

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on January 20, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Council Members Dustin Schumacher, Erica Dinges, Ryan Lichter and Zach Kanzenbach present. Harland Rupp absent.

The Honorable Mayor John Schulte presided.

Also present were Utilities Clerk Nancy Piatt, City Treasurer Jerry Schmidtberger, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, City Attorney Don Hoffman, Police Officer Ryan Mauch, Jim Pfanenstiel, Donald Birzer and James Bell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the December 16, 2019, regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Dustin Schumacher, second by Erica Dinges to approve the minutes as submitted.
Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Ordinance A-01-20 consisting of bills against the City for the month of December was presented for review. Motion by Zach Kanzenbach, second by Ryan Lichter to approve the ordinance and all bills be paid.
Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Motion by Erica Dinges, second by Ryan Lichter to approve the agenda with one addition of an executive session about non-elected personnel.
Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Motion by Dustin Schumacher, second by Ryan Lichter that Erica Dinges continue to serve as President of Council.
Vote: 3 Ayes, 1 abstention, Motion declared carried.

Officer Ryan Mauch then presented the police department's monthly report. They are still waiting on some items for vehicle bids. DARE shirts have been ordered. Chief Dinkel will get to KNOA training in the spring, which will then complete all required training for the department for the current year.

City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger then updated Council on his department's items. The work on 9th Street is continuing and 45 foot culvert is coming, which should permanently fix the problem. The trash truck requires some work and it will be done in-house as a less expensive option. He is working on the annual water usage report and the numbers for 2019 appear to be virtually the same as in 2018, which indicates citizens were conservative in their consumption. Statistics show an 11% loss of water, which is a good number compared to years ago. Two City workers will attend the Kansas Rural Water Training on March 2. The next immediate step in the water project is to clean out trees on easements, which he considers to be an extensive job as part of Phase 1.

Under Old Business, discussion was held on the matter of a resident who is using city land adjoining to her property. Attorney Hoffman will send the owner a letter requesting her to attend the next meeting for a conversation and clarification of the situation.

Discussion was then re-introduced about the options Council might consider about renovation or relocation of City Hall. It was decided to invite Bryan Brady of First Care Clinic to attend the next meeting and have ready his organization's long term plan regarding the clinic. With that information in hand, Council could then move forward with a decision of whether to renovate the present space or plan to relocate to the former clinic site.

Under new business, Donald Birzer made a presentation regarding his December water bill, which was in excess of \$1,000 due to a leak on his side of the meter because of a defective riser. Discussion was conducted with input from Brad Schmidtberger about an equitable way to resolve the issue. Policies from Hays and Dodge City were presented as part of the discussion. Council considered what would be fair for the resident and still see that the City is compensated for the water used. It was decided to adjust Birzers bill to \$416 which would pay for the water at a reduced rate.

Following discussion, motion by Zach Kanzenbach and second by Dustin Schumacher to adjust Birzer's bill to \$416.

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

A new ordinance will be ready for the February meeting to deal with leaks in the future with the new guidelines Council agreed to including a customer's good standing and the time period of no more than once in a twelve-month period.

The City-wide annual cleanup is set for the weekend of May 1, 2 & 3.

A letter had been received from Northwestern Planning and Development Commission requesting funding in support of their efforts. It was decided to request that a representative come to the next meeting prepared to explain some of what the funds would be used for.

In the Mayor's comments, Mayor Schulte reported that Mary Pfeifer had been able to be in the office for three days and was showing improvement. The new office computers are to be delivered next week.

In the citizen's comment portion of the meeting, Jim Pfanenstiel suggested that the City consider writing a grant for funds to cover the expense of the citywide cleanup with the Greater Salina Foundation.

Motion by Dustin Schumacher, second by Zach Kanzenbach to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel at 6:36.

Council reconvened at 6:41. Motion by Zach Kanzenbach, second by Dustin Schumacher to increase the hourly rate for Jerry Schmidtberger to \$14 per hour.
Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

There being no more business before the Council, Motion by Zach Kanzenbach, second by Ryan Lichter to adjourn the meeting at 6:45.
Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.