

City of Victoria
Council Minutes

May 20, 2024
Regular Meeting

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The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on May 20, 2024, at 5:30 PM, in Council Chambers of City Hall.

- Roll Call** Council Members Ryan Lichter, Harland Rupp, Andy Wellbrock and Joe Leroux present. Matt Sander absent. City Attorney Don Hoffman was absent.
- Presiding** Honorable Mayor John Schulte
- Also Present** Jeff Pfeifer, James Robben, Chris Dreiling, Brandon Hines, Nathan Leiker, Michael Reed, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, and City Clerk Jamie Sterling.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Minutes** Minutes of the April 15, 2024, regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Andy Wellbrock to approve the minutes as submitted.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Warrant Ordinance A-05-24** Ordinance A-05-24, consisting of bills against the City for the month of May was presented for review. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Andy Wellbrock that Ordinance A-05-24 be approved and all bills paid.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Agenda** Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Harland Rupp to approve the agenda with modifications and add Chris Dreiling with Golden Belt Bank to the Agenda.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Police Report** Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. Chief Dinkel presented quotes for new school zone lights. They will be solar powered. This is tabled until June to get another quote.
- City Superintendent Report** City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. He informed council the new trash truck would be here Wednesday. Brad has been looking at tires for the John Deere Tractor. Council member Harland Rupp asked for a quote on what the mounting of tires would be. This is tabled until June.
- Library Vote** There was a presentation by Nathan Leiker and Brandon Hines regarding the upcoming August 6th Library Vote.
- FCCLA Donation** There was a letter presented by FCCLA for a donation. Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Andy Wellbrock to give a \$200.00 donation to FCCLA.
Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention, Motion declared carried.
- Fire Fighter** Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Ryan Lichter to approve Payden Leiker as a volunteer Fire Fighter.
Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

- Victoria Recreation** Motion to approve Sheena Gagnon to the Victoria Recreation Commission by Joe Leroux, second by Andy Wellbrock.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- VCC** Nancy Piatt wrote a letter on behalf of the VCC to request permission for use of the City Park on Monday, May 27th in observance of “Taps Across America.” Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Andy Wellbrock to approve the request.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- CMB Knights Of Columbus** Motion to approve Knights of Columbus CMB for St. Fidelis Fest on July 27th by Joe Leroux, second by Ryan Lichter.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, 1 Abstention, Motion declared carried.
- Water Bill Adjustment** On behalf of Jayce Reed, her father Michael Reed was in attendance at the Council meeting. He asked for any forgiveness of her water bill in the amount of \$1,145.87. This bill has been sent to set-off. Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Ryan Lichter to forgive half of the water bill in the amount of \$572.94. The family will pay the rest so it goes off her taxes.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Vehicle Reimbursement** The Public Works employees have been using 3 separate pickups for daily work. They had each been getting a monthly vehicle reimbursement for using their own private vehicles. Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter to keep 3 pickups and forgo the monthly reimbursement.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Grow Hays** James Robben with Grow Hays was present asking for a donation for the 2025 fiscal year in the amount of \$5,000.00. The City has donated \$3,000.00 in the past. Council decided to meet half way and request \$4,000.00 for the budget year.

Chris Dreiling was also in attendance. He was giving an update on the Knights Addition in regards to the new streets for the culdasc.
- Citizen Comments** Jeff Pfeifer attended the council meeting and gave an update on St Johns Place. They are no longer doing the covered patio. He stated they are about 10%-15% over budget and still have 20,000 square feet to occupy.

Chris Dreiling commented on the frisbee disc golf and how it is a great addition and that he continuously sees people out there playing.
- Executive Session** Motion to go into Executive Session for the evaluation of City Clerk Jamie Sterling by Ryan Lichter, second by Harland Rupp for 3 minutes to include Jamie Sterling.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Executive Session** Harland Rupp made a motion to go into executive session regarding the evaluation of Jamie Sterling, second by Ryan Lichter for 3 minutes.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried

Regular Session Return to regular session at 6:40 PM

Pay Increase Motion by Ryan Lichter second by Harland Rupp to give City Clerk Jamie Sterling an hourly pay increase of \$1.00.
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 Harland Rupp.
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 Harland Rupp.
Vote: 4 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 Ryan Lichter, second by Harland Rupp.
Vote: 4 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 Harland Rupp.
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 Harland Rupp.
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 Harland Rupp.
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 Harland Rupp.
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 Harland Rupp.
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 Harland Rupp.
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 Harland Rupp.
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 Harland Rupp.
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 Harland Rupp.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Mayor Comments** There were no mayor comments.
- Adjournment** All business on hand having been discussed, Motion to adjourn by Joe Leroux, second by Andy Wellbrock.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

John Schulte, Mayor

Jamie Sterling, City Clerk