

City of Victoria
Council Minutes
July 18, 2022
Regular Meeting

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on July 18, 2022, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll Call

Council Members Erica Dinges, Harland Rupp and Matt Orr present. Zach Kanzenbach and Ryan Lichter absent.

Presiding

Honorable Mayor John Schulte.

Also Present

James Bell, Nancy Piatt, Chief of Police Cole Dinkel, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, City Attorney Don Hoffman, and City Clerk Jamie Sterling.

Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Minutes of the June 20, 2022, regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Matt Orr, second by Harland Rupp to approve the minutes as submitted.

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Minutes from the Victoria Volunteer Fire Department were also reviewed.

Ordinance A-07-21

Ordinance A-07-22, consisting of bills against the City for the month of July was presented for review. Motion by Erica Dinges, second by Matt Orr that Ordinance A-07-22 be approved and all bills paid.

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Agenda

Motion by Erica Dinges, second by Matt Orr to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Police Report

Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave the police department report. He reported that they have received their radios and they are installed. Cole said he has been getting neighbor complaints regarding the Beckwith home that is vacant. Council asked about it being condemned. Attorney Don Hoffman said there would need to be an inspection and he will get the appropriate letter ready to send out. Cole discussed the budget meeting and mentioned Ryan's truck is up for replacement in January and the old one will be recycled to Public Works. Cole will shop around and see if he can find a good deal. Cole explained frequently, dealerships will give a good deal for something that is sitting on the lot. He will check with Davis-Moore in Wichita.

City Superintendent Report

City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. Brad reported the trash truck is up and going. The street project is up and moving along. They will tear out the east side next once the other lane is drivable. The driveway that was discussed at the last meeting will be cut out and redone. The improvements from 9th Street north have worked out extremely well. The water wells are still not finished. He received notice today the rest of the electronics are in. Possibly next week the electrician and well driller will be out to complete them. The state does have to be here when they are brought online as well as KDHE.

The reservoir is still needing to be finished. Brad stated they are working on the streets. He acquired rock for chip sealing from the county. The county did not receive the letter requested help with this project, so they stopped by today to get a copy to present it to Brendan at the county meeting. Brad stated the only problem is that the City will not have a street sweeper by the time this is done to clean all the excess rocks off. We may have to look at renting one or borrowing one. This won't be until September. Brad stated there is a block in the sewer system that releases about every three weeks. It has been overloading the sewer station. Brad has CN Sewer and Drains coming over with a camera. A lot of the APAC stuff is cleaned up. Harland asked Brad about the street maps. Brad stated he has been working on the chip sealing now.

Old Business

Nex-Tech has still not given bids for the cameras. They have been contacted by email and phone. Harland expressed that he would like a bid from them, however, Erica and Matt stated they don't feel Nex-tech wants the business if they have not gotten us bids. Cole was asked where he would like cameras placed. He stated 10th and Cathedral, West Main and Hwy 40, high school/draw and 10th and Iron, City Park and burn pile. The cost with INR would be around \$30,000. There was discussion on a three or five year warranty. Motion to have INR set up cameras and to buy three year warranty by Harland Rupp, second by Erica Dinges.

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

2023 Budget

A draft of the 2023 budget was reviewed. Brad's main concern was getting a street sweeper and Cole's was getting a pickup. The accountant has everything in hand for this. The budget meeting has to fall between August 20 and September 20. The budget meeting will be held at the regular September 19th Council meeting. John expressed we will also have our audit meeting at the same time as the budget meeting. John stated the need to pass what is called the RNR, Revenue Neutral Rate which means that we can't spend anything over the RNR number unless Council authorizes it. John stated we do want to exceed our RNR, which makes our budget easier for the accountants. This needs to be sent to Bobbi at the county clerk's office by Wednesday, July 20. Don Hoffman stated this gives us more flexibility. Motion to opt in to the RNR by Erica Dinges, second by Harland Rupp.
Vote: 3 Aye 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Ellis County Solid Waste

Ellis County Solid Waste are increasing their Municipal waste by 4% starting August 1, 2022.

Resolution C-312

Resolution C-312 pertains to the consumption of cereal malt beverages on a city street. Motion to approve Resolution C-312 by Matt Orr, second by Erica Dinges.
Vote: 3 Aye 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Aleck McAlonan/Mac's Liquor Shack

A CMB License application was submitted by Aleck and Sandra McAlonan for Council approval. All items being in order, Motion to approve the CMB License application for a special event submitted by Aleck McAlonan/Mac's Liquor Shack by Erica Dinges, second by Matt Orr.
Vote: 3 Aye 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

John Braun/ Knights of Columbus CMB

A CMB License application was submitted by John Braun/Knights of Columbus for Council approval. All items being in order, Motion to approve the CMB License application submitted by John Braun/Knights of Columbus by Matt Orr, second by Erica Dinges.
Vote: 2 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain, Motion declared carried.

Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Mayor Comments

There were no comments from Mayor John Schulte

Adjournment

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

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

John Schulte, Mayor

Jamie Sterling, City Clerk