

City of Victoria
Council Minutes

August 17, 2026
Regular Meeting

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The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on August 17, 2026, at 5:30 PM at City Hall.

Roll Call	Council Members Ryan Lichter, Harland Rupp, Matt Sander, Andy Wellbrock and Chris Dreiling
Presiding	Honorable Mayor John Schulte.
Also Present	Lynnae Garvert with Adams Brown, City Attorney Don Hoffman, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, and City Clerk Jamie Sterling.
Pledge	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Minutes	Minutes of the July 20, 2026 regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Matt Sander, to approve the minutes. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried. Minutes from the Victoria Fire Department were also reviewed.
Warrant Ordinance A-08-26	Ordinance A-08-26, consisting of bills against the City for the month of August was presented for review. Motion by Matt Sander, second by Ryan Lichter that Ordinance A-08-26 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 as modified to include the 2025 Audit as well as 2 executive sessions requested by Councilman Ryan Lichter. One will be for Non-elected personnel, the second for Attorney Client Privilege. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
Police Department Report	Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. Chief Dinkel informed council about the grant issues regarding the new police vehicle. Chief Dinkel informed council that he and Mayor Schulte worked on the grant due to there being a mix up with the Department of Justice. It is now taken care of. Chief Dinkel let council know the Durango is 6.5 years old and they usually trade at 6 years old. He stated the control module in the Durango went out and Brad was able to fix it. Chief Dinkel also stated he would check with Officer Mauch and Officer Dreiling if there is any winter apparel they need and he will get it ordered. He informed council that officers will be attending trainings and will take advantage of any free training opportunities available.
City Superintendent Report	City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. Brad has been researching what other cities around us are charging for dumpster fees as he feels we are not charging enough. The City of Victoria charges \$42.50/month for dumpsters. He has also reached out regarding getting Totes for all residents in the City of Victoria so all trash bags will be in a trash can. Brad stated 40% of the residents should be able to get by with one 64 gal Tote, 40% would need 2 and about 20% would more than likely need 3 Totes. Matt did make a comment about some weeks for residents may vary with trash load. Brad informed them the guys would watch and if it is a resident that is more repetitious, they would need to buy another can.

Brad would like to see the City supply the Totes for residents and it would cost less than \$5.00 a month more than what they are paying now. The purchase of the Totes would be paid off in a year to 14 months if we charge the \$5.00/month.

All trash cans would have lids as several that residents have now do not have lids and if it rains, water sits in the cans and that adds weight to the overall load when dumping. Brad stated that the estimated weight was 9,000 lbs., but the actual weight was 11,000 lbs., indicating that approximately 2,000 lbs., was likely water weight in the trash truck. There was some concern from councilmembers regarding some elderly residents that have their trash now closer to their home what would it look like when they have a 64 gal can to pull to the curb. Brad reassured council that residents will continue to have their trash collected regardless of where the tote is placed. Councilmember Ryan Lichter did like the fact that the city would be uniform with the trash Totes and that it would keep the city clean, plus if need be, the back of the trash truck can lift a trash Tote this will make it easier on the guys. Several residents put their trash out over the weekend just in trash bags and by Monday pickup, trash bags are torn open and trash is everywhere that the guys have to pickup themselves. Councilmember Harland Rupp brought up the lids on the dumpsters as some of them are bent or broken. Brad informed him it is up to the business owner to have those replaced as the City does not supply dumpsters. Brad informed council he has reached out to Joe Billinger with the City of Hays regarding recycling. Brad submitted weights from recycling for a month and has not heard back from Joe. All council members are in agreement with switching the City to Totes. It was suggested by Attorney Don Hoffman to wait until Brad receives numbers from Joe for recycling and we will do the Trash increase and totes as well as recycling in one Ordinance.

2025 Audit Review

Lynnae Garvert with Adams, Brown reviewed the 2025 audit. She stated all financials are correct. Motion by Chris Dreiling, second by Ryan Lichter to approve the 2025 audit report.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

2027 Budget Public Hearing

Motion to open the public hearing for the 2027 Budget by Matt Sander, second by Andy Wellbrock.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Close 2027 Budget Hearing

Mayor Schulte asked for any comments from the public. Hearing none, Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander to close the public hearing for the 2027 Budget.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Approve 2027 Budget

Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander to approve the 2027 Budget as presented.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Ordinance B-594 & B-595

At the recommendation of City Attorney Don Hoffman, this item was tabled until the September meeting.

Leak Adjustment

A leak adjustment regarding 1215 Elm St was approved. Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Andy Wellbrock to approve the leak adjustment for Glenn and Becky Kuhn in the amount of \$371.87 to be paid over 12 months.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

BZA-ZC-26-02

Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Matt Sander to approve seven various zoning changes. This was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on August 13th.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Citizen Comments	There were no citizen comments.
Mayor Comments	There were no comments from Mayor Schulte.
Executive Session	Motion to go into executive session for 3 minutes for the evaluation of City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander to include Attorney Don Hoffman. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
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Salary Increase	Motion to increase the salary of City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger by \$1.25 per hour for an hourly rate of \$31.00 by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
Executive Session	Motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel for 10 minutes by Ryan Lichter, second by Harland Rupp to include Mayor John Schulte and City Attorney Don Hoffman. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried No action taken.
Executive Session	Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Harland Rupp to go into executive session for 30 min in regards to Client Attorney Privilege to include Mayor John Schulte and City Attorney Don Hoffman. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried. No action taken.
Adjournment	All business on hand having been discussed, Motion by Chris Dreiling, second by Andy Wellbrock to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

John Schulte, Mayor

Jamie Sterling, City Clerk