

City of Victoria
Council Minutes
December 16, 2019
Regular Meeting

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on December 16, 2019, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

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

Presiding: Honorable Mayor John Schulte

Also present: City Treasurer Jerry Schmidtberger, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, City Fire Chief Tom Tholen, James Bell, Keith Billinger, Kevin Klein, and Curtis Kuhn.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the November 18, 2019, regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Dustin Schumacher, second by Ryan Lichter to approve the minutes. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Warrant Ordinance A-12-19 consisting of bills against the City for the month of November was presented for review. Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Erica Dinges that Ordinance A-11-19 be approved and all bills paid with one correction. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Agenda: Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Dustin Schumacher to approve the agenda with one modification, moving the fire department before the police department. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Reports: Fire Chief Tom Tholen reported the 4 gas monitor needs to be replaced at a cost of \$800. Hays Chief Hagans would service yearly, and if Hays changes monitors, Ellis County Chief Myers would service. The last three calls have been gas related. The Thermal camera, gotten with a grant 15 years ago and repaired once for \$5000, is still functioning. However, a new camera with multiple functions would cost \$550. The department wants to pursue the possibility of a camera on each truck which could then provide information for safety and investigative purposes. The area is forming NW Kansas Wild Land group which involves nine counties. Each county would provide one truck in the event of a large fire in one of these counties involved needed assistance. This is a new project and still being developed. Council approved, and it is at the discretion of the City of Victoria Fire Chief. Motion by Zach Kanzenbach, seconded by Harland Rupp. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Police Chief Cole Dinkel reported that Dare graduation is coming up. Approximate cost is up to Cole but should be less than \$1000. He checked with the Partners Program with the Highway Patrol, but there is no special pricing for vehicles. Ford prices are in but not Dodge so he will wait for the Dodge prices. Ford is only making SUVs, pickups, and the Mustang. The Dodge Charger has pursuit capabilities but should be purchased with all-wheel drive. New tires are needed NOW on the police car. Firestone winter tread tires with a pursuit rating of 170 mph rating are \$677.40 each. All season tires are \$570.74 each. Cole will purchase these. An alignment may also be needed.

City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger updated the Council on his department's activities and needs. Ninth Street construction is a go when weather permits. Mr. Miller is boring across and removing hose from the street. Letters will be sent out concerning storm drainage in compliance with ordinance. City has repaired small water leaks and everything is going smoothly. The camera for sewage usage is not feasible and if needed, the city will hire contractors. The city is still waiting on the generator.

New Business: Letter from County Appraiser's office concerning homeowners' property encroaching on city property. City Attorney Don Hoffman will draw up a letter advising homeowners of the situation and asking the owners to come to next month's meeting and resolve the matter.

Request to encumber funds to pay remaining 2019 bills and other outstanding commitments was requested. Motion by Ryan Lichter, seconded by Zach Kanzenbach. Vote: 5Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Cereal Malt Beverage License Renewals were discussed for Total Convenience, The Library Bar and Grill, and VFW. Motioned by Dustin Schumacher, seconded by Ryan Lichter. Harland Rupp abstained. Coin operated Machines license for The Library Bar and Grill was considered. Motion by Erica Dinges, seconded by Dustin Schumacher. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The mileage rate adopted by the IRS for 2020 was proposed for use by the city. Motioned by Ryan Lichter, seconded by Harland Rupp. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Public Comments: Keith Billinger requested a sign on Jefferson for children playing - city use discretion as to how many.

Curt Kuhn expressed concern about water drainage on Maxwell.

Brad stated we have no jurisdiction over private water wells.

It is suggested that Mr. Miller to raise his sump pump 2 ft.

Mayor's Comments: The Christmas party meal was a little pricey so we want to limit this expense next year.

We need to remodel or move City Hall. Whatever is decided, money will need to be spent to make City Hall an efficient working building. John will start the conversation as to improving City Hall.

Adjournment: Motion by Zach Kanzenbach, seconded by Harland. Vote: 5 Ayes,0 Nays.
Motion declared carried.