

City of Victoria
Council Minutes

January 15, 2024
Regular Meeting

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The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on January 15, 2024, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall.

- Roll Call** Council Members Harland Rupp, Ryan Lichter, Matt Sander, Andy Wellbrock and Joe Leroux present.
- Presiding** Honorable Mayor John Schulte.
- Also Present** Police Chief Cole Dinkel, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, Billing Clerk Rachel VonFeldt, Brenda Dreiling, Jeff Pfeifer, Jim Dreiling, Marilyn Braun, James Robben, Justin Pregont, City Attorney Don Hoffman, and City Clerk Jamie Sterling.
- Pledge** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Minutes** Minutes of the December 18, 2023, regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Matt Sander, second by Ryan Lichter to approve the minutes as submitted.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Victoria Fire Department minutes along with Victoria Planning Commission minutes were also submitted for review.
- Payables** Ordinance A-01-24 , consisting of bills against the City for the month of January, was presented for review. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander approved and all bills paid.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Agenda** Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Joe Leroux to approve the agenda as presented.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Police Department Report** Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. He stated they are waiting on new decals for both police vehicles. Chief Dinkel stated he would like to go to KNOA training for Certification in March. Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Joe Leroux to approve the training for Chief Dinkel.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Cole also recommended to Council about putting in a sidewalk out to Dollar General. There is an increase in foot traffic from the youth. Mayor Schulte will send out letters to landowners requesting their approval for an easement for the sidewalk.
- City Superintendent Report** City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. He informed Council that he had new tires put on the pickup. Brad stated all equipment is running well. They did get sand and salt from the County for the streets. Brad stated they would like to purchase a snowblower so they do not have to scoop the areas with a shovel.

- Council President** Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander to appoint Harland Rupp as City Council President.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays with 1 Abstention. Motion declared carried.
- CMB** A CMB application was submitted to Council by Mac’s Liquor Shack, LLC for a special event in February. Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Matt Sander to approve the CMB application.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays with 1 Abstention, Motion declared carried.
- Variance BZA-V-23-05** A Variance by St. Fidelis Church regarding a carport was submitted to Council. It was recommended to approve by the Planning Commission at the January 4, 2024 meeting. Ryan Lichter made a motion to approve the carport, second by Harland Rupp.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- VCC-IRB** Members of Victoria Community Coalition were present along with Justin Pregont, from Pomeroy Development on behalf of the VCC regarding an Industrial Revenue Bond. The IRB could allow the VCC to avoid paying sales tax on building supplies.
- Garage Sale City Clean Up** Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander to approve the annual City-Wide Garage Sale and Clean Up scheduled for the weekend of May 17, 18 and 19.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- IRS Mileage Rate** The IRS mileage rate has changed to .670 cents from .655 cents per mile for 2024. Motion to follow the 2024 IRS mileage rate by Joe Leroux, second by Andy Wellbrock.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- CCMFOA Spring Conference** Jamie would like to attend the Spring Clerk’s Conference March 20-22. Motion to approve her attending the conference by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Zoning Changes** Motion by Matt Sander, second by Joe Leroux to approve the Zoning Book Changes that were presented to Council
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Comments** James Robben with Grow Hays commented regarding an RHID, Residential Housing Incentive District. He stated there may be an individual interested in a property in Victoria for development purposes.

No Mayor comments.
- Executive Session** Motion by Matt Sander, second by Harland Rupp to go into Executive Session for 3 minutes for the evaluation of Utility Billing Clerk Rachel VonFeldt to include, City Clerk Jamie Sterling and City Attorney Don Hoffman.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Executive Session** Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Joe Leroux to go into Executive Session for 3 minutes without Rachel to include City Clerk Jamie Sterling and City Attorney Don Hoffman.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried

Open Session Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Andy Wellbrock to approve a .75 cent per hour raise to Utility Billing Clerk Rachel VonFeldt bringing her hourly wage to \$16.75/hour.

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

John Schulte, Mayor

Jamie Sterling, City Clerk