

City of Victoria  
Council Minutes  
January 16, 2023  
Regular Meeting

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on January 16, 2023, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall.

**Roll Call**

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

**Presiding**

Honorable Mayor John Schulte.

**Also Present**

Police Chief Cole Dinkel, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, James Bell, Justine Benoit, Rachel VonFeldt, Brenda Dreiling, Neal Younger, Jeff Pfeifer, Jim Dreiling, Marilyn Braun, City Attorney Don Hoffman, City Clerk Jamie Sterling.

**Pledge**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the December 19, 2022, regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Erica Dinges, second by Harland Rupp to approve the minutes as submitted.  
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Victoria Fire Department minutes were also submitted for review.

**Payables**

Ordinance A-01-23, consisting of bills against the City for the month of January, was presented for review. Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Matt Orr approved and all bills paid.  
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

**Agenda**

Motion by Erica Dinges, second by Harland Rupp to approve the agenda as modified.  
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

## **Police Department Report**

Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. Duty ammo price is now \$1,378.00

Motion to approve the purchase of duty ammo by Matt Orr second by Erica Dinges.

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

## **City Superintendent Report**

City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger reported that the water project is still not completed, waiting on parts. The reservoir meter and additional well meters will probably not be ready until March. Brad stated they have contacted a company in Wichita regarding resurfacing some streets in the city. He stated it would be the process of milling and overlaying. They will give prices so the City can decide if they want to move forward.

## **VCC MIH Grant**

Jeff Pfeifer spoke regarding the MIH Grant the VCC will be applying for. Justine Benoit with the Northwest Planning and Development Commission was also here to explain the grant process. The VCC is seeking a resolution in regards to applying for the \$650,000.00 grant. They did apply and receive the 501 C-3. The first phase the VCC is proposing consists of 12 unit apartments. The grant would be a pass-through at no financial cost to the City of Victoria. The money would come to our account and the City would then write the VCC a check as needed. City Attorney Don Hoffman stated he will have a different resolution drawn up that is more specific to the need. Motion to approve the MIH Resolution giving authority for Mayor John Schulte to sign by Harland Rupp, second by Matt Orr.

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance for Kansas Housing by Harland Rupp, second by Erica Dinges.

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried. Mayor John Schulte stated the old nursing home is zoned for apartments and he will have a letter regarding this.

## **Angus 150th Anniversary**

Anne Lampe, Manager for the Kansas Angus Association, presented a letter to the Council for a request to hold a 150th anniversary of Angus cattle being brought to America and Victoria, KS. The proposed event date is May 20, 2023. Council stated that would be fine to have the celebration.

## **Ordinance No. 376**

Mayor Schulte researched the exact ordinance and what its meaning was. The ordinance states the Mayor is paid \$300 per month and each Council member of the City shall receive \$150 per regular meeting. Meaning, when council members make the monthly meetings, you are compensated and if you are unable to attend, there will be no compensation that month.

### **Garage Sale City Clean Up**

The annual City-Wide Garage Sale and Clean Up will be scheduled for the weekend of May 5, 6 and 7.

### **VonFeldtAppointed Utility Billing Clerk**

Mayor Schulte offered the name of Rachel VonFeldt for appointment as Utility Billing Clerk. Motion to approve Rachel VonFeldt as the Utilities Billing Clerk by Erica Dinges, second by Matt Orr.

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

### **Street Sweeper**

Motion to approve purchase of the street sweeper at \$200,000.00 by Matt Orr, second by Erica Dinges.

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

### **IRS Mileage Rate**

The IRS mileage rate has changed to .655 cents from .625 cents per mile for 2023. Motion to follow the 2023 IRS mileage rate by Erica Dinges, second by Matt Orr.

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

### **Fire Department Appointment**

The name of Travis Schmidt was submitted for appointment to the Victoria Fire Department. Motion by Matt Orr, second by Harland Rupp to appoint Travis Schmidt to the Victoria Fire Department.

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

### **Newsletter**

Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Erica Dinges to approve Nancy Piatt to continue to write the newsletter at \$20.00/hour. It was decided to give the hourly rate a trial for 6 months.

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

### **Vogt's-Parga**

Motion to approve and pay Vogt's-Parga Pay Application #9 FINAL by Erica Dinges, second by Harland Rupp to pay FINAL Pay Application.

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

### **Council Resignation**

Council Member Zach Kanzenbach presented a letter of resignation as a Council member. Motion to approve Zach Kanzenbach's resignation by Matt Orr, second by Erica Dinges. Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

### **Addition to Agenda**

There was an addition to the agenda regarding appointment of a new Council member to fill the un-expired term of Zach Kanzenbach. Motion to appoint Matt Sander as the new Council member by Mayor John Schulte, second by Matt Orr.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

### **Postage Increase**

Postage for Forever stamps will be increasing from .60 cents to .63 cents and Postcard stamps will go from .44 cents to .48 cents. Motion by Matt Orr, second by Erica Dinges to purchase 3,000 forever stamps and 5,000 postcard stamps.

Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

### **Comments**

No citizen or Mayor comments.

### **Adjournment**

All business on hand having been discussed, motion to adjourn by Matt Orr, second by Harland Rupp.

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

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John Schulte, Mayor

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Jamie Sterling, City Clerk