

City of Victoria  
Council Minutes

March 20, 2023  
Regular Meeting

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The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on March 20, 2023, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

- Roll Call** Council Members Ryan Lichter, Harland Rupp, Erica Dinges, Matt Sander present. Absent Matt Orr
- Presiding** Mayor John Schulte.
- Also Present** Police Chief Cole Dinkel, James Bell, Rachel VonFeldt, Tony Geshwentner, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, Don Hoffman, James Robben and City Clerk Jamie Sterling.
- Pledge** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Minutes** Minutes of the February 20, 2023, regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Erica Dinges, 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 Rec Commission were also reviewed.
- Warrant Ordinance A-03-23** Ordinance A-03-23 consisting of bills against the City for the month of March was presented for review. Motion by Erica Dinges, second by Harland Rupp that Ordinance A-03-23 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 with modifications regarding VIP.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Water Bill Adjustment** Tony Geshwentner was present at the meeting. Council Member Erica Dinges left the room at 5:32 pm. Tony was wanting to dispute his water bill for February. He felt the meter was misread. Motion by Matt Sander, second by Matt Orr to adjust Tony's water bill for two months.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, 1 abstention, Motion declared carried.
- Matt Orr entered the Council Room at 5:33 pm
- Grow Hays** James Robben with Grow Hays was in attendance. He spoke about a program called NRP, Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for the City of Victoria. The plan assists in economic growth for the community. James agreed to come back to the April meeting with more information.

- Police Department Report** Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. Cole stated he has called regarding the new police pickup twice with no real reply. Cole also asked there be a letter sent to the previous owners of The Bakery regarding it being condemned and taken care of. Attorney Don Hoffman will write a letter stating this.
- City Superintendent Report** City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. He stated there are lots of projects coming up. He is possibly looking at trading in the mower. Also for 2024 looking ahead at a bed for the trash truck. He stated the recycling center for cardboard and paper is shut down and has to be taken to the landfill until further notice. They are still waiting on meters for wells from Downey Drilling.
- Flower Pots** The City will again allow residents to take care of the flower pots along Main Street. They can spend \$30.00 per pot. Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter to allow \$30.00 per pot.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Zoning Books** Motion to adopt the new changes to the Zoning book by Erica Dinges, second by Ryan Lichter.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- May Council Meeting** It was discussed to move the May 15 Council meeting to the following evening, Tuesday, May 16, due to the school concert being the same night as our regular meeting date. This will be decided at the April meeting.
- Vendor Permit** A letter from Robin Sample with Samplecious snow cones was presented to Council. She was asking permission again to sell sno-cones this summer south of the pool. Motion to allow the vendor permit by Matt Orr, second by Matt Sander.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- VIP Donation** Consensus of the Council was to donate \$100.00 to VIP for Project Prom. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Erica Dinges to donate to VIP.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Comments** There were no citizen or Mayor comments.
- Executive Session** 6:11 PM Motion to go into executive session for five minutes for the evaluation of Utilities Clerk Rachel VonFeldt to include City Clerk Jamie Sterling and City Attorney Don Hoffman by Erica Dinges, second by Matt Orr.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Regular Session** 6:16 PM Return to regular session.
- Executive Session** 6:17 PM Motion to go into executive session for three minutes to discuss personnel issues of non-elected and to include Don Hoffman by Erica Dinges, second by Matt Orr.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

**Regular Session** 6:20PM Return to regular session.

**VonFeldt Salary Increase** Motion to increase the salary of Utility Clerk Rachel VonFeldt from \$14.50 an hour to \$16.00 an hour by Harland Rupp, second by Matt Orr.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

**Adjournment** All business on hand having been discussed, Motion to adjourn by Matt Sander, second by Matt Orr.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

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John Schulte, Mayor

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Jamie Sterling, City Clerk