

City of Victoria  
Council Minutes

August 18, 2025  
Regular Meeting

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The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on August 18, 2025, at 5:30 PM at City Hall.

- Roll Call** Council Members Ryan Lichter, Harland Rupp, Matt Sander, Andy Wellbrock and Joe Leroux
- Presiding** Honorable Mayor John Schulte.
- Also Present** Chris Dreiling, Jim VonFeldt, Sean Rodger, Jeff Pfeifer, Brenda Dreiling, Crystal Hinnen, 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 21, 2025 regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Matt Sander, second by Ryan Lichter, to approve the minutes.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.  
  
Minutes from the Victoria Fire Department were also reviewed.
- Warrant Ordinance A-08-24** Ordinance A-08-25, consisting of bills against the City for the month of August was presented for review. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Andy Wellbrock that Ordinance A-08-25 be approved and all bills paid.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Agenda** Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Joe Leroux to approve the agenda as presented.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Citizens to be heard** Jim VonFeldt attended the meeting regarding street lights on 13th street going into the new addition. He stated some concerns regarding the fact there are none. He stated with the new housing development going in and the amount of cars that will be driving the street, it is too dark to see people walking, kids on scooters and such. Brad will talk with Midwest Energy in regards to putting one to two more street lights in the area.
- VCC Grant** Crystal Hinnen with Ranson Financial was in attendance on behalf of the VCC regarding grants for a Senior Center. This would be a CDBG grant through the Department of Commerce which would be a passthrough for the City of Victoria. The City would sponsor the application. Crystal will send the Resolutions to Attorney Don Hoffman to look over and will present at the September meeting.

- Police Department Report** Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. Chief Dinkel informed council about the scooters and electric bikes kids are riding in town. Attorney Don Hoffman did bring an Ordinance regarding this but Chief Dinkel would like to make some changes regarding violations, helmets and confiscating the scooters after warnings. Chief Dinkel did bring up there is a house on South Ash that really needs to be condemned as it is not up to code. Cole did bring up his phone contract is about to expire and he would like to change ownership to his name. The bill would essentially go to him and the City would reimburse him for the amount.
- City Superintendent Report** City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. Brad let council know he did fix one of the pick-ups with various things. He informed council the grader is down and needs a new water pump. He stated it should cost less than \$1,000.00. He informed council that East main is finished and he has received many compliments regarding it. He did speak about the extension of 13th street and things seem to be moving along nicely.
- Victoria Alumni Donation** Motion to donate \$150.00 to the Victoria Alumni Association for the golf tournament by Ryan Lichter, second by Andy Wellbrock.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, 1 Abstention, Motion declared carried.
- Volga-German Donation** The City received a letter regarding the 150th Anniversary of the Volga-German Heritage. There will be a celebration the same week as Herzogfest in 2026. Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter to donate \$500.00 to the Volga-German Heritage Celebration.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- City Clerk** Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander to allow City Clerk, Jamie Sterling to attend Clerk Institute located in Wichita in October.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- New Fire Fighter** Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter to approve new Fire Fighter Greg Huser.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Citizen Comments** Sean Rodger wanted to thank the city for allowing the tee pads for the frisbee golf course.  
  
Chris Dreiling gave an update on the 13th street addition. He stated Midwest Energy is getting the transformers set. There was discussion of where to place street lights in the area. Chris and or Brad will talk with Midwest Energy. He stated Kansas Gas and Nex-tech will be next to put their stuff in. Chris informed council there are only 2 lots left for sale. There was discussion of when to start the next phase for Knights Circle.
- Mayor Comments** There were no comments from Mayor Schulte.
- Executive Session** Motion to go into executive session for 3 minutes for the evaluation of Brad Schmidtberger by Matt Sander, second by Ryan Lichter to include Attorney Don Hoffman.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Executive Session** Motion to go into executive session for 3 minutes by Matt Sander, second by Ryan Lichter to include Don Hoffman.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

**Regular Session** 6:32 PM Return to regular session.

**Salary Increase** Motion to increase the salary of City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger by \$1.00 per hour for an hourly rate of \$29.75 by Ryan Lichter, second by Andy Wellbrock.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

**Adjournment** All business on hand having been discussed, Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Joe Leroux to adjourn the meeting.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

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John Schulte, Mayor

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Jamie Sterling, City Clerk