

Motion by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Erica Dinges to approve the agenda with modifications of newsletter and rental issues.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Citizens Comments

Citizens Comments: Brenda Bitter spoke with council about items missing from her garage. She would like to see additional patrolling around her home.

Rabies Clinic

Lindsay Mitchell owns a veterinary hospital in Hoisington. She is willing to host a rabies clinic in Victoria. There is no cost to the city other than selling dog tags to residents when they receive the rabies vaccination. Council was in agreement to hold the rabies clinic on February 27, 2016 at the Grant Ball Park from 10:00 am to 12 noon. Other vaccinations will also be available.

Rental Issues

John Weber addressed council about letting landlords know when water service has been shut off for non-payment by the tenant.

Police Department Report

Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. Dare graduation will be held on January 29 and consensus of the council was to continue the practice of the City providing pizza and soda for the event. Chief Dinkel would like to attend a continuing education training in Topeka. Motion to attend the training by Jerry Brungardt, second by Erica Dinges. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

The Maxwell Draw signs have been stolen and Chief Dinkel would like to install a trail camera. He will get estimate for the trail cameras for the next meeting. Ellis County Historical Society would like to take possession of a newsletter called The Walker Talker which dates back to 1943 when the airbase was in operation and some additional older newspapers. Consensus of the council was to donate the publications so they can be preserved properly.

City Superintendent Report

City Superintendent Jake Nuss gave his department report. Some of the park mulch was delivered and spread out. Additional mulch will be delivered shortly. Crack sealing is progressing. City employees will look into how much angle parking could be painted on 3rd Street.

Purchasing Policy

There was discussion on when bids should be solicited and the amount city employees can spend before getting council approval. The current purchasing policy was included in council packets and council would like to see competitive bidding for future work that is going to be costly to the city.

8th Street Drainage Ditch

The drainage ditch on 8th Street is private property and the only easement the city has is for sewer issues. The property owner is responsible for taking care of the drainage ditch.

Election Changes

Options for changing elections to November in odd years were discussed. City Attorney Don Hoffman will have a charter ordinance prepared for the next meeting.

Plumbing License Applications

Plumbing licenses applications were submitted by American Boiler, Regional Plumbing and Zimmerman Plumbing for council approval. All items being in order, motion to approve the plumbing license applications submitted by Jerry Brungardt, second by Leroy Schmidtberger. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Contractors License Applications

Contractors license applications were submitted by T & J Construction, Ace Home Improvement and Robben Construction for council approval. All items being in order, motion to approve the contractors license applications by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Erica Dinges. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Ball Park Infield Dirt

The Victoria Rec Commission would like to have an additional of infield dirt added to the ball park. Motion to purchase a load of infield dirt by Jerry Brungardt, second by Leroy Schmidtberger. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

City Wide Clean-up

A city wide clean up will be held the weekend of April 30 to coincide with the city wide garage sale.

City Clerk Attend CCMFOA

City Clerk Pfeifer would like to attend the CCMFOA Conference held in Wichita from March 16 thru 18. Motion to allow City Clerk Pfeifer to attend the conference by Jerry Brungardt, second by Erica Dinges. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Travel Reimbursement

There was discussion on the amount public works employees are getting for travel reimbursement. At this time the amount will stay the same and will be run thru payroll.

Peddlers Permit

Currently the cost to acquire a peddlers permit is \$75.00 per day. There is interest in an individual running a food truck occasionally. The city will check with neighboring cities on what they charge.

Watering Permits

There was discussion on allowing the watering of dirt around foundations. Consensus was to keep the regulations for watering permits the same.

Newsletter

Reviewing the newsletter, council would like it worded that the watering permits must be approved by city hall before proceeding.

Adjournment

All business on hand having been discussed, Motion to adjourn by Dustin Schumacher, second by Jerry Brungardt.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Jerry Kanzenbach, Mayor

Mary Pfeifer, City Clerk