

City of Victoria  
Council Minutes  
September 18, 2017  
Regular Meeting

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on September 18, 2017 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**

Honorable Mayor Jerry Kanzenbach..

**Also Present**

Nancy Piatt, Linus Berens, John Schulte, Roy Rathbun, Jim Pfanenstiel, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, Harland Rupp, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, City Attorney Don Hoffman and City Clerk Mary Pfeifer.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the August 21, 2017 regular meeting and August 22, 2017 special meeting were presented for review. Motion by Dave Gagnon, second by Leroy Schmidtberger to approve the minutes as submitted.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

**Warrant Ordinance A-07-17**

Ordinance A-09-17, consisting of bills against the City for the month of August was presented for review. Motion by Dustin Schumacher, second by Jerry Brungardt that Ordinance A-09-17 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 Highway 40.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

## **Alley Dedication**

Roy Rathbun spoke with council about the alley adjoining his property. In the past individuals have been driving on the east side of the actual alley right of way and the current property owner does not want anyone driving on his property. There are trees that are planted in the dedicated alley attached to Rathbun's property. Those trees would have to be removed in order to avoid residents driving on the adjoining property owners land. The mayor will visit with the adjoining property owner to see if a compromise can be reached.

## **Berens Water Bill**

Linus Berens came to council to ask about a reduction on his water bill. He had a hose that burst and ended with a large loss of water and a high water bill. Council sympathized with Berens but no motion was made to give a reduction on the bill.

## **Police Report**

Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. Things have been running smoothly.

## **Fire Department Handouts**

Chief Hammerschmidt was not available for the meeting but had mentioned having the city pay for half of the fire department handouts that are given to the school children during fire prevention week. Motion by Jerry Brungardt, second by Leroy Schmidtberger to pay for half the cost of the handouts for the fire department.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

## **City Superintendent Report**

City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. The current fire hydrant tester in is need of repair. New parts have been ordered. Schmidtberger would suggest purchasing a newer one. The cost would be around \$600 to \$900. Motion to approve the purchase of a new fire hydrant tester up to \$900 by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Dustin Schumacher.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Motor on well 12 went down and was covered by warranty. Wiring has also been changed which was causing low voltage and has been repaired by Midwest Energy. Trego 2 contract was being reviewed by the Trego 2 board. Kansas Rural Water has started work on the drives being installed. Schmidtberger would also like to talk to Kansas Gas Service about the adding of gas lines in the new addition. He would like to see them tearing up yards of vacant lots before going thru established yards.

## **Water Rates**

The issue of water rates was discussed. Motion by Dave Gagnon, second by Jerry Brungardt to keep the rates and tiers as they are now but not have the charges be retroactive.

Vote : 3 Ayes, 2 Nays, Motion declared carried.

## **Ordinance B-555**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE B-552, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, KANSAS, AS ADOPTED ON JUNE 29, 2017, BY PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE OF WATER RATES INSIDE THE CITY OF VICTORIA, KANSAS, AND BY PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE OF WATER RATES OUTSIDE THE CITY OF VICTORIA, KANSAS.

Thereupon, Council Member Dave Gagnon moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dustin Schumacher. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the Governing Body, the vote being as follows:

Yes: Jerry Brungardt, Dustin Schumacher, Dave Gagnon.

No: Leroy Schmidtberger, Erica Dinges

Thereupon Mayor Kanzenbach declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then numbered Ordinance B-555 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.

## **Online and Credit Card Payments**

There have been more requests for online or credit card payments. The city can sign up with Kansas Information Consortium for those services with the cost being passed on to the customer. An online check fee would be \$1.50 and credit card payments will be assessed a fee of 2.5%. Motion to start accepting online checks and credit card payment by Jerry Brungardt, second by Dave Gagnon.

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

## **Highway 40 Speed Limit**

Councilmember Brungardt brought up the issue of the speed limit along Highway 40 going thru town. He would like to see the speed limit reduced. It will be checked into what the process is to get it reduced.

## **Homecoming Parade**

The homecoming parade will be September 29. Those council members who are available will participate.

### **City Clerk Attend Master Academy**

Motion to allow City Clerk Mary Pfeifer attend the Master Academy in November by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Dustin Schumacher.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

### **Public Comments**

Harland Rupp suggested having a separate meeting for water issues so the regular meeting does not run so long.

### **Adjournment**

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

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

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Jerry Kanzenbach, Mayor

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Mary Pfeifer, City Clerk