

**City of Victoria**  
**Council Minutes**  
**November 18, 2019**  
**Regular Meeting**

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on November 18, 2019, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

**Council Members present:** Erica Dinges, Ryan Lichter, Harland Rupp, and Dustin Schumacher. (Zach Kanzenbach entered Chambers at 6:10 PM)

**Presiding:** Honorable Mayor John Schulte

**Also present:** Police Chief Cole Dinkel, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, City Attorney Don Hoffman, City Treasurer Jerry Schmidtberger, Nancy Piatt, James Bell, Stuart Dome, Dale Kisner, Karen Kisner, Ashley Kanzenbach, and Jeff Dorzweiler.

**The Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

**Minutes** of the October 21, 2019, regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Dustin Schumacher, second by Erica Dinges to approve the minutes with one correction.

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

**Ordinance A-11-19** consisting of bills against the City for the month of November was presented for review. Motion by Erica Dinges, second by Ryan Lichter that Ordinance A-11-19 be approved and all bills paid.

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

**Agenda:** Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Harland Rupp to approve the agenda with one modification for an executive session regarding non-elected personnel.

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

**Reports:** Police Chief Cole Dinkel reported that his department will have more training coming up. He updated Council on the patrol vehicle, which will be in need of replacement before too long. He will begin getting bids for a replacement, contacting local dealerships as well as the state. When the time comes, he plans to use Doug Schulte to do the add-ons needed.

City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger updated the Council on his department's activities and needs. The new sewer generator has been ordered out of Great Bend. The City is waiting on approval from the County before putting up the new directional signs. Brad plans to use Don's Electric out of Ellis for new telemetry for infrastructure. He informed Council of a need for a sewer camera in the future, which would be a great help for his crew.

Price range for what they need would be between \$4,000- \$5,000. Christmas lights will be put up the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. There are a few minor equipment maintenance needs which he will take care of.

**Water tower discussion:** Dale Kisner addressed the Council regarding his concerns about the placement of the new water tower in the Squire Addition. He believes the tower would negatively affect property value for the residents in the addition. He would like to see it moved farther to the east. The next step in the process will be the meeting with the Zoning Board on Nov. 21. Stuart Dome also voiced his objections, citing possible issues with safety as well as aesthetics.

**New Business:** Ashley Kanzenbach, representing the Herzogfest Committee, explained the process needed to proceed with a fundraiser on Dec. 7. The group is planning a pop-up bar serving beer, wine, and mixed drinks. This requires a temporary liquor license issued by the State. In order for this to take place, Council approved the necessary resolution with the motion being made by Dustin Schumacher and seconded by Ryan Lichter.

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

Mayor Schulte read the list of names of terminated customers whose accounts will be submitted to the state setoff program for nonpayment. This is an annual practice completed in December.

Following discussion, the Christmas Get-Together was set for Friday, Dec. 13 at the VFW.

Christmas bonuses were approved in the amount of \$150 net for each employee. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Dustin Schumacher.

Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention. Motion declared carried.

Council then went into Executive Session for three minutes for the purpose of the evaluation of Chief Dinkel at 6:10 following a motion by Erica Dinges and second by Dustin Schumacher.

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

Open session resumed at 6:13. Motion by Dustin Schumacher, second by Erica Dinges to increase Chief Dinkel's salary by .50 per hour.

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

Motion by Zach Kanzenbach, second by Harland Rupp to go into Executive Session for three minutes for the evaluation of Jeff Dorzweiler with Brad Schmidtberger present at 6:15.

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

Open session resumed at 6:18. Motion by Zach Kanzenbach, second by Ryan Lichter to grant Dorzweiler a .25 per hour raise.

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

Motion by Erica Dinges, second by Ryan Lichter to enter Executive Session at 6:21 for 20 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel.

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

Open session resumed at 6:41. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Harland Rupp to give a \$100 Christmas bonus to City Treasurer Jerry Schmidtberger.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.