

City of Victoria
Council Minutes
August 15, 2022
Regular Meeting

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on August 15, 2022, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll Call

Council Members Ryan Lichter, Harland Rupp, Matt Orr and Erica Dinges.
Absent, Zach Kanzenbach and Don Hoffman

Presiding

Honorable Mayor John Schulte.

Also Present

Nancy Piatt, Chris Dreiling, Rose Ann Dreiling, Mary Kay Schippers, Marilyn Braun, James Bell, Kim Schulte, Mary Beth Fisher, Chris Wentz, Brenda Dreiling, Patrick Zwender, Paula Zwender Police Chief Cole Dinkel, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, and City Clerk Jamie Sterling.

Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Minutes of the July 18, 2022 regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Erica Dinges to approve the minutes.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

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

Warrant Ordinance A-08-22

Ordinance A-08-22, consisting of bills against the City for the month of August was presented for review. Motion by Matt Orr, second by Ryan Lichter that Ordinance A-08-22 be approved and all bills paid.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Agenda

Motion by Erica Dinges, second by Ryan Lichter to approve the agenda as modified.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Zach Kanzenbach enters Council room at 5:36 PM.

Citizens to be Heard

Mary Beth Fisher, Chris Dreiling and Chris Wentz were present on behalf of the Golden Belt Addition. Mary Beth stated she had attended last Coalition meeting where opening up more lots was discussed. They see a need to expand Squires Addition. It was decided to leave the lots the size they were originally platted with buyers having the option to purchase more than one. Chris Wentz asked what the goal of the community is and Mayor Schulte agreed to gather some information and report back. Golden Belt is asking the City to gather a list of interested parties' names. An article will be placed in the City newsletter regarding the lots for sale.

Patrick Zwenger spoke to the Council regarding starting a Farmer's Market in Victoria. He has done his research as far as locations and days. The plan is to have the market on Thursday evenings. Their goal is to have a minimum of 6 vendors but would like 10 or more. They will come back for the November/December Council meeting to finalize plans and a location. The committee would like to have a grand opening in May of 2023.

Mary Kay Schippers was in attendance on behalf of the Ellis County Historical Society. They are leasing space in the old nursing home. She asked on behalf of the Historical Society since they are a non-profit organization, to waive the \$162.00 fee. Motion by Zach Kanzenbach, second by Harland Rupp to waive the fee.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Police Department Report

Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. Chief Dinkel reported he is having no luck finding a pick-up for the Police Department. Mayor Schulte asked Cole if we needed to order a vehicle. Chief Dinkel stated it is more now of who can get us a vehicle versus the price. He did report they are still waiting on vests.

City Superintendent Report

City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. Brad reported they are still working on the last two water wells, #16 is supposed to be completed tomorrow. Neither well 15 or 16 are certified so they cannot be run until the state certifies them. The street project was held up at 13th street. They are trying to keep it so people can get in and out of their homes. He stated the chip sealing will be starting the end of August, early September. The company will furnish the machine if the City buys their product. Brad stated they are still trying to rent a sweeper to pick up the excess rock from sealing. Council member Harland Rupp asked about planting more trees in the park. It was suggested to contact someone who knows what types of trees and where to plant them. Brad is going to contact LaSada in Hays regarding trees.

Fire Department Report

Fire Department Chief John Weber submitted the names of Wyatt Dreiling and Walker Braun for appointment to the fire department. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Orr to appoint Wyatt Dreiling and Walker Braun to the Victoria Fire Department.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Victoria Housing Authority

The Victoria Housing Authority submitted the names of Jeff Hertel and Kathy Pfeifer to be appointed to the Board of Commissioners. Motion by Zach Kanzenbach, second by Matt Orr to appoint Jeff Hertel and Kathy Pfeifer to the Board of Commissioners for the Victoria Housing Authority.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Ordinance B-578

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-570.

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, Matt Orr, 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-579

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-571.

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

No: None

Thereupon, Mayor Schulte declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then numbered Ordinance B-579 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 \$150.00 to the Victoria Alumni Association by Harland Rupp, second by Zach Kanzenbach.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Pay Estimate APAC

Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Harland Rupp to pay APAC, Pay Estimate #9.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Mayor Comments

There were no comments from Mayor Schulte.

6:35 PM Council member Erica Dinges left Council Chambers.

Executive Session

6:36 PM Motion to go into executive session for 3 minutes for the evaluation of Brad Schmidtberger by Ryan Lichter, second by Zach Kanzenbach.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Regular Session

6:39 PM Return to regular session.

6:44 PM Council member Erica Dinges returned to Council chambers.

Salary Increase

Motion to increase the salary of City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger by 0.50 (fifty-cents) per hour for an hourly rate of \$27.25 by Matt Orr, second by Ryan Lichter.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, 1 abstention, Motion declared carried

Adjournment

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

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

John Schulte, Mayor

Jamie Sterling, City Clerk