City of Victoria
Council Minutes

The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on September 21, 2026, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll Call Present were Council Members Harland Rupp, Matt Sander, Andy Wellbrock and Chris Dreiling. Council member Ryan Lichter and Attorney Don Hoffman were absent.

Presiding Honorable Mayor John Schulte.

Also Present Sean Rodger, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, and City Clerk Jamie Sterling.

Pledge The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes Minutes of the August 17, 2026, 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 Fire Department were also reviewed.

Warrant Ordinance A-09-26 Ordinance A-09-26, 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-09-26 be approved and all bills paid.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Agenda Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Matt Sander to approve the agenda as presented.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Police Department Report Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. Chief Dinkel stated the grant he was awarded for a new police truck would be distributed after October 1st. He informed council he was going to look at in-stock options versus ordering a new police vehicle to see what was offered. He stated they will look into winter gear and see if anything is needed.

City Superintendent Report City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. Brad brought up to the council the possibility of the Public Works employees going to a 4 day, 10 hour work day next year starting Memorial weekend through the summer to Labor day weekend. The concern with this would be Fridays. Brad stated he would be willing to continue working 5 days a week 8 hour days. If he needed to be off during that time, the guys would make it work between them. This would not take place until 2027 so there will be time for further discussion. There was also discussion regarding weekend on-call pay. The public works guys receive 3 hours total overtime when they are on-call for the weekend. Mayor Schulte suggested switching to a flat rate of $75.00 per day for weekend daily checks. They would receive their hourly pay if there was a need for their attention beyond the normal daily checks. Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Matt Sander to approve $75.00 per day for weekend pay.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion declared carried.

Ordinance B-594

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 2026 WITH CERTAIN OMISSIONS PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER B-593.

Thereupon Council Member Andy Wellbrock moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Matt Sander. 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 Chris Dreiling
No: None

Thereupon, Mayor Schulte declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then numbered Ordinance B-594 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-595

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 2026, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER B-592.

Thereupon, Council Member Andy Wellbrock moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Matt Sander. 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 Chris Dreiling.
No: None

Thereupon Mayor Schulte declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then numbered Ordinance B-595 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.

Variance BZA-V-26-04

A Variance was passed by the Planning Commission on September 17th for Alan Depenbusch to construct an Accessory Structure within 3 feet of the property lines instead of the required 5 feet, and a Conditional Use Permit to allow a structure of up to 1500 square feet instead of the allowed 1200 square feet. Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Matt Sander to approve the Variance and Conditional Use Permit.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Victoria HS Yearbook

The High School Yearbook Committee came to City Hall and asked if the City of Victoria would like to do another ad for the yearbook. It was agreed to continue with the cinder block ad that was purchased in 2025.

City Superintendent Report, additional information

City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger requested to re-address the council as he forgot a few items during his report. He informed council that the street repairs are done and everything went well. Brad borrowed the machine from Crafco for the street repairs and is still waiting on the new machine from them. Brad passed around pictures from Monday's trash pick up to explain the reasoning behind wanting the city to provide trash totes for residents to rent. Brad feels about 15% of the residents have totes already.

Citizen Comments

Sean Rodger informed council the pickle ball courts are finished and the outdoor basketball court at the grade school was resurfaced as well. Sean stated he is always looking for ways to improve the City of Victoria. He brought up having a sign at each of the frisbee golf tee off's to show the map and distance. Sean will look further into the cost and bring the information to council.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Schulte had no comments.

Adjourn

All business on hand having been discussed, Motion by Chris Dreiling, 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