

City of Victoria
Council Minutes

May 15, 2023
Regular Meeting

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The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on May 15, 2023, at 5:30 PM, in Council Chambers of City Hall.

- Roll Call** Council Members Ryan Lichter, Erica Dinges, Harland Rupp and Matt Sander present. Matt Orr absent.
- Presiding** Honorable Mayor John Schulte
- Also Present** Rachel VonFeldt, Jerry Schmidtberger, Sean Musil, Toby Dougherty, Marilyn Braun, Jeff Pfeifer, James Bell, James Robben, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, City Attorney Don Hoffman, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, and City Clerk Jamie Sterling.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Minutes** Minutes of the April 17, 2023, 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.
- Warrant Ordinance A-05-23** Ordinance A-05-23, consisting of bills against the City for the month of May was presented for review. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Erica Dinges that Ordinance A-05-23 be approved and all bills paid.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Agenda** Motion by Erica Dinges, second by Matt Sander to approve the agenda with modifications.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- R9 Water** Hays City Manager, Toby Dougherty and Hays Mayor, Sean Musil were present to request a letter of support regarding the R9 Ranch Water Project. They spoke in regards to the Terms of the Water Transfer being done in July but it wouldn't be until 2025 it would be out for Bid. They requested any council member that could make the Public Comment Hearing on June 20 at the FHSU Black and Gold room would be appreciated.
- Police Report** Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. Chief Dinkel informed Council their computer monitor went out so they are purchasing a new one.
- City Superintendent Report** City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. They have been painting the pool and will be filled and ready to open on May 22. Brad also stated they need new back tires for the trash truck. Motion by Erica Dinges, Second by Ryan Lichter to approve up to \$1,500.00 for new tires.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

- Fire Department Report** Fire Chief John Weber stated the City Fire Trucks hoses need replaced. He has a Fire Fighter from the Hays Fire Department writing a Grant on Victoria Fire Departments behalf.
- Pfeifer Annexation** Jeff Pfeifer was present regarding Annexation of the Pfeifer Property. Zoning would include Trac 1 as Commercial and Trac 2 as Agriculture. Motion to Annex the Pfeifer property by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Grow Hays** James Robben with Grow Hays was present regarding the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. He stated the plan could be tailored to what fits our community. James will return to the June council meeting to present the NRP and it will be finalized in July.
- CMB Knights Of Columbus** Motion to approve Knights of Columbus CMB for St. Fidelis Fest by Matt Sander, second by Ryan Lichter.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, 1 Abstention, Motion declared carried.
- Billinger BZA-CU-23-02** Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Harland Rupp to approve Keith Billinger Conditional Use for a Bed and Breakfast BZA-CU-23-02.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Engel BZA-V-23-01** Motion to approve Engel Variance BZA-V-23-01 by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander for a garage to be built 8 feet from house instead of the required 10 feet; 5 feet from North property line instead of the required 8 feet.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- GO Bond** Motion to approve and pay General Obligation Bond, Series 2021 in the amount of \$103,751.00 by Matt Sander, second by Harland Rupp.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Victoria Community Coalition** Jeff Pfeifer and Marilyn Braun spoke to Council about the VCC applying for another MIH Grant as well as KHITC, Kansas Housing Investment Tax Credit. The City of Victoria would be a mere pass through with no liability to the City. Attorney Don Hoffman will draw up two separate Resolutions for each grant. Motion to approve application for the MIH Grant by Ryan Lichter, second by Harland Rupp.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
Motion to approve application for KHITC grant by Ryan Lichter, second by Harland Rupp.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Landlord Agreement** There was discussion regarding utility services and landlord agreements and who's name the bill needs to go in when a tenant moves out, if water should be shut off until another tenant moves in as well as who is responsible for the unpaid bill if a tenant leaves without notice. Attorney Don Hoffman will draw up a contract regarding this.
- Victoria Recreation** Motion to approve Sheena Gagnon to the Victoria Recreation Commission by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

