

City of Victoria  
Council Minutes

October 20, 2025  
Regular Meeting

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

- Roll Call** Council Members present were Ryan Lichter, Harland Rupp, Matt Sander, Andy Wellbrock and Joe Leroux.
- Presiding** Honorable Mayor John Schulte.
- Also Present** Chris Dreiling, James Robben, Deb Minkler (Executive Director of NWK Planning), City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, Police Chief Cole Dinkel and City Clerk Jamie Sterling and City Attorney Don Hoffman.
- Pledge** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Minutes** Minutes of the September 22, 2025, regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Matt Sander to approve the minutes as submitted.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.  
  
Minutes from the Victoria Fire Department were also reviewed.
- Warrant Ordinance A-10-24** Ordinance A-10-25, consisting of bills against the City for the month of October was presented for review. Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander that Ordinance A-10-25 be approved and all bills paid.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Agenda** Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Ryan Lichter to approve the agenda as presented.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Police Chief Report** Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. He gave the council handouts regarding a quote for new computers for PD. The Quote is \$3,034.78. This will not be taken out of any City funds, it will be paid for with the Grant money Cole received. He stated both the Durango and Truck will need new tires. He will get a quote and present to council in November. Motion to purchase new computers by Joe Leroux, second by Ryan Lichter.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0Nays, Motion declared carried.
- City Superintendent Report** City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. He did not have much to report, just stated the normal day to day stuff and all is well.
- High School Yearbook Ad** Council stated since we had approved the Yearbook Banner ad and since they are doing away with this, they stated to move forward with the four cinder block ad.

- NWK Planning** Deb Minkler, Executive Director for Northwest Kansas Planning & Development Commission was here to introduce herself to Council in her new role. She stated to reach out to her at anytime for anything regarding grants or whatever else.
- Endowment Fund** Motion by Ryan Lichter, second by Matt Sander to approve the creation of City of Victoria Endowment Fund with, initial members, John Schulte, Jamie Sterling, Sean Rodger, James Robben and Joe Leroux.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- CU-BZA-25-01** Matt Sander made a motion to approve CU-BZA-25-01, the Ellis County Historical Society having a gift shop at St. Johns Place. Harland Rupp seconded the motion.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- CU-BZA-25-02** Motion by Joe Leroux, second by Andy Wellbrock to approve CU-BZA-25-02, Victoria Community Coalition for a senior center, bed and breakfast units, coffee/pastry/soup and sandwich shop, banquet/reception facility and child care center.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Unfit Structure** The hearing regarding the unfit structure located at 810 Ash Street, Victoria, KS has been moved to the November 17, 2025 Council Meeting.
- Citizen Comments** Chris Dreiling was present to give an update regarding the extension of 13th street in Squire Avenue. There are two lots remaining for sale.  
  
James Robben spoke in support of Deb Minkler and encourages the City to reach out to her for any upcoming projects.
- Mayor Comments** There were no comments from the Mayor.
- Adjournment** All business on hand having been discussed, Motion to adjourn the meeting by Joe Leroux, second by Andy Wellbrock.  
Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

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John Schulte, Mayor

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Jamie Sterling, City Clerk