

City of Victoria
Council Minutes

August 19, 2024
Regular Meeting

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The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on August 19, 2024, at 5:30 PM at City Hall.

- Roll Call** Council Members Ryan Lichter, Harland Rupp, Matt Sander, Andy Wellbrock and Joe Leroux
- Presiding** Honorable Mayor John Schulte.
- Also Present** James Robben, Jami Benyshek, Neal Younger, Chris Dreiling, Chris Wentz, Sarah Wasinger, City Attorney Don Hoffman, 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 15, 2024 regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander, to approve the minutes.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Minutes from the Victoria Fire Department and Victoria Housing Authority were also reviewed.
- Warrant Ordinance A-08-24** Ordinance A-08-24, consisting of bills against the City for the month of August was presented for review. Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Joe Leroux that Ordinance A-08-24 be approved and all bills paid.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Agenda** Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Andy Wellbrock to approve the agenda as presented.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Audit Report 2022** Motion by Matt Sander, second by Ryan Lichter to approve the 2023 Audit Report.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- 2025 Budget Public Hearing** Motion to open the public hearing for the 2025 Budget by Joe Leroux, second by Ryan Lichter.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Close 2025 Budget Hearing** Mayor Schulte asked for any comments from the public. Hearing none, Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Ryan Lichter to close the public hearing for the 2025 Budget.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- 2025 Budget Pass** Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Andy Wellbrock to pass the 2025 Budget.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

- Police Department Report** Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. Chief Dinkel did not have much to report. He did inform council regarding the scooters that kids are riding in town. He stated he will be going to the school within the first couple of days to give a safety talk regarding when they are riding them.
- City Superintendent Report** City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. Brad discussed where to put the new speed signs. Brad and Chief Dinkel decided the signs would be better placed at the North end of Cathedral, South end of Cathedral and East 10th street coming into the school area. Brad also reported the transmission on the GMC went out. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Joe Leroux to approve buying a remanufactured transmission.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
Brad also brought up pricing out trash cans the city will buy for each resident that would be a universal can.
- Hays Chamber Commerce** Sarah Wasinger with the Hays Chamber of Commerce attended the meeting regarding the City of Victoria and the City of Victoria becoming a members. This is a \$360.00 membership fee which the City will be advertised in the Commerce Community Guide. The City has the option as well to have printed pages in the guide which will cost \$3200.00. She will attend the meeting in September and council will decide then if that's the avenue they want to take for our City.
- Christmas Party** Motion by Matt Sander, second by Andy Wellbrock to have the City Christmas party on December 7th at the VFW.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Victoria Alumni Donation** Motion to donate \$250.00 to the Victoria Alumni Association for the golf tournament by Ryan Lichter, second by Andy Wellbrock.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, 1 Abstention, Motion declared carried.
- Knights Addition** Chris Dreiling and Chris Wente attended the council meeting on behalf of Western Plains Knights Addition. Various items were discussed regarding the extension of 13th street, second phase of the Knights Addition.
- City Clerk** Motion by Matt Sander, second by Ryan Lichter to allow City Clerk, Jamie Sterling to attend Clerk Institute located in Wichita in October.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Trash Rate Increase** Notification was sent to us from Ellis County Environmental Services regarding rate increases. Trash will go up by 10% starting January 1, 2025. Attorney Don Hoffman will draw up the ordinance regarding this and it will be approved in September.
- Citizen Comments** There were no citizen comments.
- Mayor Comments** There were no comments from Mayor Schulte.

Executive Session Motion to go into executive session for 3 minutes for the evaluation of Brad Schmidtberger to include Attorney Don Hoffman. Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Executive Session Motion to go into executive session for 3 minutes by Joe Leroux, second by Ryan Lichter to include Don Hoffman.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

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Salary Increase Motion to increase the salary of City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger by \$1.00 per hour for an hourly rate of \$28.75 by Andy Wellbrock, second by Matt Sander.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Adjournment All business on hand having been discussed, Motion by Joe Leroux by Andy Wellbrock to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

John Schulte, Mayor

Jamie Sterling, City Clerk