- FCCLA Donation** Motion to approve \$200.00 donation to FCCLA by Harland Rupp, second by Matt Sander.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, 1 Abstention, Motion declared carried.
- Jerry Schmidtberger Pay Increase** Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter to approve an hourly pay increase from \$14.00 to \$16.00 and monthly City Treasurer increase from \$150.00 to \$250.00.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Executive Session** Motion to go into Executive Session including Don Hoffman for the 1 year evaluation of City Clerk Jamie Sterling by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter for 3 minutes.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Executive Session** Matt Sander made a motion to go into executive session regarding the evaluation of Jamie Sterling, second by Ryan Lichter and to include Don Hoffman for 3 minutes.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried
- Regular Session** Return to regular session at 6:20 PM
- Pay Increase** Motion by Matt Sander, second by Ryan Lichter to give City Clerk Jamie Sterling an hourly pay increase of \$1.50.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Sterling Appointed City Clerk** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Jamie Sterling for appointment as City Clerk. Motion to appoint Jamie Sterling as City Clerk by Ryan Lichter, second by Erica Dinges.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Schmidtberger Appointed City Superintendent** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Brad Schmidtberger for appointment as City Superintendent. Motion to appoint Brad Schmidtberger as City Superintendent by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain, Motion declared carried.
- Dinkel Appointed Police Chief and Health Officer** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Cole Dinkel for appointment as Police Chief and Health Officer. Motion to appoint Cole Dinkel as Police Chief and Health Officer by Erica Dinges, second by Ryan Lichter.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- VonFeldt Appointed Utility Billing Clerk** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Rachel VonFeldt for appointment as Utility Billing Clerk. Motion to appoint Rachel VonFeldt as Utility Billing Clerk by Ryan Lichter, second by Erica Dinges.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Schmidtberger Appointed City Treasurer** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Jerry Schmidtberger for appointment as City Treasurer. Motion to appoint Jerry Schmidtberger as City Treasurer by Ryan Lichter, second by Erica Dinges.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Riedel and Dorzweiler Appointed Public Works Assist.** Mayor Schulte offered the names of Terry Riedel and Jeff Dorzweiler for appointment as Public Works Assistants. Motion to appoint Terry Riedel and Jeff Dorzweiler as Public Works Assistants by Ryan Lichter, second by Erica Dinges.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

- Riedel Appointed Building Inspector** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Terry Riedel for appointment as Building Inspector. Motion to appoint Terry Riedel as Building Inspector by Ryan Lichter, second by Erica Dinges.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays Motion declared carried.
- Mauch Appointed Patrol Officer** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Ryan Mauch for appointment as Patrol Officer. Motion to appoint Ryan Mauch as Patrol Officer by Ryan Lichter, second by Erica Dinges.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Harbin Appointed Municipal Judge** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Ed Harbin for appointment as Municipal Judge. Motion to appoint Ed Harbin as Municipal Judge by Ryan Lichter, second by Erica Dinges.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Hoffman Appointed City Attorney** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Don Hoffman for appointment as City Attorney. Motion to appoint Don Hoffman as City Attorney by Ryan Lichter, second by Erica Dinges.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Russel County News Appointed Official Newspaper** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Russell County News as Official Newspaper. Motion to appoint Russell County News as the Official Newspaper by Ryan Lichter, second by Erica Dinges.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Equity, Sunflower, Gorham Bank Official Depositories** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Equity Bank, Sunflower Bank and Gorham State Bank as Official Depositories. Motion to appoint Equity Bank, Sunflower Bank and Gorham State Bank as Official Depositories by Ryan Lichter, second by Erica Dinges.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Comments** There were no citizen comments or mayor comments.
- Adjournment** All business on hand having been discussed, Motion to adjourn by Matt Sander, second by Harland Rupp.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

John Schulte, Mayor

Jamie Sterling, City Clerk