

City of Victoria
Council Minutes

July 17, 2023
Regular Meeting

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The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on July 17, 2023, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

- Roll Call** Council Members Erica Dinges, Harland Rupp, Matt Orr, Matt Sander, and Ryan Lichter were present.
- Presiding** Honorable Mayor John Schulte.
- Also Present** James Bell, Sean Rodger, Rachel VonFeldt, Brenton Hoffman, James Robben, Chief of Police Cole Dinkel, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, City Attorney Don Hoffman, and City Clerk Jamie Sterling.
- Pledge** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Minutes** Minutes of the June 19, 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.

Minutes from the Victoria Volunteer Fire Department were also reviewed.
- Ordinance A-07-23** Ordinance A-07-23, consisting of bills against the City for the month of July was presented for review. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Erica Dinges that Ordinance A-07-23 be approved and all bills paid.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Agenda** Motion by Erica Dinges, second by Ryan Lichter to approve the agenda with modifications regarding VCC signage.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Citizens to be heard** Sean Rodger presented information regarding a grant he applied for and received through the Victoria Recreation Commission. The City Council agreed to allow Pet Waste Stations to be installed in various areas around the City. City Superintendent agreed they could pick the waste bags up on trash days.
- Police Report** Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave the police department report. Cole stated there were complaints regarding the last tornado siren and how homeowners were unable to hear them. He stated we should go back to the old way. Chief Dinkel also submitted a bid from Tri-Central Office supply for new desks for the Police Department. The bid was \$2,600.00. New desks will be considered after discussion about flooring in the Health Facility.
- City Superintendent Report** City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. He stated he received an installation fee regarding the Lift Station of \$22,000.00 that was not included bid last month. Council advised him to contact HFE and get a bid for installations as well. Brad is also getting bids on the roof of Wellhouse #8 after it blew off in the last storm. He also stated to swap out the trash truck bed, would run around \$15,000—\$20,000.

- Old Business** The Council were presented with three bids from various flooring businesses. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Harland Rupp to approve Gordon’s Carpet Center Option #2 for \$21,761.00 to install new flooring in the Health Facility as well as Police Department.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
Motion to approve new desks for the Police Department up to \$3,000.00 by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- 2023 Budget** A draft of the 2023 budget was reviewed. This will be discussed at the Budget Hearing August 21 during our regular Council Meeting.
- Resolution C-320** Resolution C-320 pertains to the consumption of cereal malt beverages on a city street. Motion to approve Resolution C-320 by Matt Orr, second by Erica Dinges.
Vote: 5 Aye 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Pool Raises** This will be tabled until the August 21st Council Meeting.
- Herzogfest Lease** Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Erica Dinges to allow Herzogfest committee to lease the park on August 9 through August 13.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
Matt Orr made a motion to donate \$1500.00 to Herzogfest for annual donation, second by Matt Sander.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Curbing** Motion to approve curbing repairs in Knights Addition by Isaac Dreiling up to \$4,000.00 by Harland Rupp, second by Matt Sander.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Volunteer Fire Fighter** The name of Raymond Schmidtberger was given as a Volunteer Fire Fighter. Motion to approve Raymond Schmidtberger by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Orr.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- John Braun/ Knights of Columbus CMB** A CMB License application was submitted by John Braun/Knights of Columbus for Council approval. All items being in order, Motion to approve the CMB License application submitted by John Braun/Knights of Columbus by Erica Dinges, second by Ryan Lichter.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain, Motion declared carried.
- BZA-V-23-02** Motion to approve Variance BZA-V-23-02 regarding allowing Dollar General to have 35 parking spaces instead of the required 53 by Matt Sander, second by Matt Orr.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Sewer/Water Extension** There were a total of 5 bids ranging from a low of \$102,526.00 by Esfeld Construction, Inc., of Great Bend, Kansas to a high of \$239,580.00. Motion to approve the Sewer Water Extension for Dollar General with Esfeld Construction by Ryan Lichter, second by Harland Rupp.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain, Motion declared carried.

- VCC Sign** Victoria Community Coalition committee asked about putting signage up to show progress of funds gathered so far. Council had no issue with this.
- NRP** James Robben with Grow Hays was present. A copy of the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (NRP) will be sent to Attorney Don Hoffman for him to look over. James will return for the August council meeting to finalize the NRP.
- Comments** There were no citizen comments.
- Mayor Comments** There were no comments from Mayor John Schulte
- Adjournment** All business on hand having been discussed, Motion to adjourn the meeting by Matt Orr, second by Matt Sander.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

John Schulte, Mayor

Jamie Sterling, City Clerk