

City of Victoria  
Council Minutes

September 16, 2024  
Regular Meeting

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The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on September 16, 2024, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

- Roll Call** Present were Council Members Harland Rupp, Matt Sander, Andy Wellbrock and Joe Leroux. Ryan Lichter was absent.
- Presiding** Honorable Mayor John Schulte.
- Also Present** James Robben, Chris Dreiling, Sarah Wasinger, Sean Rodger, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, City Attorney Don Hoffman and City Clerk Jamie Sterling.
- Pledge** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Minutes** Minutes of the August 19, 2024, regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Matt Sander, second by Andy Wellbrock to approve the minutes as submitted.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Minutes from the Victoria Planning Commission and the Fire Department were also reviewed.
- Warrant Ordinance A-09-24** Ordinance A-09-24, consisting of bills against the City for the month of September was presented for review. Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Matt Sander that Ordinance A-09-24 be approved and all bills paid.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Agenda** Motion by Matt Sander, second by Joe Leroux to approve the agenda as modified to include Jail contract  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Police Department Report** Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. All that the Chief stated was there are dash cams in the budget for 2025.
- City Superintendent Report** City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. He stated the guys are working on three breaks in the streets. Brad informed council he has been working on the lead/copper inventory for the City. He also stated he and John Weber will be working together on fire hydrant ISO testing.
- Hays Chamber** Sarah Wasinger with the Hays Chamber of Commerce returned to the Council meeting regarding the City of Victoria not only being members of the Chamber in Hays but to also be included in the yearly chamber news catalog. Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Matt sander to pay \$3200.00 to represent the City of Victoria in the catalog.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

**Community Garden** Sean Rodger presented results from the Community Garden survey. He informed council that Jay Harris with the K-State Extension office suggested they loop the school in on the garden. It was suggested for science classes, shop classes and such to be involved in building the raised garden beds and planting crops. The garden supply could also be used for lunches in the cafeteria. They will fill out grants through the school. This would still be a community project but not at the hands of the City.

**VHS Vinyl Class** The VHS Vinyl class asked if the City of Victoria would like to purchase t-shirts and they would put the City Logo on them to be thrown out at games. The council agreed to this and also agreed to purchase shirts for employees as well as having some made to put in Welcome Bags.

**City Hall Bathroom** The bathroom at City Hall is needing some updating. The walls are falling apart. The Council stated to get some bids regarding the walls and flooring.

**Variance** Victoria Planning Commission held a hearing on September 5th regarding Variance BZA-V-24-01 for the purpose of constructing a carport. Motion to approve by Andy Wellbrock, second by Matt Sander.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion declared carried.

**Ordinance B-585** AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE “UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES, “EDITION OF 2023, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER B-582.

Thereupon, Council Member Joe Leroux moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Andy Wellbrock. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the Governing Body, the vote being as follows:

Yes: Harland Rupp, Matt Sander, Andy Wellbrock and Joe Leroux  
No: None

Thereupon Mayor Schulte declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then numbered Ordinance B-585 and was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk. The City Clerk was directed to publish the Ordinance one time in the official newspaper of the City.

**Ordinance B-586** AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE “STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES,” EDITION OF 2023 WITH CERTAIN OMISSIONS PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER B-583.

Thereupon Council Member Matt Sander moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Andy Wellbrock. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the Governing Body, the vote being as follows:

Yes: Harland Rupp, Matt Sander, Andy Wellbrock and Joe Leroux  
No: None

Thereupon, Mayor Schulte declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then numbered Ordinance B-586 and was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk. The City Clerk was directed to publish the Ordinance one time in the official newspaper of the City.

**Jail Contract**

Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Harland Rupp to approve the agreement for housing the City of Victoria inmates in the Ellis County Detention Facility.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

**Citizen  
Comments**

Chris Dreiling informed council they may have found an engineer for the new Knights Addition street that could possible be started next spring.

Attorney Don Hoffman stated the Beckwith house is going up for Sherriff Sale around October 23rd or 24th.

**Adjournment**

All business on hand having been discussed, Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Andy Wellbrock to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

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John Schulte, Mayor

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Jamie Sterling, City Clerk