

City of Victoria
Council Minutes
May 16, 2022
Regular Meeting

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on May 16, 2022, at 5:30 PM, in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll Call

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

Presiding

Honorable Mayor John Schulte

Also Present

Nancy Piatt, Jamie Sterling, Brenda Dreiling, Marilyn Braun, Robin Sample, Jennifer Pfeifer, Scott Wellbrock, Jeff Pfeifer, Tawnya Rohr, Troy Williams, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, City Attorney Don Hoffman, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, James Bell, and City Clerk Mary Pfeifer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Minutes of the April 18, 2022, regular meeting and May 4, 2022, special meeting were presented for review. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Erica Dinges to approve the minutes as submitted.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Warrant Ordinance A-05-22

Ordinance A-05-21, consisting of bills against the City for the month of April was presented for review. Motion by Erica Dinges, second by Zach Kanzenbach that Ordinance A-05-21 be approved and all bills paid.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

5:31 Matt Orr entered Council chambers.

Agenda

Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Zach Kanzenbach to approve the agenda with modifications of a food vendor parking and executive session.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Senior Companion Program

Tawnya Rohr with the Senior Companion/Foster Grandparent Program was not asking for funding this year, but gave an overview of the program. The program is seeking volunteers and currently has sufficient funding for the volunteers they have.

T-Mobile

Troy Williams with T-Mobile submitted a new contract with the changes Council requested. Bond counsel for the City has not been able to obtain from USDA if the City can proceed with adding an antenna to the new water tower. Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Matt Orr to approve the contract agreement with T-Mobile provided getting approval from USDA.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Police Report

Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. The new protective vests have not arrived yet as well as the radios that were ordered.

City Superintendent Report

City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. The city-wide clean-up used 8-9 dumpsters. The water project is on hold because of the delay in receiving parts. The pool is filled and ready to open on May 23.

Herzogfest

Jennifer Pfeifer with the Herzogfest Committee went over the schedule of events. Pfeifer also requested funding from the City. Motion by Zach Kanzenbach, second by Matt Orr to donate \$1,500.00 to the Herzogfest Committee.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Herzogfest Lease Agreement

Motion to approve the lease agreement with Herzogfest by Matt Orr, second by Ryan Lichter.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Fire Department Report

Assistant Fire Chief Scott Wellbrock informed Council that Ellis County is purchasing one set of bunker gear for the department. The Victoria Department would also like to purchase one set. The cost will range from \$1800.00 to \$2,000.00. Motion to approve the purchase of one set of bunker gear with the cost up to \$2,500.00 by Harland Rupp, second by Erica Dinges.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Food Truck Vendor

Robin Sample requested permission to operate her food vendor trailer in the south parking lot of the park. Motion to approve the use of the south parking lot of the park to operate the Samplecious Snow Cone trailer by Ryan Lichter, second by Erica Dinges.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain, Motion declared carried.

Ford 2008 Bids

Four bids were submitted for the City's 2008 Ford pick-up and a detached bed. The bids were submitted by Bob Sander for \$1,579.99, Jed Davis for \$600.00, Jared Windholz for \$2,160.00 and Alan Goodrow for \$2,500.00. Motion to accept the bid from Alan Goodrow for \$2,500.00 by Zach Kanzenbach, second by Matt Orr.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Victoria Community Coalition

Jeff Pfeifer spoke to Council about the possibility of the City applying for grants. The Victoria Community Coalition would do the legwork for the grants, but the City would then have to make the application. Council was in agreement to let the Coalition apply for a HAT Grant with Northwest Planning and Development's help.

Resolution C-311

Resolution C-311, defining a procurement policy was presented for approval. Motion to approve Resolution C-311, Procurement Policy by Zach Kanzenbach, second by Harland Rupp.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Greenway Trial Maintenance

Sean Rodger presented a plan where he would take care of maintaining areas that the Victoria Community Coalition would like to designate as a Greenway Trail. Rodger will mow, mark the trail and put in place signs on city property. City Attorney Hoffman suggested it may be a good idea to have a Hold Harmless Agreement in place with Rodger. Hoffman will get something put together.

Planning Commission Appointment

Jason Robben has moved back into city limits and is agreeable to being re-appointed to the planning commission. Motion to appoint Jason Robben to the Victoria Planning Commission by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Orr.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain, Motion declared carried.

Ordinance No. B-577

ORDINANCE NO. B-577 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUNDAY SALES OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR AND CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE IN THE ORIGINAL PACKAGE WITHIN THE CITY OF VICTORIA.

