

City of Victoria
Council Minutes
October 17, 2016
Regular Meeting

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on October 17, 2016 at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll Call

Council Members Jerry Brungardt, Leroy Schmidtberger, Dustin Schumacher, Erica Dinges and Dave Gagnon present.

Presiding

The Honorable Mayor Jerry Kanzenbach

Also Present

Nancy Piatt, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, Jim Pfanenstiel, Harland Rupp, Gladys Pfeifer, Joe Robben, Jessica Norris, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, Public Works Employee Terry Riedel and City Clerk Mary Pfeifer.

Minutes

Minutes of the September 19, 2016 regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Jerry Brungardt 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-10-16

Ordinance A-10-16, consisting of bills against the City for the month of September was presented for review. Motion by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Dave Gagnon that Ordinance A-10-16 be approved and all bills paid.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Agenda

Motion by Erica Dinges, second by Leroy Schmidtberger to approve the agenda with modifications of Charter Ordinance concerning island annexation, work day schedule and vacuum pump approval,
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Nex-Tech Franchise

Jessica Norris with Nex-Tech discussed the renewal of the franchise agreement. There are no changes to the franchise agreement from previous years. Motion to approve the franchise agreement with Nex-Tech by Jerry Brungardt, second by Dustin Schumacher.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Umbrella Policy

Joe Robben with Robben Insurance reviewed the umbrella policy updates. Motion to purchase a \$3 million umbrella liability policy along with the current coverage by Jerry Brungardt, second by Leroy Schmidtberger.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Police Department Report

Police Department gave his report. With the purchase of the new patrol pickup a replacement console and cage will need to be purchased. Motion to approve the purchase of the console and cage for the patrol pickup for a cost of \$1,987.55 by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Jerry Brungardt.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Light Bar

Motion to purchase a light bar contingent on not exceeding a purchase price of \$1,750.00 by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Dustin Schumacher.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Reduced Speed

City Attorney Don Hoffman will prepare an ordinance to reduce the speed limit to 20 MPH between 5th Street and Maxwell year round.

ATV Ordinance

The City will have City Attorney Hoffman prepare an ordinance allowing ATV's on city streets. Chief Dinkel would like to require an annual license renewal with a fee of \$25.00. The City would like to use decals instead of tags so the they could not be transferred to another ATV.

City Superintendent Report

City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. He questioned on what the process is to get an individual water when going over other individuals property. Schmidtberger discussed the purchase of replacement generators. Motion by Jerry Brungardt, second by Leroy Schmidtberger to approve the purchase of a new generator for the lift station taking \$15,000 out of the sewer fund and the remaining cost out of the equipment reserve fund with a total cost of around \$28,000.00.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Shingling

There have been issues when individuals shingle their homes and the use of contractors to do the work. Council will need to consider the issue and try to come up with a solution to change the ordinance.

Work Hours

In March council changed the policy concerning the hours general employees work during the summer and winter. Councilmember Brungardt read the policy change which states work hours are 8-5 but beginning on Memorial Day and ending on Labor Day work hours will be 7-4. City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger would like to work 8-4 with no lunch hour and take the two fifteen minute breaks at one time. Councilmember Brungardt said he would like to see someone working until 5 pm. Councilmember Brungardt stated that by not following policy it could be considered insubordination. Brungardt also questioned if there are any other employees who would like to have the 8-4 work hours. City Clerk Pfeifer said she would like to work those hours. Mayor Kanzenbach would like it to be fair for all employees and keep work time consistent in all departments. No decision was made on the issue and it will be tabled until the next meeting.

Street Lights

After additional consideration, council feels that any extra street lights will have to be paid for by the resident requesting it.

IPads

Council felt at this time the purchase of IPads would not be necessary.

Holiday Schedule

Since Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year's Day are paid holiday's and fall on weekends this year, City Hall will be closed the Friday before and the Monday following those holidays.

Zoning Area

The City received a letter from the Ellis County Planning Commission concerning the three mile zoning area around Victoria. They are wondering if the city would like to extend zoning an additional three miles or keep the zoning regulations in the city limits. Consensus of the council was to keep the zoning regulations at the current city limits.

Vacuum Pump

Motion to approve the purchase of a vacuum pump for \$657.62 by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Dustin Schumacher.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Charter Ordinance

Councilmember Brungardt would like to see in place a Charter Ordinance concerning island annexation to avoid future problems and the process when appointing a council replacement. City Attorney Hoffman will have some suggestions for the next council meeting.

Citizens Comments

Citizens comments were made by Jim Pfanenstiel about the water situation and Harland Rupp questioned the insurance policy.

Executive Session

6:45 Motion to go into executive session for the evaluation of Terry Riedel for 5 minutes and include City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger and City Attorney Don Hoffman by Dustin Schumacher, second by Jerry Brungardt.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Regular Session

6:50 PM Motion to return to regular session by Dustin Schumacher, second by Leroy Schumacher.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Salary Increase

Motion to increase the salary of Terry Riedel by \$2.00 per hour and back date it to his 90 day probationary period by Jerry Brungardt, second by Dustin Schumacher.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Building Inspector

Motion to appoint Terry Riedel as Building Inspector by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Dave Gagnon.

Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Executive Session

7:04 PM Motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes for the evaluation of Nancy Piatt and include City Clerk Mary Pfeifer and City Attorney Don Hoffman by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Erica Dinges.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Regular Session

7:09 PM Motion to return to regular session by Dustin Schumacher, second by Erica Dinges

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Salary Increase

Motion to increase the salary of Nancy Piatt by \$1.00 per hour by Jerry Brungardt, second by Leroy Schmidtberger.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Executive Session

7:11 PM Motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to review the applications for City Treasurer by Dustin Schumacher, second by Jerry Brungardt.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Regular Session

7:21 PM Motion to return to regular session by Dave Gagnon, second by Leroy Schmidtberger.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

City Treasurer

Motion by Jerry Brungardt, second by Dustin Schumacher to hire Jerry Schmidtberger as City Treasurer.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain, Motion declared carried.

Front Door Decals

Consensus of the council was to go ahead and get the decals replaced on the front door of city hall along with the windows in the front lobby.

Adjournment

All business on hand having been discussed, Motion to adjourn the meeting by Dave Gagnon, second by Dustin Schumacher.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Jerry Kanzenbach, Mayor

Mary Pfeifer, City Clerk