

City of Victoria
Council Minutes

May 19, 2025
Regular Meeting

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The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on May 19, 2025, at 5:30 PM, in Council Chambers of City Hall.

- Roll Call** Council Members Ryan Lichter, Harland Rupp, Andy Wellbrock and Joe Leroux present. Matt Sander absent. City Attorney Don Hoffman was absent.
- Presiding** Honorable Mayor John Schulte
- Also Present** James Robben, Chris Dreiling, Sandy McAlonan, Brenda Dreiling, Public works assistant Terry Riedel, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, and City Clerk Jamie Sterling.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Minutes** Minutes of the April 21, 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.
- Warrant Ordinance A-05-25** Ordinance A-05-25, consisting of bills against the City for the month of May was presented for review. Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Andy Wellbrock that Ordinance A-05-25 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 as presented.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Police Report** Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. Chief Dinkel stated not much going on. Sending letters out for residence to mow or clean up yards. Chief Dinkel will be getting quotes for a new dash camera for his patrol vehicle.
- City Superintendent Report** City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. Brad stated that the City Wide cleanup went well. The City ended up having to get dumpsters from Trash-B-Gone due to Cards not bringing them for us.
- Ordinance B-590** Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Harland Rupp to approve Ordinance B-590 which is in regards to new snow routes. The Ordinance will be published in the Russell County Newspaper on May 29th.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Resolution C-327** Resolution C-327 pertains to the consumption of cereal malt beverage on a city street during Herzogfest. Motion to approve Resolution C-327 by Ryan Lichter, second by Andy Wellbrock.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

- Sandy McAlonan/Mac's Liquor Shack CMB** A CMB license application for Herzogfest was submitted by Sandy McAlonan/Mac's Liquor Shack to Council for approval. All items being in order, Motion to approve the CMB license application submitted by Sandy McAlonan/Mac's Liquor Shack by Andy Wellbrock, second by Joe Leroux.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- NWKPDC** Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter to approve the City's dues to Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission for \$3,500.00.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- East & West Main** Motion to approve East Main approach with or without County participation in the amount of \$124,685.00 by Ryan Lichter, second by Andy Wellbrock. Additional motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Andy Wellbrock to approve West Main Approach in the amount of \$75,609.60 only if county agrees to participate.
- Sterling Appointed City Clerk** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Jamie Sterling for appointment as City Clerk. Motion to appoint Jamie Sterling as City Clerk by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Schmidtberger Appointed City Superintendent** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Brad Schmidtberger for appointment as City Superintendent. Motion to appoint Brad Schmidtberger as City Superintendent by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain, Motion declared carried.
- Dinkel Appointed Police Chief and Health Officer** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Cole Dinkel for appointment as Police Chief and Health Officer. Motion to appoint Cole Dinkel as Police Chief and Health Officer by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- VonFeldt Appointed Utility Billing Clerk** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Rachel VonFeldt for appointment as Utility Billing Clerk. Motion to appoint Rachel VonFeldt as Utility Billing Clerk by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Schmidtberger Appointed City Treasurer** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Jerry Schmidtberger for appointment as City Treasurer. Motion to appoint Jerry Schmidtberger as City Treasurer by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Riedel and Dorzweiler Appointed Public Works Assist.** Mayor Schulte offered the names of Terry Riedel and Jeff Dorzweiler for appointment as Public Works Assistants. Motion to appoint Terry Riedel and Jeff Dorzweiler as Public Works Assistants by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Riedel Appointed Building Inspector** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Terry Riedel for appointment as Building Inspector. Motion to appoint Terry Riedel as Building Inspector by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays Motion declared carried.

- Mauch Appointed Patrol Officer** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Ryan Mauch for appointment as Patrol Officer. Motion to appoint Ryan Mauch as Patrol Officer by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Harbin Appointed Municipal Judge** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Ed Harbin for appointment as Municipal Judge. Motion to appoint Ed Harbin as Municipal Judge by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Hoffman Appointed City Attorney** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Don Hoffman for appointment as City Attorney. Motion to appoint Don Hoffman as City Attorney by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Russel County News Appointed Official Newspaper** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Russell County News as Official Newspaper. Motion to appoint Russell County News as the Official Newspaper by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Equity, Sunflower, Gorham Bank Official Depositories** Mayor Schulte offered the name of Equity Bank, Sunflower Bank and Gorham State Bank as Official Depositories. Motion to appoint Equity Bank, Sunflower Bank and Gorham State Bank as Official Depositories by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Citizen Comments**
- Brenda Dreiling was in attendance and wanted to “Thank” the City for helping the VCC regarding St. Johns place. She stated the Historical Society will be having an open house on May 29th and invited Council to come by. She did mention the possibility of having a food truck at St. Johns place a couple of Mondays a month.
- Chris Dreiling also spoke on behalf of Golden Belt and the extension of 13th Street. He informed council out of the 11 lots, 7 are reserved.
- James Robben spoke about KS Infrastructure Hub as well as Covid Funds until 2027.
- Executive Session** 6:06 PM Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Ryan Lichter to go into executive session for the evaluation of Public Works assistant Terry Riedel for 3 minutes.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Executive Session** 6:10 PM Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Ryan Lichter to go into executive session for the evaluation of City Clerk, Jamie Sterling for 3 minutes.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Executive Session** Joe Leroux made a motion to go into Executive Session for the evaluation of Terry Riedel and Jamie Sterling, second by Ryan Lichter.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Regular Session** 6:15 Return to regular Session.

Pay Increase Motion by Ryan Lichter second by Harland Rupp to give City Clerk Jamie Sterling an hourly pay increase of \$1.00.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Pay Increase Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Harland Rupp to give Public Works Assistant Terry Riedel an hourly pay increase of \$1.00.
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

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: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

John Schulte, Mayor

Jamie Sterling, City Clerk