

City of Victoria  
Council Minutes

February 19, 2024  
Regular Meeting

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

- Roll Call** Council Members Ryan Lichter, Matt Sander, Andy Wellbrock and Joe Leroux. Absent, Harland Rupp and Don Hoffman.
- Presiding** Honorable Mayor John Schulte.
- Also Present** Police Chief Cole Dinkel, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, City Clerk Jamie Sterling, Utilities Billing Clerk Rachel VonFeldt, Quincy Pickering, Marilyn Braun, Jim Dreiling, Shelly Huser, Greg Huser, Landon Schmidtberger, Lynda Falley, Brenda Dreiling, James Robben, Jeff Pfeifer, Deborah Kuhn and Robert Kuhn.
- Pledge** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Minutes** Minutes of the January 15, 2024, regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Matt Sander, second by Ryan Lichter to approve the minutes as submitted.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Minutes from the Victoria Fire Department and Victoria Housing Authority were also reviewed.
- Warrant Ordinance A-02-24** Ordinance A-02-24, consisting of bills against the City for the month of February was presented for review. Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Joe Leroux that Ordinance A-02-24 be approved and all bills paid.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Agenda** Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander to approve the agenda as submitted.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Police Department Report** Chief Dinkel was present and gave his department update. He stated the new PD truck is being built and decals should be put on this week and the truck should be ready to go. Cole did bring up a possible phone reimbursement when their contract with the ones they have runs out. Chief Dinkel did state he priced Range Ammo as well as Duty Ammo for 2024 and it will be \$1,338.00. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Joe Leroux to approve paying the ammo purchase.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- City Superintendent Report** City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. Brad received bids on mowers from Radke Implement. With trading two mowers in for two newer mowers, the bid was \$27,000.00. Motion by Matt Sander, second by Ryan Lichter to buy the mowers.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- It was decided the Public Works guys would use 3 trucks for two months to see how they like doing that instead of using personal vehicles. This will be re-evaluated in April.

Brad informed Council there is a large amount of millings from the water project as well as large pile of chip rock that the City will not be able to utilize. People are wanting to purchase this. He will look at what we paid and get a price. The City is also looking at trees for the park. There was a flyer presented to council from Ponderosa tree farm. It was also brought up to spade some trees along Maxwell Drive and move to the park. Marilyn Braun stated we could apply for a grant through Kansas Department of Commerce that goes towards refurbishing a park.

**VHS Civics Group**

The High School Civics Class presented their idea to Council. They would like to put a frisbee disc golf course in that runs behind the high school and through the draw and parks. They are making the disc baskets themselves and would also install them. It was decided that for the Tee-off area, if they put mulch in, the City would pay for this. Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Ryan Lichter to allow a frisbee disc golf course.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

**GAAP Resolution C-322**

Each year, GAAP resolution needs to be passed. Motion by Joe Leroux and second by Matt Sander to pass the GAAP resolution C-322  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

**IRB Resolution C-323**

The Industrial Revenue Bond allows for the VCC to continue with development and all materials purchased will go towards this without the VCC paying sales tax. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander to pass Resolution No. C-323.  
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, 1 abstention, Motion declared carried.

**RHID**

James Robben spoke briefly regarding a housing development at 8th and Cathedral by Adam Pray.

**VCC Interlocal Agreement**

Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander to accept the Interlocal Agreement between the VCC and the City of Victoria.  
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, 1 Abstention, Motion declared carried.

**Dollar General Sidewalk**

There was discussion regarding putting in a sidewalk for safety out to the new Dollar General. Various ideas were brought up between Council members, Chief Dinkel and City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger. There was no action taken regarding a sidewalk at this time.

**City Hall Façade**

The City of Victoria had applied for a grant for a new Façade at City Hall. The grant was denied. Motion by Ryan Lichter and second by Matt Sander to go ahead with the façade for up to \$18,000.00 of money from the City.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

**Cell Phone Reimbursement**

Discussion regarding City Clerk Jamie Sterling and Utilities Billing Clerk Rachel VonFeldt receiving a cell phone reimbursement due to them using it daily to contact city personnel. It was decided for them to look at what they pay now for their phones and table it until the March Council meeting.

- Citizen Comments** Marilyn Braun spoke on behalf of the VCC regarding they would be willing to host and facilitate a public meeting regarding what is best in the future to make our park better.
- Mayor Comments** There were no Mayor comments.
- Adjournment** All business on hand having been discussed, Motion to adjourn the meeting by Joe Leroux, second by Andy Wellbrock.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

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John Schulte, Mayor

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Jamie Sterling, City Clerk