

City of Victoria
Council Minutes
June 15, 2015
Regular Meeting

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on June 15, 2015 at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll Call

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

Presiding

The Honorable Mayor Jerry Kanzenbach

Also Present

Nancy Piatt, Jim Pfanenstiel, Doris Westusin, Jolene Niernberger, Louis Robben, City Superintendent Jake Nuss, Public Works Assistant Brad Schmidtberger and Scott Zimmerman, Arnita Scheck, James Pfanenstiel, Jim Scheck, Kevin McCarter, Laura Mc Carter, Greg Schwartz, Ellis County Fire Chief Darin Meyers, Fire Chief Verlin Hammerschmidt, Jeff Hertel, Patrol Officer Ryan Mauch, Danielle Parsons, Kevin Klein, Scott Wellbrock, Tom Tholen, Scott Ross, Mel Karst and City Clerk Mary Pfeifer.

Minutes

Minutes from the May 18, 2015 regular meeting were submitted for approval. Motion by Leroy Schmidtberger to approve the minutes as submitted, second by Jerry Brungardt.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Warrant Ordinance A-06-15

Ordinance A-06-15, consisting of bills against the City for the month of May was presented for review. Motion by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Erica Dinges that Ordinance A-06-15 be approved and all bills paid.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda with modifications of swimming pool and water restrictions by Jerry Brungardt, second by Leroy Schmidtberger.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Senior Companion Program

Jolene Niernberger with The Senior Companion Program along with a number of additional volunteers requested funding from the city. Niernberger gave an overview of the program. Motion to help fund the program for \$4,086 by Leroy Schmidtberger second by Jerry Brungardt
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Options Funding

Options representative Tiffany Kershner spoke with council about the Options program. Motion to help fund the program for \$600 by Jerry Brungardt, second by Leroy Schmidtberger
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Annexation

Kevin and Laura McCarter along with their attorney Greg Schwartz presented a petition for annexation. Their water currently is not fit for human consumption. Council wanted to get some additional information about the feasibility of connecting them to the current water line before making a final decision.

Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Verlin Hammerschmidt, Assistant Chief Kevin Klein and Ellis County Rural Fire Chief Darin Meyers went over some repairs and additional equipment they feel is needed at the fire station.

6:24 Councilmember Kenneth Pfeifer entered council chambers.

Hose Testing Machine

One item Chief Hammerschmidt would like to see purchased is a hose testing machine. Ellis County would be willing to share in the cost of the hose testing machine.. Motion by Jerry Brungardt, second by Leroy Schmidtberger to pay half the cost of the hose testing machine.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Bunker Gear

Council will work on budgeting for a stationary nozzle and more bunker gear in 2016. Motion by Erica Dinges, second by Leroy Schmidtberger to purchase 2 sets of new bunker gear.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Police Department Report

Patrol Officer Ryan Mauch gave the police department report. There have currently been around 23 cats trapped. Mauch would like to attend a free training in Dodge City. The only cost will be lodging and meals.

City Superintendent Report

City Superintendent Jake Nuss gave his department report. Mowing and weed eating has been the main priority along with repairing pot holes.

Water Option Update

Mel Karst and Scott Ross have been working with Mayor Kanzenbach on options for the water situation. They discussed several options the city has to get additional water and will start conducting some test hole drilling.

Unfit Structures

Danielle Parsons presented a letter from a contractor letting council know that two of the condemned buildings on her property are beyond repair but two can be repaired. Council gave her until November 1, 2015 to have them demolished.

Work Hours

Mayor Kanzenbach would like to see all employees work 8-5. After some discussion it was decided to let the public works employees keep their current hours.

Health Facility Clinic

First Call For Help is still waiting for federal funding to open the clinic in Victoria. Council would still like to wait until First Call hears some definite funding news before looking into different options for the building.

Planning Commission Resignation

Terry Piesker submitted his resignation from the Planning Commission. Motion to accept the resignation of Terry Piesker from the Planning Commission by Leroy Schmidtberger second by Jerry Brungardt.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Planning Commission Appointment

Motion to appoint Zach Kanzenbach to the Planning Commission by Jerry Brungardt, second by Leroy Schmidtberger.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Swimming Lessons

Motion to charge \$10.00 per person for swimming lessons by Dustin Schumacher, second by Leroy Schmidtberger.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Utility Rates

Council will look at utility rates when working on the 2016 budget.

Pool

The swimming pool has opened with a new manager and new lifeguards.

Water Warning

Stage 3 Water Warning is still in effect.

Ordinance B-421

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF VICTORIA, KANSAS, UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE ZONING REGULATIONS OF THE CITY AS ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. B-421.

Thereupon, Council Member Jerry Brungardt moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Leroy Schmidtberger. Said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the Governing body, the vote being as follows:

Yes: Kenneth Pfeifer, Leroy Schmidtberger, Erica Dinges, Jerry Brungardt, Dustin Schumacher

No: None

Thereupon Mayor Kanzenbach declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then numbered Ordinance B-542 and was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk. The City Clerk was directed to publish the Ordinance one time in the official newspaper of the City.

City Pick-up

Mayor Kanzenbach questioned whether it would be more economical to purchase an additional city pick-up instead of paying the mileage reimbursement to the public works employees. Consensus of the council was to just keep paying the mileage reimbursement.

Weekend Calls

Consensus of the council was to no longer turn water on or off on the weekends.

Holiday

Since the July 4th holiday falls on Saturday, city hall will be closed on Friday July 3.

Lifeguard Hourly Rate

Motion to pay the new lifeguards \$8.00 per hour and any returning lifeguard \$8.50 per hour by Erica Dinges, second by Kenneth Pfeifer.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Fireworks

Fireworks will be allowed on July 4th from 8am to midnight as long as the county is still allowing the discharge of fireworks. If Ellis County bans them before the 4th of July the city will too.

Rec Commission Appointment

The name of Jacque Schmidt was submitted for appointment to the Rec Commission. Motion to approve the appointment of Jacque Schmidt to the Rec Commission by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Erica Dinges.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Park Mulch

Midwest energy has available the option to apply for a grant for \$1,000.00 Consensus of the council was to apply for the grant to purchase additional park mulch.

Executive Session

8:47 Motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes for the evaluation of Jake Nuss and include Nuss, City Attorney Don Hoffman and City Clerk Mary Pfeifer by Leroy Schmditberger, second by Jerry Brungardt.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Regular Session

8:57 PM Motion to return to regular session by Dustin Schumacher, second by Leroy Schmidtberger.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Salary Increase

Motion to increase City Superintendent Jake Nuss's hourly wage to \$21.80 by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Jerry Brungardt.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

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