

City of Victoria
Council Minutes

September 22, 2025
Regular Meeting

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The Governing Body of the City of Victoria met in regular session on September 22, 2025, at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

- Roll Call** Present were Council Members Harland Rupp, Matt Sander, Andy Wellbrock. Joe Leroux and Ryan Lichter were absent.
- Presiding** Honorable Mayor John Schulte.
- Also Present** James Robben, Chris Dreiling, Dallas Karlin, Dusty Karlin, Drayden Karlin, Danielle Karlin, Police Chief Cole Dinkel, City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger, City Attorney Don Hoffman and City Clerk Jamie Sterling.
- Pledge** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Minutes** Minutes of the August 18, 2025, regular meeting were presented for review. Motion by Matt Sander, second by Andy Wellbrock to approve the minutes as submitted.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Minutes from the Fire Department were also reviewed.
- Warrant Ordinance A-09-25** Ordinance A-09-25, consisting of bills against the City for the month of September was presented for review. Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Andy Wellbrock that Ordinance A-09-25 be approved and all bills paid.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Agenda** Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Matt Sander to approve the agenda as presented.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Police Department Report** Police Chief Cole Dinkel gave his department report. All that the Chief stated was there was nothing new and things were going well.
- City Superintendent Report** City Superintendent Brad Schmidtberger gave his department report. He stated they will be renting a Tar Mastic Machine from the County to fix streets in Victoria. He stated to rent it is around \$2200.00. Brad did mention that it may be worth just buying a used one instead of always renting one. He will look at getting prices.
- 2026 Budget Public Hearing** Motion to open the public hearing for the 2026 Budget by Matt Sander, second by Andy Wellbrock.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.
- Close 2026 Budget Hearing** Mayor Schulte asked for any comments from the public. There was one comment from those in attendance. Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Matt Sander to close the public hearing for the 2026 Budget.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

2026 Budget Pass

Motion by Matt Sander, second by Harland Rupp to pass the 2026 Budget.
Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion Declared carried.

Splash Pad

It was decided to go ahead and move forward with the Splash Pad here in Victoria. James Robben spoke on behalf of this and stated it would be a great addition for families to want to move to Victoria. We will move forward by posting this on Facebook, City website, newsletter and sending out letters to businesses and donors in Ellis County. After this, we will proceed with submitting Grants.

Victoria HS Yearbook

Motion by Matt Sander, second by Andy Wellbrock to purchase a banner from the Victoria High School Yearbook club in the amount of \$300.00. The banner will be displayed at all sporting events on behalf of the City of Victoria.
Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

New Fire Fighter

The name of Drayden Karlin was submitted as a volunteer fire fighter. Motion by Harland Rupp, second by Andy Wellbrock to approve Drayden Karlin as a fire fighter.
Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Re-instate Fire Fighter

The name of Jared Burkholder was submitted to be re-instated as a volunteer fire fighter. He has been with the Fire Department in the past. Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Matt Sander to Re-instate Jared Burkholder as a fire fighter.
Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Ordinance B-591

An Ordinance amending Chapter XIV, regarding traffic, electric-assisted bicycles and scooters within the corporate limits of the City of Victoria, Kansas.

Thereupon Council Member Matt Sander moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Andy Wellbrock. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the Governing Body, the vote being as follows:

Yes: Harland Rupp, Matt Sander and Andy Wellbrock.
No: None

Thereupon, Mayor Schulte declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then numbered Ordinance B-591 and was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk. The City Clerk was directed to publish the Ordinance one time in the official newspaper of the City.

Ordinance B-592

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES, "EDITION OF 2025, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER B-585.

Thereupon, Council Member Andy Wellbrock moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harland Rupp. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the Governing Body, the vote being as follows:

Yes: Harland Rupp, Matt Sander, and Andy Wellbrock.
No: None

Thereupon Mayor Schulte declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then numbered Ordinance B-592 and was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk. The City Clerk was directed to publish the Ordinance one time in the official newspaper of the City.

**Ordinance
B-593**

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE “STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES,” EDITION OF 2025 WITH CERTAIN OMISSIONS PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER B-586.

Thereupon Council Member Matt Sander moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harland Rupp. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the Governing Body, the vote being as follows:

Yes: Harland Rupp, Matt Sander, and Andy Wellbrock.
No: None

Thereupon, Mayor Schulte declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then numbered Ordinance B-593 and was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk. The City Clerk was directed to publish the Ordinance one time in the official newspaper of the City.

**Resolution
C-329**

A Resolution regarding Unfit Structure. Whereas, the governing body of the City of Victoria, Kansas, in the interest of providing safe housing and suitable housing for human habitation passed Ordinance No. 4-604. This Ordinance requires the Building Inspector for the City of Victoria to investigate and determine whether any structure is dangerous, unsafe or unfit for human habitation. Whereas, by Affidavit, the Building Inspector for the City of Victoria has determined the building located at 810 Ash Street, Victoria, Kansas, is dangerous, unsafe and unfit for human habitation. Be it resolved by the Governing Body that based upon the Affidavit of the Building Inspector for the City of Victoria, the Council sets the 20th day of October, 2025, for a hearing to allow the owner or owner’s agent or any lien holder of record or any occupant of the structure to appear and show cause why the structure should not be condemned, ordered repaired or demolished.

Thereupon Council Member Matt Sander moved that said Resolution be passed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Andy Wellbrock. Said Resolution was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Resolution was carried by the vote of the Governing Body, the vote being as follows:

Yes: Harland Rupp, Matt Sander, and Andy Wellbrock.
No: None

Thereupon, Mayor Schulte declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then numbered Resolution C-329 and was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk. The City Clerk was directed to publish the Ordinance two times in the official newspaper of the City.

**Resolution
C-330**

Resolution certifying legal authority to apply for the 2025 Kansas Small Cities Community Development Block Grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce and authorizing the Mayor/Commissioner to sign and submit such an application.

Thereupon Council Member Harland Rupp moved that said Resolution be passed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Matt Sander. Said Resolution was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Resolution was carried by the vote of the Governing Body, the vote being as follows:

Yes: Harland Rupp, Matt Sander and Andy Wellbrock.

No: None

Thereupon, Mayor Schulte declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then numbered Resolution C-330 and was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

**Resolution
C-331**

A Resolution assuring The Kansas Department of Commerce that funds will be continually provided for the operation and maintenance of improvements to the Senior Center system to be financed with Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Thereupon Council Member Harland Rupp moved that said Resolution be passed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Matt Sander. Said Resolution was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Resolution was carried by the vote of the Governing Body, the vote being as follows:

Yes: Harland Rupp, Matt Sander and Andy Wellbrock.

No: None

Thereupon, Mayor Schulte declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then numbered Resolution C-331 and was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

**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 of Victoria. Council took no action.

Dusty Karlin spoke asking if there was a way the City Council meeting could be recorded and put on a YouTube channel. Council took no action.

Chris Dreiling with Golden Belt Bank spoke in regards to the 13th street addition. The road block signs are down and there is one final payment to be made to Vogt's Parga. The total cost of the project was \$516, 548.05 in which it came in \$35,000 under budget.

Adjournment All business on hand having been discussed, Motion by Andy Wellbrock, second by Matt Sander to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

John Schulte, Mayor

Jamie Sterling, City Clerk