

City of Victoria
Council Minutes

October 16, 2023
Regular Meeting

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The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on October 16, 2023, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

- Roll Call** Council Members present were Ryan Lichter, Harland Rupp, Matt Sander, and Erica Dinges. Matt Orr was absent.
- Presiding** Honorable Mayor John Schulte.
- Also Present** Utility Billing Clerk Rachel VonFeldt, Cora Knipp, Gerald Knipp, Doris Robben, Connie Lender, Marilyn Billinger, Sandra Karlin, Tom Karlin, John Herman, Curtis Sohm, James Robben, City Attorney Don Hoffman, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, Police Chief Cole Dinkel and City Clerk Jamie Sterling.
- Pledge** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Minutes** Minutes of the September 18, 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 Planning Commission were also reviewed.
- Warrant Ordinance A-10-23** Ordinance A-10-23, consisting of bills against the City for the month of October was presented for review. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander that Ordinance A-10-23 be approved and all bills paid.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Agenda** Motion by Erica Dinges, second by Ryan Lichter to approve the agenda as modified.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Police Chief Report** Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. He informed Council that Gordon's Carpet is tearing out and putting flooring down this week. They are short a box due to the baseboard. Chief Dinkel is waiting on the Police Academy to get back to him regarding dates for a PT Officer to start.
- City Superintendent Report** City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. The street project is almost finished. The county will be helping the City put the final layer of asphalt down Tuesday on the streets that were chip sealed.
- Rupp Empty Lot** Attorney John Herman represented Tom Karlin regarding the Rupp Variance and Conditional Use.

- Health Facility** Curtis Sohm with Breakthrough Physical Therapy and Wellness was in attendance. He was asking for permission to join Jamie Schneider at the Health Facility 2 days a week when she is not working. They will be sharing utilities. Since the City is the Landlord, council needed to approve Curtis to sub-lease.
Motion to approve Curtis Sohm to use the Health Clinic by Harland Rupp, second by Erica Dinges.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Rupp Variance** Victoria Planning Commission re-considered (continued) the hearing regarding Variance BZA-V-23-03 for a duplex. Motion to approve Variance BZA-V-23-03 by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, 1 Abstention, Motion declared carried.
- Rupp Conditional Use** Victoria Planning Commission re-considered (continued) the hearing regarding Conditional Use BZA-CU-23-03 for a duplex. Motion to approve Conditional Use BZA-CU-23-03 by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, 1 Abstention, Motion declared carried.
- NSF Policy** There has been an increase in the number of insufficient funds from ACH's as well as returned checks. Motion to adopt a new NSF Policy by Matt Sander, second by Erica Dinges.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- HEAL Grant** Motion by Erica Dinges, second by Harland Rupp for the City to apply for the HEAL Grant in hopes of a new Façade for City Hall.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Water Leak Adjustment** Julius Windholz was at the Council meeting to ask the council for a water leak adjustment. His bill prior was \$82.89 and the month of October it was \$765.00. The meter was re-read numerous times. Motion by Erica Dinges, second by Ryan Lichter to approve an adjustment of \$379.21 for his water bill.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Esfeld Construction** Pay Estimate No. 1 was submitted by Esfeld Construction for Victoria Dollar General Store Utilities. Motion to pay \$92,769.40 to Esfeld Construction by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- EBH** Motion by Matt Sander, second by Erica Dinges to pay EBH for Professional Services for utilities extension for Dollar General in the amount of \$6,205.82.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Ergon Asphalt** An invoice was submitted by Ergon Asphalt regarding oil we got from them to finish the streets here in Victoria. Motion to pay \$24,762.43 to Ergon Asphalt by Matt Sander, second by Harland Rupp.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Citizen Comments

Connie Lender spoke regarding the vacant lot on Jefferson. She stated her opinion how she feels Council made the wrong decision to pass the Variance and Conditional Use. Gerald Knipp asked what the lot size was.

Mayor Comments

There were no comments from the Mayor.

Adjournment

All business on hand having been discussed, Motion to adjourn the meeting by Matt Sander, second by Harland Rupp.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

John Schulte, Mayor

Jamie Sterling, City Clerk