

City of Victoria
Council Minutes
June 17, 2019
Regular Meeting

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on June 17, 2019, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll Call

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

Presiding

Honorable Mayor John Schulte.

Also Present

Nancy Piatt, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, Doug Williams, Don Pruitt, Carla Pruitt, Ken Pfeifer, Ivan Werner, Beth Warren, Marvin Miller, Cole Younger, Cora Schulte, James Bell, John Grimes, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, City Attorney Don Hoffman and City Clerk Mary Pfeifer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Minutes of the May 20, 2019 regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Zach Kanzenbach to approve the minutes as submitted.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Warrant Ordinance A-06-19

Ordinance A-06-19, consisting of bills against the City for the month of May was presented for review. Motion by Dustin Schumacher, second by Zach Kanzenbach that Ordinance A-06-19 be approved and all bills paid.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Agenda

Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Dustin Schumacher to approve the agenda with modifications of George Dinkel Easement.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Ranson Financial

Beth Warren with Ranson Financial reviewed the bids for the temp notes the city will need for the upcoming water project. The bid fee is under what was estimated, leaving excess funds that will allow for a cushion if there are some additional unforeseen costs. Motion to accept the bid from Country Club Bank for the General Obligation Temporary Notes and approve Resolution C-296 authorizing and directing the issuance, sale and delivery of general obligation temporary notes by Dustin Schumacher, second by Harland Rupp.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Grow Hays

Doug Williams with Grow Hays gave a presentation about the organization and the future of western Kansas. Williams also asked Council for their continued financial support that has been shown in the past.

Maxwell Draw

A group of residents questioned Council about the possibility of doing something with Maxwell Draw to alleviate the problem of water in their basements. Mayor Schulte got in touch with several entities and they advised that the draw should not be made deeper. The idea of getting the draw to drain faster was brought up. City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger will contact with EBH Engineers and see if they have any ideas for drainage.

Police Department Report

Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. He asked how Council wanted to handle a property that is getting an excessive number of different items in the back yard. Council agreed to have the City Attorney send a letter to the individual requesting him to clean the property up.

City Superintendent Report

City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. There were some issues on Cedar Street. Kansas Rural Water Training is coming up which Public Works will be attending. Schmidtberger brought up the issue of mowing the former rest home property. Since there will probably be little chance of getting reimbursed, he would rather the City not mow the property. Council was in agreement.

Dilapidated Property

City Attorney Hoffman sent a letter to the owner of the property located at 1106 Cedar. No action has been taken by the owner to improve the property. Council would like to start the next step in condemning the property. Motion to consider the property as a blight by Zach Kanzenbach, second by Ryan Lichter.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Easement Agreement

Motion to approve the easement agreement with George Dinkel by Harland Rupp, second by Dustin Schumacher.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Spending Authority

Currently the spending authority for department heads is set at \$500.00. Mayor Schulte would like to raise that amount to \$1,000. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Dustin Schumacher to raise the spending authority for department heads to \$1,000.00.

Vote: 3 Ayes 1 Nay

Fireworks

Fireworks will be allowed to be discharged on July 4 only from 8 AM until midnight.

Re-Connect Fee

With repeat offenders, Council was in agreement to raise the re-connect fee. City Attorney Don Hoffman will prepare an ordinance for the next council meeting.

Citizens Comments

Cora Schulte spoke about the rest home property and keeping it presentable.

Mayors Comments

Mayor Schulte informed Council of the new First Care Clinic hours.

Budget Request

Council will consider the Grow Hays request when working on the budget.

Adjournment

All business of hand having been discussed, motion to adjourn by Zach Kanzenbach, second by Harland Rupp.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

John Schulte, Mayor

Mary Pfeifer, City Clerk