

City of Victoria
Council Minutes

January 19, 2026
Regular Meeting

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The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on January 19, 2026, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

- Roll Call** Council Members Ryan Lichter, Matt Sander, Andy Wellbrock and Chris Dreiling.
- Presiding** Mayor John Schulte.
- Also Present** City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, Public Works Assistant Jeff Dorzweiler, City Attorney Don Hoffman, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, and City Treasurer Jerry Schmidtberger.
- Pledge** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Council Appointment** Motion by Matt Sander, second by Ryan Lichter to appoint Harland Rupp to the unexpired City Council seat previously held by Joe Leroux.
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Minutes** Minutes of the December 15, 2025, regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander to approve the minutes as submitted.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Warrant Ordinance A-01-26** Ordinance A-01-26, consisting of bills against the City for the month of January was presented for review. Motion by Matt Sander, second by Ryan Lichter that Ordinance A-01-26 be approved and all bills paid.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Agenda** Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Andy Wellbrock 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. Cole informed council that there were issues with the lights on the Durango. Estimated cost to repair the lights are \$1700.00. Motion by Matt Sander, second by Andy Wellbrock to authorize up to \$2000.00 to repair the lights. Cole is also looking into a replacement vehicle, but is waiting for the grant money from Senator Moran's office to arrive before proceeding. Cole requested that he be allowed to attend training in March in Wichita. Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Chris Dreiling to authorize the training.
Vote 4 Ayes 0 Nays, motion declared carried.
- City Superintendent Report** City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his report. He informed council he was beginning to look into what it will take to tear down the old water tower, and he will be presenting more on that at a later meeting. Brad, Terry and Jeff would like to attend training in Wichita in March. Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Ryan Lichter to authorize the training for all three public works employees.
Vote 4 Ayes 0 Nays, motion declared carried.

- Hearing for Unfit Structure** A hearing regarding an unfit structure at 810 Ash Street was re-convened from the November meeting. Rodney Cameron is the former owner, and has informed City staff that he has sold the property to Elizabeth Herrman. Rodney called City Hall earlier on January 19 to inform staff that both he and Ms. Herrman were too ill to attend the City Council meeting. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Andy Wellbrock to continue the unfit structure hearing until the February meeting, and to re-convene the hearing at that time regardless if Mr. Cameron or Ms. Herrman are present or not.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- City Attorney Don Hoffman recommended mailing a notice to Mr. Cameron about the February meeting, and to post a copy of the notice on the front door of the property.
- Spring Cleanup and City Wide Garage Sale** Brad Schmidtberger has checked on the availability of dumpsters for the spring cleanup. They are available the weekend of May 1, 2 and 3. Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Matt Sander to hold the Spring Cleanup and City Wide Garage Sale on May 1, 2 and 3rd..
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- IRS Mileage Rate** The IRS Mileage Rate for 2026 is 72.5 cents per mile. Motion by Chris Dreiling, second by Andy Wellbrock to adopt the 2026 IRS mileage rate.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- City Clerk Attend Training** City Clerk Jamie Sterling would like to attend training in Manhattan in March. Motion by Matt Sander, second by Chris Dreiling to approve the training.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- July 4 Holiday** July 4 is on a Saturday this year, and is a paid holiday for City staff. Preference is to move the paid holiday to Friday July 3, and for trash pickup to remain on Monday. Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Ryan Lichter to move the City Holiday to July 3.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Endowment Fund Appointment** Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander to appoint Chris Dreiling to the City of Victoria Endowment Fund Board of Directors
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays and 1 abstention. Motion declared carried
- Comp Time** A discussion about comp time was held. After discussion, motion by Chris Dreiling, second by Andy Wellbrock to no longer offer comp time for employees.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion declared carried.
- NWK Planning Funding Request** Northwest Kansas Planning and Development is requesting \$3500.00 from the City of Victoria. Council would like more information about what services NWK P & D provides for the City. Mayor Schulte will email them with a request for more information before the next council meeting.
- Citizen Comments** There were no citizen comments.

- Mayor Comments** Mayor Schulte asked if the council was okay with the City donating three \$100 raffle prizes to the City Endowment Fund Raffle that will be held in February. No objections heard. Mayor Schulte will get the prizes added to the raffle.
- Executive Session** Motion for an executive session regarding non-elected personnel for 3 minutes to include Brad Schmidtberger, Jeff Dorzweiler, and City Attorney Don Hoffman by Matt Sander, second by Andy Wellbrock.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried
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Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Dorzweiler Pay** Motion by Matt Sander, second by Andy Wellbrock to increase the salary of Jeff Dorzweiler from \$20.25 to \$21.50 per hour.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays with 1 abstention.
- Adjournment** All business on hand having been discussed, Motion to adjourn by Chris Dreiling second by Andy Wellbrock.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

John Schulte, Mayor

Jamie Sterling, City Clerk