

City of Victoria  
Council Minutes

November 17, 2025  
Regular Meeting

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The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on November 17, 2025, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

- Roll Call** Council Members Harland Rupp, Matt Sander, Andy Wellbrock and Joe Leroux. Ryan Lichter was absent.
- Presiding** Mayor John Schulte.
- Also Present** Rodney Cameron, James Robben, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger City Attorney Don Hoffman, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, and City Clerk Jamie Sterling.
- Pledge** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Minutes** Minutes of the October 20, 2025, regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Matt Sander, second by Harland Rupp to approve the minutes as submitted.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Minutes from the Victoria Fire Department were also reviewed.
- Warrant Ordinance A-11-25** Ordinance A-11-25, consisting of bills against the City for the month of November was presented for review. Motion by Matt Sander, second by Harland Rupp that Ordinance A-11-25 be approved and all bills paid.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Agenda** Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Matt Sander 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 he checked into tires for both Police vehicles. For the Durango the cost is \$1,000.00 and for the Truck it is \$1,200.00. Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Andy Wellbrock to purchase the tires. Cole also stated they will need ammo again. He does get it at the government price. Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Joe Leroux to purchase ammo up to \$1,900.00.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- City Superintendent Report** City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his report. He informed council there were some issues with the electrical pumps and a sensor had failed on the water tower. He stated his timesheet will reflect this but it is all fixed and running. He stated there will be a delay in the mastic for the streets as the machine they use from the county is unavailable right now.
- Fire Department Elections** The Victoria Fire Department held their officer elections. Motion to approve John Weber as Fire Chief, Cole Dreiling as Assistant Fire Chief, Kami Weber as Secretary and Dylan Kuhn as Firefighter Relief Co. Representative by Andy Wellbrock, second by Matt Sander.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

- Employee Christmas Bonus** Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Matt Sander to approve an employee Christmas bonus as a net of \$200.00.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Zoning Changes** Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Matt Sander to approve the Zoning changes as presented.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Hearing for Unfit Structure** Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Andy Wellbrock to open the hearing for the unfit structure located at 810 Ash.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Discussion of the unfit structure took place with the home owner, Rodney Cameron, present. He asked for time to go in and clean it up once he is well enough. Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Matt Sander to table the hearing until the January 2026 council meeting. The home owner was informed to contact Cole Dinkel the first ten days in January to do a walk-through of the home.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Water Leak Adjustment** Ann Arnold had a water leak at 102 11th Street. Her water charges were \$1,427.54. The leak adjustment will be \$732.47 that can be paid off in 12 months. Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Matt Sander to approve the water leak adjustment.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Citizen Comments** No citizen comments.
- Mayor Comments** Mayor Schulte did explain the results of the election from November 4th. He stated Ryan Lichter, Matt Sander and David Ottley had won the election. David Ottley has informed Mayor Schulte that he will be declining the position on the City Council. According to the County Election Officer, the unfilled council position will be treated as a vacancy.
- Executive Session** Motion for an executive session for the evaluation of Police Chief Cole Dinkel for 3 minutes to include Cole Dinkel and Attorney Don Hoffman by Matt Sander, second by Andy Wellbrock.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried
- Executive Session** Motion by Matt Sander, second by Harland Rupp to go into executive session for 4 minutes regarding Police Chief Cole Dinkel.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Dinkel Pay Increase** Motion by Matt Sander, second by Andy Wellbrock to increase the salary of Police Chief Cole Dinkel from \$32.00 to \$33.00 per hour.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

**Adjournment** All business on hand having been discussed, Motion to adjourn by Andy Wellbrock second by Joe Leroux.  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

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John Schulte, Mayor

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Jamie Sterling, City Clerk