

City of Victoria
Council Minutes

January 20, 2025
Regular Meeting

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The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on January 20, 2025, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall.

- Roll Call** Council Members Ryan Lichter, Andy Wellbrock and Joe Leroux present. Not present were Council Members Harland Rupp and Matt Sander
- Presiding** Honorable Mayor John Schulte.
- Also Present** Police Chief Cole Dinkel, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, James Robben, Karen Nowak, Kelby Parton, James Wright, Chris Dreiling, Sara Meitner, Dallas Karlin, Dustin Karlin City Attorney Don Hoffman, and City Clerk Jamie Sterling.
- Pledge** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Minutes** Minutes of the December 16, 2024, regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Andy Wellbrock to approve the minutes as submitted.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Victoria Fire Department minutes were also submitted for review.
- Payables** Ordinance A-01-25, consisting of bills against the City for the month of January, was presented for review. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Andy Wellbrock to approve and all bills paid.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Agenda** Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Joe Leroux to approve the agenda with modifications per Mayor Schulte regarding Water Restrictions.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Police Department Report** Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. Chief Dinkel had nothing to report. He did state he has registered for the Narcotics Conference to be held in April.
- City Superintendent Report** City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. He informed Council that the Dodge will need new tires soon. The three guys will be registering for the KRWA conference and attend that in March.
- VHS Community Connections** Karen Nowak and Kelby Parton spoke to the Council regarding the Community Connections class and the welding class at the High School to make Christmas Décor for streets in Victoria as they used to be several years ago. Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Ryan Lichter to donate \$2,000.00 for the project.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

- Heartland Community Foundation** Sara Meitner was here to represent the Heartland Community Foundation. She spoke regarding various grants throughout the year and asked that the City of Victoria contribute to the February match month. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Andy Wellbrock to donate \$3,000.00 in February to Heartland Community Foundation.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Midwest Energy Franchise Agreement** James Wright with Midwest Energy was here in regards to the Franchise Agreement with Midwest Energy and City of Victoria. This will be a 20 year agreement. Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Andy Wellbrock to approve the Franchise Agreement.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Golden Belt Bank** Chris Dreiling gave an update regarding the 13th street addition. He stated there is now a complete construction document by Hale Construction.
- Garage Sale City Clean Up** Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Andy Wellbrock to approve the annual City-Wide Garage Sale and Clean Up scheduled for the weekend of May 2nd, 3rd and 4th.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- IRS Mileage Rate** The IRS mileage rate has changed to .70 cents from .670 cents per mile for 2025. Motion to follow the 2025 IRS mileage rate by Andy Wellbrock, second by Ryan Lichter.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- CCMFOA Spring Conference** Jamie would like to attend the Spring Clerk's Conference March 19-21. Motion to approve her attending the conference by Ryan Lichter, second by Joe Leroux.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Ordinance B-588** Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Andy Wellbrock to approve Ordinance B-588 regarding setting meeting requirements for members of the Fire Department, and increasing the salary of the members of the Fire Department.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Liquidating Items** Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Andy Wellbrock to liquidate an old generator that will never be used by the City again.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Banners** Rick Rupp presented an estimate to make some new banners for Cathedral Street. Motion by Joe Leroux, Second by Ryan Lichter to allow Rick to make banners.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Resolution C-326** Water Restriction Resolution C-326 was approved to allow the filling of swimming pools and hot tubs.

Citizen Comments Dallas Karlin spoke during Citizen comments about the noon and 9:00 pm siren. He also spoke regarding the street lights. In his opinion, both of these are bad for citizens and wildlife of Victoria. He stated that until we can prove they are safe, he would like them shut off. Council took no action.

Mayor Comments There were no Mayor comments.

Adjournment All business on hand having been discussed, motion to adjourn by Joe Leroux, second by Andy Wellbrock.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

John Schulte, Mayor

Jamie Sterling, City Clerk