

City of Victoria
Council Minutes
September 23, 2019
Regular Meeting

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on September 23, 2019, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll Call

Council members Erica Dinges, Ryan Lichter, Harland Rupp, Dustin Schumacher and Zach Kanzenbach (**arrived at 5:39**)

Presiding

Honorable Mayor John Schulte

Also Present

Nancy Piatt, James Bell

Minutes

Minutes of the August 19, 2019, regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Dustin Schumacher, second by Ryan Lichter to approve the minutes as submitted.

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

Warrant Ordinance A-09-19

Ordinance A-09-19, consisting of bills against the City for the month of August was presented for review. Motion by Erica Dinges, second by Harland Rupp that Ordinance A-09-19 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 as presented.

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

Police Department Report

Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. He will be assessing the need for winter uniforms. Officer Ryan Mauch has completed much of his required training for the year. Citations have been issued to some citizens regarding their property upkeep.

City Superintendent Report

City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. Tires on both City trucks are in need of replacement. He has been working with EBH getting telemetry things set up. Trego has easements ready to go. The City has received bids for work on 9th Street. City crew will remove the asphalt. Motion by Erica Dinges, second by Ryan Lichter to accept the bid from Denning Construction of Hays in the amount of \$19,305.00 for the needed work.

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

Ordinance B-564

Discussion was held about the ordinance for increased refuse rates. Some corrections were needed before submitting to the newspaper. Motion by Dustin Schumacher, second by Harland Rupp to adopt the ordinance as modified.

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

First Care Clinic

With the information from the August meeting regarding the reduced clinic hours and usage by Victoria residents, Council decided to wait until the first of the year before making a decision about the future of the facility.

Comprehensive Planning/Zoning

With the understanding that the Comprehensive Planning/Zoning Plan is necessary for the City to have in place, Motion by Zach Kanzenbach, second by Ryan Lichter to proceed with the adoption, providing that Ellis County or The City of Ellis enters the agreement as well.

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

Maxwell Draw

Superintendent Schmidtberger stated that any work on the draw would not improve the basement situation for residents. With that information, Council decided not to propose any action.

Refuse Regulations

A landlord was billed the fee of \$35 for a dumpster due to the amount of refuse the City crew picked up from the site of one of his properties. He has refused to pay. It was not the tenant's responsibility. Following discussion, the consensus was to bill a second time. If not paid, proceed with collections.

Computer Replacement Bids

After reviewing bids from Tech Junkies and Eagle Communications, Council decided to reject both bids. Mayor Schulte will do further research into prices and report back at a future date.

Executive Session

6:15 PM Motion to go into executive session for five minutes for the evaluation of Utilities Clerk Nancy Piatt and include City Attorney Don Hoffman by Dustin Schumacher, second by Erica Dinges.

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

Regular Session

6:20 PM. Return to regular session.

Salary Increase

Motion by Dustin Schumacher, second by Zach Kanzenbach to increase the salary of Nancy Piatt by 0.25 (twenty-five cents) per hour with the provision to reevaluate in three months because of a likelihood of increased responsibilities in the absence of City Clerk Mary Pfeifer.

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

Adjournment

6:25 PM All business on hand having been discussed, Motion by Zach Kanzenbach, second by Harland Rupp to adjourn the meeting.

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

John Schulte, Mayor

Mary Pfeifer, City Clerk