

City of Victoria
Council Minutes

May 18, 2026
Regular Meeting

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The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on May 18, 2026, at 5:30 PM, in Council Chambers of City Hall.

- Roll Call** Council Members Ryan Lichter, Harland Rupp, Matt Sander, Andy Wellbrock, Chris Dreiling and City Attorney Don Hoffman were present.
- Presiding** Honorable Mayor John Schulte
- Also Present** Brenda Dreiling, Alexis Englert, Danielle Karlin, Dallas Karlin, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, and City Clerk Jamie Sterling.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Minutes** Minutes of the April 20, 2026, regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Matt Sander, second by Ryan Lichter to approve the minutes as submitted.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Warrant Ordinance A-05-26** Ordinance A-05-26, consisting of bills against the city for the month of May, was presented for review. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander that Ordinance A-05-26 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 presented.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Police Report** Police Chief Cole Dinkel informed the council he had no requests and no needs at this time.
- City Superintendent Report** City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. Brad informed the council the summer is going to be very busy. The divers did get the reservoir cleaned out. They have been working on the pool and had to replace some copper lines that gave out. Brad stated the county is coming to look at the street on North Iron going towards 10th Street. It needs to be fixed. He spoke in regard to West Main Street and contacting Vogt's Parga regarding West Main and N. Iron. Brad informed council the lagoon walls are crumbling and will need to be fixed. The water tower is set to be demolished on Tuesday, June 9. The fire department will be on stand by just in case there are any issues.
- Continued Hearing** Council decided to have the hearing continued for 810 Ash Street regarding the garage being torn down. Attorney Don Hoffman spoke to the owner and she stated she had her inspector come and look at it and the inspector declared it to be not fixable and in need of condemnation.
- BZA-V-26-03** A variance was passed by the Planning Commission on May 7 for Peyton Englert to place an accessory structure two feet from the rear property line instead of the allowed five feet and for the accessory structure to be two feet from the side-yard property line instead of the allowed eight feet. Motion by Chris Dreiling, second by Matt Sander to allow the variance.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

- Charter Ordinance #14** Motion by Matt Sander, second by Andy Wellbrock to approve Charter Ordinance #14 to make the City of Victoria website the official newspaper. We will still need to use the Russell County News to publish the budget and the annual treasurer report.
Vote: 6 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried. Mayor Schulte had a vote in this as well.
- Herzogfest** There was a motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Matt Sander, to allow the Herzogfest committee to use Honey Braun Park for Herzogfest on the dates of August 5 through August 8.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- FCCLA Donation** Motion by Matt Sander, second by Chris Dreiling to give a donation of \$200.00 to FCCLA.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstention, Motion declared carried.
- Options** Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter to approve a donation to Options for \$3,000.00.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Stamps** The forever stamps and postcard stamps will be going up 4 cents in July. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Harland Rupp to get 5,000 forever stamps and 3,000 postcard stamps. Council did ask if we could email bills to residents. We will be checking with Redline to see if we have the option to email and how much it will be.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- July 4th** We usually follow what the county does as far as fireworks. They have not met yet in regard to this. Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter, to discharge fireworks on July 4th only from 8:00 AM to 12:00 midnight.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Sterling Appointed City Clerk** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Jamie Sterling for appointment as City Clerk. Motion to appoint Jamie Sterling as City Clerk by Ryan Lichter, second by Chris Dreiling.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Schmidtberger Appointed City Superintendent** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Brad Schmidtberger for appointment as City Superintendent. Motion to appoint Brad Schmidtberger as City Superintendent by Ryan Lichter, second by Chris Dreiling.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Dinkel Appointed Police Chief and Health Officer** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Cole Dinkel for appointment as Police Chief and Health Officer. Motion to appoint Cole Dinkel as Police Chief and Health Officer by Ryan Lichter, second by Chris Dreiling.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- VonFeldt Appointed Utility Billing Clerk** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Rachel VonFeldt for appointment as Utility Billing Clerk. Motion to appoint Rachel VonFeldt as Utility Billing Clerk by Ryan Lichter, second by Chris Dreiling.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Schmidtberger Appointed City Treasurer** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Jerry Schmidtberger for appointment as City Treasurer. Motion to appoint Jerry Schmidtberger as City Treasurer by Ryan Lichter, second by Chris Dreiling.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Riedel and Dorzweiler Appointed Public Works Assist.	Mayor Schulte offered the names of Terry Riedel and Jeff Dorzweiler for appointment as Public Works Assistants. Motion to appoint Terry Riedel and Jeff Dorzweiler as Public Works Assistants by Ryan Lichter, second by Chris Dreiling. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
Riedel Appointed Building Inspector	Mayor Schulte offered the name of Terry Riedel for appointment as Building Inspector. Motion to appoint Terry Riedel as Building Inspector by Ryan Lichter, second by Chris Dreiling. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion declared carried.
Mauch Appointed Patrol Officer	Mayor Schulte offered the name of Ryan Mauch for appointment as Patrol Officer. Motion to appoint Ryan Mauch as Patrol Officer by Ryan Lichter, second by Chris Dreiling. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
Harbin Appointed Municipal Judge	Mayor Schulte offered the name of Ed Harbin for appointment as Municipal Judge. Motion to appoint Ed Harbin as Municipal Judge by Ryan Lichter, second by Chris Dreiling. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
Hoffman Appointed City Attorney	Mayor Schulte offered the name of Don Hoffman for appointment as City Attorney. Motion to appoint Don Hoffman as City Attorney by Ryan Lichter, second by Chris Dreiling. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
Russel County News Appointed as Newspaper	Mayor Schulte offered the name of Russell County News as Newspaper. Motion to appoint Russell County News as the Official Newspaper by Ryan Lichter, second by Chris Dreiling. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
Equity, Sunflower, Gorham Bank Official Depositories	Mayor Schulte offered the name of Equity Bank, Sunflower Bank and The Bank as Official Depositories. Motion to appoint Equity Bank, Sunflower Bank and Gorham State Bank as Official Depositories by Ryan Lichter, second by Chris Dreiling. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
Citizen Comments	No Citizen comments.
Mayor Comments	No Mayor Comments.
Executive Session	Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Chris Dreiling to go into executive session for the evaluation of City Clerk Jamie Sterling for 3 minutes to include Jamie Sterling and Don Hoffman. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
Executive Session	Motion by Ryan Lichter second by Chris Dreiling to go into executive session for 3 minutes to include Don Hoffman. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Regular Session Return to regular Session.

Pay Increase Motion by Chris Dreiling, second by Harland Rupp to increase City Clerk Jamie Sterling's pay by 50 cents per hour and re-evaluate in 90 days.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Brad asked if he could speak on behalf of the Splash Pad. He stated he feels the splash pad would be better where the baby pool is. John stated that is where it would go and that he, Terry and Jeff went over there and looked at the area. Brad also stated they would like to do away with the tire mulch in the playground area at the park and get it surfaced.

Adjournment All business on hand having been discussed, Motion to adjourn by Chris Dreiling, second by Andy Wellbrock.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

John Schulte, Mayor

Jamie Sterling, City Clerk