

City of Victoria
Council Minutes
November 20, 2017
Regular Meeting

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on November 20, 2017 at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll Call

Council Members Jerry Brungardt, Leroy Schmidtberger, Dustin Schumacher, Erica Dinges and Dave Gagnon present.

Presiding

The Honorable Mayor Jerry Kanzenbach.

Also Present

Nancy Piatt, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, John Schulte, Ryan Lichter, Jim Pfanenstiel, Nicole White, Delila Brungardt, Jessica Norris, Ed Tesluk, Sally Tesluk, Harland Rupp, City Attorney Don Hoffman, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger and City Clerk Mary Pfeifer.

Minutes

Minutes of the October 16, 2017 regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Jerry Brungardt, second by Leroy Schmidtberger to approve the minutes as submitted.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Warrant Ordinance A-11-17

Ordinance A-11-17, consisting of bills against the City for the month of October was presented for review. Motion by Dustin Schumacher, second by Dave Gagnon that Ordinance A-11-17 be approved and all bills paid.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Agenda

Motion by Jerry Brungardt, second by Leroy Schmidtberger to approve the agenda with deleting Darin Meyers. He will be in attendance at the next meeting.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Rural Telephone/Nex-Tech Franchise Agreement

Jessica Norris with Rural Telephone/Nex-Tech visited with council about the franchise agreement concerning telecommunication systems within the city limits currently in place with the city. Nex-Tech would not like to make any changes and was wondering if the city would like to make any. Motion to approve the franchise agreement with Rural Telephone/Nex-Tech currently in place to erect, maintain and operate a telecommunications system within the city limits for an additional five years by Jerry Brungardt, second by Leroy Schmidtberger. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Nicole White Swine

Nicole White attended the meeting to discuss her swine she is keeping in the city limits. She has received permission from someone out of city limits to house her pig there. She currently is waiting on some estate money in order to build a shelter for her pig. She is also waiting on a letter from her doctor saying she needs the pig for emotional support. The issue is tabled until the next meeting in order to give the City Attorney time to check on federal law concerning emotional support animals..

Water Committee Update

The water committee gave an update on the progress with Trego Rural Water District. City Superintendent has been given information on grants and loans available to proceed with construction of the pipeline along with additional projects. The city needs to have an engineering firm on board to get started as soon as possible. Motion to hire EBH & Associates to start the process of compiling costs to submit an application for the water improvements for a cost of \$12,000 to \$15,000 by Jerry Brungardt, second by Dustin Schumacher. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Police Department Report

Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. The department is investigating a number of vehicle burglaries. Mayor Kanzenbach questioned the benefit of installing cameras at points of entry to the city. Chief Dinkel will check on prices for cameras.

City Superintendent Report

City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. Fire hydrant testing will be started. Christmas lights are scheduled to be hung up. Cost and construction of curbing on 10th street will be looked into.

Alley Trees

Roy Rathbun has filed a restraining order concerning the removal of trees next to the property at 702 7th. The insurance company has been contacted and a lawyer has been hired.

Holiday Hours

The landfill will be closed on December 26, 2017. The city had been scheduled to be open that day but will change the schedule to be closed on December 26.

Oath of Office

New council and mayor candidates can come to city hall the second Monday in January to take their oath of office without having to change the regularly scheduled meeting in January. Motion to rescind the motion changing the January meeting to the second Monday of the month by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Erica Dinges.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

First Impressions

The city was contacted about partnering with another city to give a first impression when entering the city. Will need to find three citizens who would be willing to visit another city and give their first impression.

American Fidelity Agreement

Motion to approve the American Fidelity Section 125 Plan by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Dustin Schumacher.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Christmas Bonus

Motion to give the city employees a Christmas Bonus of net \$150.00 by Jerry Brungardt, second by Leroy Schmidtberger.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Christmas Gathering

Dates for a Christmas get together will be checked into and everyone contacted with the information.

Heartland Community Grant

The City received a grant for new pagers for the fire department for \$6,270.00 from the Heartland Community Dane G. Hanson Community Grants Fund. All the money will need to be spent. Motion to purchase 17 pagers without the additional warranty by Leroy Schmidtberger, second by Dustin Schumacher.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Executive Session

6:16 PM Motion to go into executive session for 7 minutes for the evaluation of Police Chief Cole Dinkel and include City Attorney Don Hoffman by Dustin Schumacher, second by Leroy Schmidtberger.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Regular Session

6:23 PM Motion to return to regular session by Dustin Schumacher, second by Leroy Schumacher.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Salary Increase

Motion to give Police Chief Cole Dinkel a \$1.27 per hour wage increase by Erica Dinges, second by Leroy Schmidtberger.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Executive Session

6:25 PM Motion to go into executive session for 7 minutes for the evaluation of City Clerk Mary Pfeifer and include City Attorney Don Hoffman by Dustin Schumacher, second by Leroy Schmidtberger.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Regular Session

6:32 PM Motion to return to regular session by Dave Gagnon, second by Jerry Brungardt.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Salary Increase

Motion to increase the salary of City Clerk Mary Pfeifer to \$29.00 per hour by Jerry Brungardt, second by Leroy Schmidtberger.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Comments

There were not public comments.

Adjournment

All business on hand having been discussed, Motion to adjourn by Dave Gagnon, second by Dustin Schumacher.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Jerry Kanzenbach, Mayor

Mary Pfeifer, City Clerk