Thereupon, Council Member Zach Kanzenbach moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Matt Orr. 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, Zach Kanzenbach.

No: Harland Rupp

Thereupon Mayor Schulte declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then numbered Ordinance B-77 and was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk. The City Clerk was directed to publish the Ordinance once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official City newspaper. It shall take effect 61 days after final publication or on July 25, 2022, whichever is later.

City Camera Proposal

INA Alert submitted a proposal for cameras to be installed at various locations throughout the City. After reviewing the proposal, Council would like to get the cost for less expensive cameras. Council would also like to get a proposal from Nex-Tech.

Pfeifer Appointed City Clerk

Mayor Schulte offered the name of Mary Pfeifer for appointment as City Clerk. Motion to appoint Mary Pfeifer as City Clerk by Erica Dinges, second by Ryan Lichter.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Schmidtberger Appointed City Superintendent

Mayor Schulte offered the name of Brad Schmidtberger for appointment as City Superintendent. Motion to appoint Brad Schmidtberger as City Superintendent by Ryan Lichter, second by Zach Kanzenbach.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain, Motion declared carried.

Dinkel Appointed Police Chief and Health Officer

Mayor Schulte offered the name of Cole Dinkel for appointment as Police Chief and Health Officer. Motion to appoint Cole Dinkel as Police Chief and Health Officer by Ryan Lichter, second by Harland Rupp.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Piatt Appointed Utility Billing Clerk

Mayor Schulte offered the name of Nancy Piatt for appointment as Utility Billing Clerk. Motion to appoint Nancy Piatt as Utility Billing Clerk by Zach Kanzenbach, second by Matt Orr.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Schmidtberger Appointed City Treasurer

Mayor Schulte offered the name of Jerry Schmidtberger for appointment as City Treasurer. Motion to appoint Jerry Schmidtberger as City Treasurer by Ryan Lichter, second by Erica Dinges.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Riedel and Dorzweiler Appointed Public Works Assist.

Mayor Schulte offered the names of Terry Riedel and Jeff Dorzweiler for appointment as Public Works Assistants. Motion to appoint Terry Riedel and Jeff Dorzweiler as Public Works Assistants by Ryan Lichter, second by Erica Dinges.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Kanzenbach Appointed Zoning Administrator

Mayor Schulte offered the name of Zach Kanzenbach for appointment as Zoning Administrator. Motion to appoint Zach Kanzenbach as Zoning Administrator by Matt Orr, second by Ryan Lichter.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Riedel Appointed Building Inspector

Mayor Schulte offered the name of Terry Riedel for appointment as Building Inspector. Motion to appoint Terry Riedel as Building Inspector by Erica Dinges, second by Ryan Lichter.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion declared carried.

Mauch Appointed Patrol Officer

Mayor Schulte offered the name of Ryan Mauch for appointment as Patrol Officer. Motion to appoint Ryan Mauch as Patrol Officer by Erica Dinges, second by Harland Rupp.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Harbin Appointed Municipal Judge

Mayor Schulte offered the name of Ed Harbin for appointment as Municipal Judge. Motion to appoint Ed Harbin as Municipal Judge by Ryan Lichter, second by Harland Rupp.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Hoffman Appointed City Attorney

Mayor Schulte offered the name of Don Hoffman for appointment as City Attorney. Motion to appoint Don Hoffman as City Attorney by Matt Orr, second by Erica Dinges.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Russel County News Appointed Official Newspaper

Mayor Schulte offered the name of Russell County News as Official Newspaper. Motion to appoint Russell County News as the Official Newspaper by Ryan Lichter, second by Zach Kanzenbach.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Equity, Sunflower, Gorham Bank Official Depositories

Mayor Schulte offered the name of Equity Bank, Sunflower Bank and Gorham State Bank as Official Depositories. Motion to appoint Equity Bank, Sunflower Bank and Gorham State Bank as Official Depositories by Ryan Lichter, second by Erica Dinges.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Comments

There were no citizen comments or mayor comments.

Councilmember Erica Dinges left Council chambers.

Executive Session

7:01 PM Motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes for discussion of personnel issues of non-elected personnel and include City Attorney Don Hoffman and City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger by Matt Orr, second by Ryan Lichter.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Regular Session

7:06 PM Return to regular session.

Executive Session

7:07 Motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes for discussion of personnel issues of non-elected personnel and include City Attorney Don Hoffman and City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Orr.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Regular Session

7:17 PM Return to regular session. No action taken.

Adjournment

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

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

John Schulte, Mayor

Mary Pfeifer, City Clerk