

City of Victoria
Council Minutes

June 16, 2025
Regular Meeting

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The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on June 16, 2025, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

- Roll Call** Council Members Ryan Lichter, Harland Rupp, Matt Sander, Andy Wellbrock. Joe Leroux was absent.
- Presiding** Mayor John Schulte.
- Also Present** Jennifer Hecker, Sean Rodger, James Robben, Sara Nuss, 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 May 19, 2025, regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Ryan Lichter second by Andy Wellbrock to approve the minutes as submitted.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Minutes from the Victoria Volunteer Fire Department were also reviewed.
- Ordinance A-06-25** Ordinance A-06-25 consisting of bills against the City for the month of June was presented for review. Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Matt Sander that Ordinance A-06-25 be approved and all bills paid.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion declared carried.
- Agenda** Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Harland Rupp to approve the agenda with modifications regarding streets.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion declared carried.
- Options Donation** Jennifer Hecker Director with Options was present at the council meeting. Statistics were presented and different costs of funding the program. Information regarding domestic violence and domestic murders was presented. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Harland Rupp to donate \$3,000.00 to Options.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion declared carried.
- Victoria Rec** Sean Rodger with Victoria Recreation brought a quote from JROBB Concrete out of Hays. The quote for the throwing pads is \$3,750.00 and this is at no cost to the City of Victoria. Sean will get with Brad regarding placement of the concrete slabs.
- Police Report** Chief Dinkel gave his department report. He stated everything is running smoothly. He will be getting a quote regarding a new dash camera for his patrol vehicle.
- City Superintendent Report** City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. He stated the new development is moving along nicely. The Sewer is done, water lines are 70% done, the tie in to our lines is finished. He also stated they have 14 signs ordered regarding Snow Routes and 2 school signs they will be putting up as well. The AC in the trash truck went out so it is getting fixed.

- July 4th** Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Harland Rupp to allow the discharge of fireworks July 4th only from 8:00 am to 12:00 midnight.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Stamps** We were notified by the Post Office that Forever Stamps will be going up from .73 cents to .78 cents in July and postcard stamps will be going up from .28 cents to .29 cents. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander to purchase 5,000 of the Forever stamps and 5,000 of the postcard stamps.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Fire Fighter** The name of Ryan Jackson was given on behalf of the Fire Department. Motion by Matt Sander, second by Ryan Lichter to approve Ryan Jackson for the Fire Department.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Resolution C-328** Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Matt Sander to approve Resolution C-328 closing the RHID development agreement between the City of Victoria and Western Plains Service Corporation.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Electric Scooters** There have been several complaints regarding electric scooters that kids are riding in town. After a lengthy discussion, City Attorney Don Hoffman will be putting an Ordinance together regarding various rules and regulations. He will bring it to the July meeting.
- Cheerleader Donation** Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Andy Wellbrock to donate \$300.00 to the VHS Cheerleading squad to help paint the Elementary school gymnasium.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Streets** Council member, Harland Rupp discussed streets in town that have larger dips and are getting rough. City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger is going to map out areas he feels will need fixed first. He will present this at the July meeting.
- Citizen Comments** Sarah Nuss was in attendance. She was there to see if it would be allowed to shoot off fireworks in the City of Victoria this year. She is unsure if she will do a fundraiser for the Volleyball team selling fireworks or not. If she decides to, she will come in and get a permit.
- James Robben with Grow Hays stated good things are going on in the City of Victoria.
- Chris Dreiling spoke regarding the 13th street expansion and that he talked with Hale-Sloane and the street should be ready to be poured in July. He stated there are still 4 lots available in that area but now is contemplating on when to possibly open up Knights Circle.

**Mayor
Comments** Mayor Schulte had no comments.

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

John Schulte, Mayor

Jamie Sterling, City Clerk