

City of Victoria
Council Minutes

April 20, 2026
Regular Meeting

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The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on April 20, 2026, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll Call	Council Members Ryan Lichter, Harland Rupp, Matt Sander, Andy Wellbrock and Chris Dreiling
Presiding	Honorable Mayor John Schulte.
Also Present	Nancy Piatt, Brenda Dreiling, Alexis Folkerts, Kami Weber, Fire Chief John Weber, Several Fire Fighters, Danielle Karlin, Dustin Karlin, Aubrey Leiker, Jason Leiker, Cooper Jones, Clete Dreiling, RoseAnn Dreiling, Marilyn Braun, Tim Jones, Utility Billing Clerk Rachel VonFeldt, City Attorney Don Hoffman, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, Ryan Mauch, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, Terry Riedel, and City Clerk Jamie Sterling.
Pledge	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Honor Cooper Jones	Mayor Schulte, Fire Chief Weber and Police Chief Dinkel presented Cooper Jones with a plaque and gift cards for his brave and quick actions when a fire broke out in a house on Cathedral. Cooper and his mom quickly sprang into action and was able to get the Fire Department called before too much damage was done. The man was able to be rescued at that time from his home, but unfortunately, the resident passed away several days later from complications.
Minutes	Minutes of the March 16 2026, regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by, Matt Sander, second by Ryan Lichter to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
Warrant Ordinance A-04-26	Ordinance A-04-26, consisting of bills against the City for the month of April was presented for review. Motion by Matt Sander, second by Andy Wellbrock that Ordinance A-04-26 be approved and all bills paid. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
Agenda	Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Harland Rupp to approve the agenda with modifications. Harland Rupp requested an executive session at the end of the meeting and Chris Dreiling requested giving an update on the Western Plains Development. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
Police Department Report	Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. Cole reported that he had previously attended KNOA conference in Wichita. He is still waiting on the grant for the new cop car. The funds will go to the Sherriff's office first and they will send it to us. He stated he and Ryan will be purchasing new uniforms for the summer. Chief Dinkel stated everything else is going well.

- City Superintendent Report** City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. He didn't have much to report. He stated they will be busy in May and June with the water tower demolition, street sealing, getting the pool ready and preparing for the inspection of the Reservoir. Brad would like to rent a chip seal machine because he is unable to find one for the City to purchase at this point.
- Hearing 810 Ash** The house at 810 Ash has been demolished. However, the garage that is left is still unfit and is leaning. Attorney Don Hoffman will be sending a letter to the owner regarding the removal of an unfit structure. Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Matt Sander for Don to send a letter to the owner of 810 Ash.
Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- VIP Donation** Motion by Chris Dreiling, second by Matt Sander to give a \$200.00 donation to Victoria Interested Parents.
Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention. Motion declared carried.
- New Fire Fighter** The name of Connor Dreiling was brought forth for a Volunteer Fire Fighter. Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Chris Dreiling to approve Connor Dreiling for the Fire Department.
Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion declared carried.
- Newspaper City Website** There was discussion regarding making the City Website the Official Newspaper for publishing. Some things will still have to be published in the actual Russell County paper like the budget and things like that. Don will write up a Charter Ordinance or Resolution for this to be passed at the May meeting.
- Resolution NO. C-333** Resolution NO. C-333 for the Victoria Community Coalition for a Sales Tax Abatement was approved. Motion by Matt Sander, second by Chris Dreiling to approve Resolution NO. C-333.
Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion declared carried.
- BZA-V-26-02** A Variance was passed by the Planning Commission on April 9 for Troy and GERALYN Schippers to allow their addition to be fifteen feet from the property's west border. Motion to approve BZA-V-26-02 by Ryan Lichter, second by Andy Wellbrock.
Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion declared carried.
- Zoning Change A-C.** Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Matt Sander to approve Zoning Changes A-C.
Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion declared carried.
- BZA-ZC-26-01** A change request was passed by the Planning Commission on April 9 to change the ball field at 200 Ball Park Rd from the R-1 District to the C-2 District. Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Andy Wellbrock to approve this change.
Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion declared carried.
- BZA-CU-26-01** The Planning Commission passed the Conditional Use to place an outdoor storage container on property zoned as the C-2 District. Motion by Chris Dreiling, second by Ryan Lichter to approve BZA-CU-26-01.
Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion declared carried.

Zoning Change D	Motion by Matt Sander, second by Ryan Lichter to approve Zoning Change D regarding the color of the zoning map for this area. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion declared carried.
Western Plains Update	Chris Dreiling gave an update regarding Western Plains 13th Street Addition. He stated one more lot was sold so there is still one remaining to sell. The Braun house is almost complete. Steve Pfannenstiel will be moving to his new home in May. A basement is being dug for Thompsons. The cluster mailbox is in and will be installed Tuesday evening. Chris stated to keep in mind when we move forward with Phase 3, to keep west main in mind to have it re-done at the same time as the new street.
Public Comment	Brenda Dreiling asked about Peyton Englert's Variance. Mayor Schulte informed her and Alexis that none of them showed up to the zoning meeting in April. The next meeting is May 7 and they can attend that. They stated they didn't know they had to be at the meeting. Peyton and Alexis will not be able to attend as they are getting married. Mayor Schulte informed Brenda if we have a letter signed by Peyton, she can represent them as their agent.
Mayor Comments	Mayor Schulte had no comments.
Executive Session	6:07 PM Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander to go into Executive Session for 3 minutes for the evaluation of Terry Riedel to include Terry, Brad Schmidtberger and Don Hoffman. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion declared carried.
Executive Session	6:10 PM Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander to go into Executive Session for 3 minutes for the evaluation of Terry Riedel to include Don Hoffman. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion declared carried.
Executive Session	6:13 PM Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander to go into Executive session for 3 minutes for the Evaluation of Patrol Officer Ryan Mauch to include Cole Dinkel and Don Hoffman. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion declared carried.
Executive Session	6:16 PM Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander to go into Executive session for 3 minutes. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion declared Carried.
Executive Session	6:19 PM Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander to go into Executive Session for 10 minutes. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion declared carried. No action taken.
Regular Session	6:30 PM Return to Regular session.

- Riedel Salary Increase** Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Andy Wellbrock to increase Terry Riedel's salary by \$1.00 to \$29.25.
Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion declared carried.
- Mauch Salary Increase** Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander to increase Ryan Mauch's salary by \$1.00 to \$29.25.
Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion declared carried.
- Heartland Foundation** Chris Dreiling informed council that Sarah Meitner reached out to him in regards to having a representative from the Victoria City Council serve as a Representative on the Advisory Board for the Heartland Community Foundation. It is a 3 year term. Ryan Lichter stated he would be happy to he just wanted to know when meetings are.
- Adjournment** All business on hand having been discussed, Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chris Dreiling, second by Andy Wellbrock.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

John Schulte, Mayor

Jamie Sterling, City Clerk