

City of Victoria
Council Minutes

November 18, 2024
Regular Meeting

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The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on November 18, 2024, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

- Roll Call** Council Members Ryan Lichter, Harland Rupp, Matt Sander, Andy Wellbrock and Joe Leroux.
- Presiding** Mayor John Schulte.
- Also Present** Jeff Pfeifer, Jeff Dorzweiler, Chris Dreiling, Fire Chief John Weber, City Attorney Don Hoffman, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, and City Clerk Jamie Sterling.
- Pledge** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Minutes** Minutes of the October 21, 2024, regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Matt Sander, second by Harland Rupp to approve the minutes as submitted.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Minutes from the Victoria Fire Department were also reviewed.
- Warrant Ordinance A-11-24** Ordinance A-11-24, consisting of bills against the City for the month of November was presented for review. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Andy Wellbrock that Ordinance A-11-24 be approved and all bills paid.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Agenda** Motion by Matt Sander, second by Joe Leroux to approve the agenda as presented.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Police Department Report** Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. Chief Dinkel had nothing new to report except the Durango had new brakes put on it by Brad Schmidtberger.
- City Superintendent Report** City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger was absent. Mayor Schulte stated there was nothing to report from this department.
- Fire Chief Report** Fire Chief John Weber gave his department report. Chief Weber stated the ISO Inspections went very well. He asked for a wage increase for various positions of the Fire Department. City Attorney Don Hoffman will write up the Ordinance regarding the proposed wage increase and present at the December council meeting.
- Fire Department Elections** The Victoria Fire Department held their officer elections. Motion to approve John Weber as Fire Chief, Scott Wellbrock as Assistant Fire Chief, Kami Weber as Secretary and Dylan Kuhn as Firefighter Relief Co. Representative by Matt Sander, second by Andy Wellbrock.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

- Employee Christmas Bonus** Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Matt Sander to approve an employee Christmas bonus of \$200.00.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Citizen Comments** Jeff Pfeifer with the Victoria Coalition was present. Jeff wanted to give an update on St. Johns place. He stated the roof is 95% complete and they hope to finish by April 1.

Chris Dreiling with Golden Belt Bank was in attendance. He gave an update on the extension of 13th Street stating the transformers are ordered and they are about a year out from being delivered.
- Mayor Comments** There were no Mayor comments.

City Attorney Don Hoffman left Council Chambers at 5:40.
- Executive Session** Motion for an executive session for the evaluation of Public Works Employee, Jeff Dorzweiler for 3 minutes by Harland Rupp, second by Joe Leroux.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Executive Session** Motion for an executive session for the evaluation of Police Chief Cole Dinkel for 3 minutes by Matt Sander, second by Andy Wellbrock.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried
- Executive Session** Motion for an executive session for the evaluation and pay increase of Patrol Officer, Paul Dreiling for 5 minutes by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

City Council member Ryan Lichter left the Council Chambers at 5:53 PM.
- Executive Session** Motion for an executive session for the evaluation of Utility Billing Clerk, Rachel VonFeldt for 3 minutes to include City Clerk, Jamie Sterling by Joe Leroux, second by Andy Wellbrock.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Executive Session** Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter to go into executive session for 5 minutes regarding employee pay raises.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Dorzweiler Pay Increase** Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Matt Sander to increase the salary of Public Works Employee Jeff Dorzweiler from \$19.25 to \$20.25 per hour.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Dinkel Pay Increase** Motion by Matt Sander, second by Andy Wellbrock to increase the salary of Police Chief Cole Dinkel from \$30.00 to \$32.00 per hour.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Dreiling Pay Increase Motion by Matt Sander, second by Andy Wellbrock to increase the salary of Patrol Officer Paul Dreiling from \$16.00 to \$22.00 per hour.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

VonFeldt Pay Increase Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Joe Leroux to increase the salary of Utility Billing Clerk, Rachel VonFeldt from \$17.75 to \$18.75 per hour.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

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