

City of Victoria
Council Minutes
August 23, 2021
Regular Meeting

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on August 23, 2021, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll Call

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

Presiding

Honorable Mayor John Schulte.

Also Present

Nancy Piatt, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, Brenton Hoffman, Cora Schulte, Deb Seitz, Jim Pfanenstiel, Jeff Pfeifer, Fire Department Chief Tom Tholen, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, Jami Benyshek, City Attorney Don Hoffman and City Clerk Mary Pfeifer.

Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

RNR Public Hearing

Motion to open the hearing for the Revenue Neutral Rate by Zach Kanzenbach, second by Erica Dinges.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Close RNR Public Hearing

Mayor Schulte asked for any comments from the public. Hearing none, Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter to close the Revenue Neutral Rate hearing.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

2022 Budget Public Hearing

Motion to open the public hearing for the 2022 Budget by Dustin Schumacher, second by Zach Kanzenbach.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Close 2022 Budget Hearing

Mayor Schulte asked for any comments from the public. Hearing none, Motion by Erica Dinges, second by Dustin Schumacher to close the public hearing for the 2022 Budget.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Minutes

Minutes of the July 19, 2021, regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Harland Rupp to approve the minutes as submitted.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Minutes from the Victoria Fire Department and Victoria Housing Authority were also reviewed.

Warrant Ordinance A-08-21

Ordinance A-08-21, consisting of bills against the City for the month of July was presented for review. Motion by Dustin Schumacher, second by Zach Kanzenbach that Ordinance A-08-21 be approved and all bills paid.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Agenda

Motion by Erica Dinges, second by Ryan Lichter to approve the agenda with modifications of Steve Brummer billing.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

T-Mobile Lease

Troy Williams with T-Mobile expressed interest in leasing space for antennas on the new water tower. A lease agreement was submitted and reviewed by City Attorney Don Hoffman. Williams will work on getting the area surveyed to discuss the best options for placing the equipment at the base of the tower.

Herzogfest Ballfield Use

Brenton Hoffman, Herzogfest President, asked permission to use the City baseball field on September 18 & 19. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Dustin Schumacher to allow Hergfest to use the baseball field for a tournament.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Former Rest Home Property

Jeff Pfeifer has purchased the former rest home property. He is wanting to conduct a public meeting getting citizen input on what to do with the building. The meeting will be held on September 14 at 6:30 with the building open previous to the meeting for a walk through.

Police Department Report

Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. The department has been following up on city code violations. There has been no response to several notices and the city employees may have to mow the properties. Chief Dinkel would also like to have new department radios included with the fire department radios purchased with the grant money.

City Superintendent Report

City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. The power to the water tower has not been started. The perimeter fence construction is supposed to be started in September along with the paint repair. APAC tentatively will start in October for the additional water line extension. HFE is getting an estimate together for lift station repairs.

Fire Department Report

Fire Department Chief Tom Tholen submitted the names of Coy Johnson and Kelby Parton for appointment to the fire department. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Zach Kanzenbach to appoint Coy Johnson and Kelby Parton to the Victoria Fire Department.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Fire hydrants will need to be tested. Four need to be replaced. Several are located by the high school. Tholen addressed the number of radios that need to be replaced using money that the City received for the American Rescue Plan. Old radios will not be compatible with the State in 3 or 4 years. Consensus of the Council was to wait to see if other cities want to go along with the purchases to get a cheaper rate.

2020 Audit Review

Jami Benyshek with Adams, Brown reviewed the 2020 audit. She also went over the 2022 budget. Motion to approve the 2020 audit report by Erica Dinges, second by Dustin Schumacher.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Resolution C-306

Motion to approve Resolution C-306 pertaining to levying a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate by Dustin Schumacher, second by Ryan Lichter.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Approve 2022 Budget

Motion to approve the 2022 budget with a mill levy of 57.164 and expenditures of \$1,633,983 by Zach Kanzenbach, second Ryan Lichter.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Ordinance B-570

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE “UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES, “EDITION OF 2021, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER B-565.

Thereupon, Council Member Erica Dinges moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ryan Lichter. 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: Erica Dinges, Dustin Schumacher, Ryan Lichter, Harland Rupp, Zach Kanzenbach

No: None

Thereupon Mayor Schulte declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then numbered Ordinance B-570 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.

Ordinance B-571

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE “STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES,” EDITION OF 2021 WITH CERTAIN OMISSIONS PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER B-566.

Thereupon Council Member Erica Dinges 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: Erica Dinges, Dustin Schumacher, Ryan Lichter, Harland Rupp, Zach Kanzenbach

No: None

Thereupon, Mayor Schulte declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then numbered Ordinance B-571 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.

Victoria Alumni Donation

Motion to donate \$100.00 to the Victoria Alumni Association by Dustin Schumacher, second by Harland Rupp.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

SJB Design Billing

A billing was submitted from SJB Design. Council felt the billing was a little high. Councilmember Dustin Schumacher said he would call and discuss the bill with him.

Herzogfest CMB Application

A CMB application was submitted by Brenton Hoffman/Herzogfest for Council approval. Motion to approve the special events Cereal Malt Beverage license application submitted by Brenton Hoffman/Herzogfest by Dustin Schumacher, second by Ryan Lichter.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Erica Dinges left Council chambers.

Executive Session

6:33 PM Motion to go into executive session for the evaluation of Brad Schmidtberger and include City Attorney Don Hoffman by Dustin Schumacher, second by Ryan Lichter for 3 minutes.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Regular Session

6:38 PM Return to regular session.

Executive Session

6:38 PM Motion to go into executive session for 3 minutes for the evaluation of Brad Schmidtberger and include City Attorney Don Hoffman by Zach Kanzenbach, second by Dustin Schumacher..

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Regular Session

6:41 PM Return to regular session.

Salary Increase

Councilmember Erica Dinges returned to council chambers.

Motion to increase the salary of City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger by 0.50 (fifty-cents) per hour for an hourly rate of \$26.75.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Executive Session

6:43 PM Motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss the acquisition of property and include City Attorney Don Hoffman, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger and City Clerk Mary Pfeifer.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Building Purchase

Motion to purchase the Robben Insurance Building by Zach Kanzenbach, second by Erica Dinges.

Vote: 2 Ayes 3 Nays, Motion failed.

After some discussion, Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter to ask Joe Robben, owner of the Robben Insurance building to give the City 30 days before putting the building on the market, in order to get estimates for remodeling, and offer him \$1,000.00 for waiting if it will be an inconvenience.

Vote: 4 Ayes 1 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Adjournment

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

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

John Schulte, Mayor

Mary Pfeifer, City Clerk