

City of Victoria
Council Minutes
November 15, 2021
Regular Meeting

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on November 15, 2021, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll Call

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

Presiding

Mayor John Schulte absent. Presiding Erica Dinges.

Also Present

Police Chief Cole Dinkel, James Bell, Cora Schulte, Jeff Pfeifer, Kathy Pfeifer, Jim Pfanenstiel, Jeff Dorzweiler, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, and City Clerk Mary Pfeifer.

Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Minutes of the October 18, 2021, regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Dustin Schumacher, second by Harland Rupp to approve the minutes as submitted.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Minutes from the Victoria Fire Department were also reviewed.

Warrant Ordinance A-11-21

Ordinance A-11-21, consisting of bills against the City for the month of October was presented for review. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Zach Kanzenbach that Ordinance A-11-21 be approved and all bills paid.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Agenda

Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Dustin Schumacher to approve the agenda with modifications of City Christmas party

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Jeff Pfeifer

Jeff Pfeifer spoke with Council about the possibility of using the City's EIN/Tax Identification Number when applying for a grant. The grant application deadline is November 15, 2021, and Pfeifer has not had time to apply for his own 501c(3) status. Pfeifer would like to use the grant money for professional inspections of the former rest home building. Consensus of the Council was to have Pfeifer wait for the next grant application period when he has time to get his own 501c(3) status in place.

Police Department Report

Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. He has had some repairs made to the patrol vehicle he drives. An estimate for the replacement of fire department and police department radios was submitted by VLS Communications for a total of \$74,578.00. Motion by Dustin Schumacher, second by Ryan Lichter to approve the purchase of the fire and police department radios for a total of \$74,578.00 using the U.S. Department of the Treasury Coronavirus Recovery Funds.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

City Superintendent Report

City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. The next part of the water project should start the end of November. The Cathedral Street project will be going up for bids shortly with a start date of March 1, 2022. The police department pickup has an exhaust leak that needs repaired for a cost of around \$700 and will get repaired once the parts are available.

Holiday Schedule

Christmas and New Year's day are paid holidays. They fall on a Saturday this year. The landfill will be open normal hours on December 27, 2021 and open normal hours on January 3, 2022. Motion to have City offices closed on Thursday, December 23, 2021 and Friday, December 31, 2021 for the paid holidays by Zach Kanzenbach, second by Ryan Lichter.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Fire Department Elections

The Victoria Fire Department held their officer elections. Motion to approve John Weber as Fire Chief, Scott Wellbrock as Assistant Fire Chief, Kami Weber as Secretary and Connor Gagnon As Firefighter Relief Co. Representative by Ryan Lichter, second by Zach Kanzenbach.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Employee Bonus

Motion to give the City employees a bonus of \$150.00 net by Dustin Schumacher, second by Ryan Lichter.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Christmas Get Together

It was decided to hold a Christmas get-together On December 17, 2021, beginning at 6:30 PM at the VFW Hall. Food will be provided.

Pay Estimate Gerard Tank

Motion to approve the pay estimate submitted by Gerard Tank & Steel, Inc for \$233,700.00 by Harland Rupp, second by Zach Kanzenbach.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Pay Estimate Downey Drilling

Motion to approve the pay estimate submitted by Downey Drilling, Inc. for \$12,939.95 by Zach Kanzenbach, second by Harland Rupp.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

Executive Session

6:10 PM Motion to go into executive session for the evaluation of Police Chief Cole Dinkel for 3 minutes by Zach Kanzenbach, second by Ryan Lichter.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Regular Session

6:13 PM Return to regular session.

Executive Session

6:14 PM Motion to go into executive session for the evaluation of City Clerk Mary Pfeifer for 3 minutes by Zach Kanzenbach, second by Ryan Lichter.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Regular Session

6:17 PM Return to regular session.

Executive Session

6:20 PM Motion to go into executive session for the evaluation of Public Works Employee Jeff Dorzweiler and include City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger for 3 minutes by Dustin Schumacher, second by Rylan Lichter.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Regular Session

6:23 PM Return to regular session.

Executive Session

6:24 Motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues of non-elected personnel for 3 minutes by Zach Kanzenbach, second by Dustin Schumacher.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Regular Session

6:27 PM Return to regular session.

Dinkel Pay Increase

Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Dustin Schumacher to increase the salary of Police Chief Cole Dinkel from \$28.00 to \$28.50 per hour.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Pfeifer Pay Increase

Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Zach Kanzenbach to increase the salary of City Clerk Mary Pfeifer from \$29.75 to \$30.00 per hour.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Dorzweiler Pay Increase

Motion by Dustin Schumacher, second by Zach Kanzenbach to increase the salary of Public Works Employee Jeff Dorzweiler from \$16.25 to \$16.75 per hour.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Adjournment

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

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

John Schulte, Mayor

Mary Pfeifer, City Clerk