

City of Victoria
Council Minutes

December 15, 2025
Regular Meeting

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The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on December 15, 2025, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, Victoria, Kansas.

- Roll Call** Council Members present were Harland Rupp, Matt Sander, Andy Wellbrock, Ryan Lichter and Joe Leroux.
- Presiding** Honorable Mayor John Schulte
- Also Present** Police Chief Cole Dinkel, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, Chris Dreiling, Cole Dreiling, Lyle Pantle, Fire Chief John Weber, Marilyn Braun, Brenda Dreiling, John Grimes Sr, and City Clerk Jamie Sterling. City Attorney Don Hoffman was absent.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
- Minutes** Minutes of the November 17, 2025 regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Matt Sander second by Andy Wellbrock to approve the minutes as presented.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Minutes from the Victoria Fire Department were also submitted for review.
- Warrant Ordinance A-12-25** Ordinance A-12-25, consisting of bills against the City for the month of December, was presented for review. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander that Ordinance A-12-25 be approved and all bills paid.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Agenda** Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Andy Wellbrock to approve the agenda as presented.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Citizens to be Heard.** Marilyn Braun and Brenda Dreiling were in attendance in regards to St. Johns Place. They are asking the City to be a passthrough regarding an application for the Department of Health and Environment to have asbestos removed from the tiles and flooring in the east wing where the child care center may go. Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Ryan Lichter to write a letter of support for the Victoria Community Coalition and be a pass through on behalf of the VCC.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Police Department Report** Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave the police department report. Chief Dinkel had nothing to report.
- City Superintendent Report** City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. He informed council everything is going well. Brad informed council the old water tower does have a piece of metal loose and he will contact someone with a crane to fix it. He also stated the grader needs some work done. Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Matt Sander to approve up to \$2,000.00 for grader repairs.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

- Fire Department Raises** Chief John Weber was in attendance. There was discussion regarding pay raises for Captains as well as Lieutenants. Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Andy Wellbrock to give the Captains an hourly rate of \$35.00 per call/meeting and Lieutenants an hourly rate of \$30.00 per call/meeting.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Fire Department Report.** Chief John Weber was here on behalf of the Fire Department along with Lyle Pantle from Ellis County. Chief Weber informed council the fire trucks now have to have a DOT inspection by the end of the year. Chief Weber will have someone coming to the fire station to do the inspection. He did notify council of some Standard Operating Procedure changes. Lyle Pantle spoke with council regarding a “Safer Grant” he will be helping the Fire department apply for new Bunker Gear. The Grant is worth \$16,000.00. This would be a grant that we pay upfront and will be reimbursed. Lyle also spoke that with the grant, there are 4 fire department members that qualify for a physical. The physical cost is \$800.00 and we would be reimbursed up to \$500.00. The physicals will be at First Care Clinic in Hays. Ultimately with the grant including the gear and physicals, it would be in the amount of \$25,000.00. Motion to move forward with the grant and physicals by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion declared carried.
- Encumber Funds** Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter to encumber funds to pay the remaining 2025 bills.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Setoff List** The following individuals with amounts were submitted for approval to be sent to the State Setoff Program for collection:
Sara Vonlintel—\$106.74
Phyllis Hoover—\$120.63
Trevor Desaire—\$696.74
Brody Conaway—\$602.91
Motion to approve the accounts to be sent to Set-Off for collection by Matt Sander, second by Andy Wellbrock.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Housing Authority** The names of Gina O’berle and Kevin Karlin were given for appointment to the Victoria Housing Authority. Motion to appoint Gina O’berle and re-appoint Kevin Karlin to the Housing Authority by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Cereal Malt Beverage Applications** The following Cereal Malt Beverage License applications were submitted for Council approval:
The Library Bar and Grill Total Convenience Windholz -Kuhn Post #1751
Dollar General Store #25552 Mac’s Liquor Shack
Motion to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License applications by Andy Wellbrock, second by Ryan Lichter.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, 1 Abstention, Motion declared carried.
- Coin Operated Machine Application** Motion to approve the Coin Operated Machine License application submitted by The Library Bar and Grill by Andy Wellbrock, second by Ryan Lichter.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried..

2024 Audit Jami Benyshek met with John, Jerry and Jamie on December 10th. Mayor Schulte explained to council the audit took longer this year due to the current software package not being user friendly. City Clerk Sterling recreated the entire 2024 financial year into the new software package so the 2024 audit could be completed. The audit was done with no major issues. Motion by Matt Sander to approve the 2024 audit, second by Andy Wellbrock.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Public Comments John Grimes Sr. was in attendance. He spoke on behalf of the home located at 810 Ash that belongs to Rodney Cameron. He is interested in buying it and would like the chance to fix it up. He stated he would contact Rodney about purchasing it. Cole spoke on John's behalf that he feels John is capable of fixing it up. Council informed him there is still an open hearing on the house to be condemned and asked that he come back to the January meeting.

Chris Dreiling attended the meeting. Chris gave an updated Improvement Costs for Knights Addition for Phase II. He stated he feels the next home will be started in March. There are two that have been started already. Chris also asked if we could email him at the bank, the donation letter regarding the Splash Pad.

Mayor Comments Mayor Schulte did inform council regarding the Snappy the Turtle coloring contest for the Splash Pad. He announced that Addy Sander was the winner. We will get a picture of her with her coloring page for the Newsletter.

Harland Rupp announced that he has decided to accept appointment to the upcoming council Vacancy.

Joe Leroux announced he is resigning effective at the end of the December meeting.

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

John Schulte, Mayor

Jamie Sterling, City Clerk