

City of Victoria

Council Minutes

October 21, 2019

Regular Meeting

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on October 21, 2019, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

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

Presiding: Honorable Mayor John Schulte.

Also present: Police Officer Ryan Mauch, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, City Attorney Don Hoffman, City Treasurer Jerry Schmidtberger, Michael Younger EBH representative, Jim Pfanenstiel and James Bell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the September 23, 2019, regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Zach Kanzenbach to approve the minutes as submitted.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Ordinance A-10-19, consisting of bills against the City for the month of October was presented for review. Revision was made to add a bill for the Fire Department with the City responsibility being up to \$400 for promotional supplies. Motion by Zach Kanzenbach, second by Ryan Lichter that Ordinance A-10-19 be approved and all bills paid.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Motion by Erica Dinges, second by Ryan Lichter to approve the agenda with modifications to Old Business: New Computers.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Mike Younger, representative of EBH, delivered an update on the water project. Defined the project as Part I-Water Lines, Part II-Water Tower and Telemetry System and Part III-Water Wells. Mike was happy to inform all present that Parts I and II are nearing completion. He noted the different sizes of pipe lines and where they would be placed, as per the diagram that he left of the project. He assured that Cathedral would be torn up and limited to one lane traffic but only in two block increments and would not move forward until completed with the section being worked on. Discussion concerning easements and how they would need to be recorded followed. At the time when sealing is necessary, Bill Ring, with the Ellis County Public Works Department, will be brought in for input. All crossing permits have been filed by the contractor. Mike was firm in noting that all insurance must be maintained throughout the project. A minimal discussion was had concerning the logo on two sides of the new water tower and how coloring will be used to emphasize these logos. Part III-water wells, waiting on bids.

Reports Patrol Officer Ryan Mauch gave the Police Department report. Ryan noted that there was nothing to report other than the Active Shooting Training that was done at the school.

City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. Brad has been working closely with Mike Younger, EBH representative, on the water project and has been receiving positive comments concerning the project from the public. Brad has received some bids for the telemetry on the new water tower, noted sewer jettings have begun and that the repair work done earlier on north Iron is holding up nicely. Council was informed that the City dirt pile is dwindling and is at the mercy of a new home builder to replenish the pile. Harland commented that there is a large pile of dirt at the cemetery and that maybe the church would be willing to unload some on the City.

Old Business: Computer Purchase

A bid from Compare Computers was received by the mayor. This computer company would build the computers with the specs provided by the City. At a prior meeting it was determined that John would purchase computers at Office Max or some other computer retailer and then modify them to the City needs. A motion was made by Zach Kanzenbach, with a second from Harland Rupp to purchase computers built by Compare Computers to the City's specs for up to \$2,000.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

New Business: Copay bills for the Fire Department with the Ellis County Rural Fire Department Darin Myers called the office and suggested maybe the City and he could devise a better way to pay shared bills. Jerry Schmidtberger, City of Victoria Treasurer, suggested that maybe it could be done in a like manner as is done with EMS. A bill is sent to the City once a year from the EMS, listing charges by month and this is paid with one check at the end of the year to EMS, not the vendors. Jerry suggested that maybe the Rural Fire Department could not handle paying the entire year out of their budget and being reimbursed by check from the City of Victoria at the end of the year. So the City will discuss with Darin the possibility of doing this monthly, then pay the bill to the vendors, send the breakdown to the City. The City then sends a check for its total share to the Rural Fire Department. No longer would we make out checks to several vendors and send them to Rural Fire for them to mail to the vendors.

A new directional sign for the City of Victoria was presented to the city as created by Rick Rupp. A few changes were suggested and will be returned to Rick for updating. Some suggested changes were Cemetery Railroad to Union Pacific Cemetery and Land Marker to Historical marker.

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

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

John Schulte, Mayor

Mary Pfeifer, City Clerk