City Council Meeting

August 13, 2025 **Victor, ID**

Victor City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 138 N Main Street at 6:00 P.M. Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Mayor & Council: Will Frohlich, Emily Sustick, Amy Ross, Stacy Hulsing, and Sue Muncaster.
Staff: Jeremy Besbris, Jasmine Griffin, Kim Kolner, Nate Beard, and Michelle Smith. Herb Heimerl called in.

Mayor called for a motion to entertain a motion to move work session B before A. Motion so moved by Councilor Muncaster and seconded by Councilor Hulsing. Mayor Frohlich called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

Consent Calendar:
A motion was made by Councilor Hulsing and seconded by Councilor Muncaster to approve the consent calendar including items a-c as presented with the following motions:

a. To approve July 23, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.
b. To approve the Disbursements as presented.
c. To approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Teton County Fire Protection District, the Victor Urban Renewal Agency, and the City of Victor as presented.

Mayor Frohlich called for a roll call vote. Councilor Ross- In Favor, Councilor Muncaster- In Favor Councilor Hulsing- In Favor, Councilor Sustick- In Favor. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

Visitors.
Marian Ruzicka made public comment regarding issues with city charges and banking, including a $50,000 error in irrigation fees and questions about an enterprise zone. She expressed frustration with the city's lack of response to her concerns and questions about financial matters. Cindy Reigel made public comment regarding the nuisance with the obnoxious weed issues (knap weed).

Work Session.
Update to the Capital Improvement Plan to include a Skatepark in Sherman Park and Grant Match to the Victor Skatepark Foundation- Jeremy Besbris, City Administrator and Jasmine Griffin, City Treasurer made staff comment regarding the purpose of this item is for the City Council to consider amending the capital improvement plan to include a skatepark in Sherman Park and the request for a grant match to build Phase 1 of the Victor Skatepark. Jeremy discussed the use of impact fees and local option tax for funding infrastructure and community projects in Victor, and they promote growth and are subject to strict regulations.

Public comment was opened. Tim Eberly representing the skatepark foundation, made public comment with the foundation's gratitude for the opportunity that they have had with getting the land, being able to host fundraisers, and would like to continue with this dream to bring in a skatepark. Over 30 citizens showed up in council chambers with 15 making public comment focused on the importance of skate parks as community assets, with several speakers sharing personal experiences and benefits of skateboarding. Participants highlighted how skate parks provide a safe, inclusive, and affordable outlet for youth, fostering physical activity, mental health, and community engagement. They emphasized the need for more accessible skate facilities, particularly in Victor, to support local youth and attract visitors, while also discussing the long-term benefits and low maintenance costs of concrete skate parks. The speakers urged the decision-makers to approve funding for the Victor Skate Park to create a lasting legacy for the community. Public comment was closed. Questions were asked regarding maintenance costs and future plans for the maintenance.

A motion was made by Councilor Ross and seconded by Councilor Hulsing to approve the amendment of the capital improvement plan to include a skatepark in Sherman Park. I further move to approve the grant match of $150,000 for Phase 1 of the Victor skate park, pursuant to the award of CHC grant and a budget amendment. Mayor Frohlich called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

The Mayor announced that the meeting would pause briefly and called for a five-minute recess, allowing council members and attendees time to step away before resuming the session.

Consideration of Resolution R585, authorizing a public election on November 4, 2025, regarding the adoption of Ordinance O642, an Ordinance Increasing and Extending the Lodging Tax- Jeremy Besbris, City Administrator made staff The council discussed Resolution R-585, which authorizes a public election on November 4, 2025, regarding the adoption of Ordinance 642 to increase and extend the local option tax on lodging. Jeremy explained the process, deadlines, and legal requirements, emphasizing the importance of meeting the August 29 deadline for the county clerk. The proposed ordinance would amend the City's existing room occupancy tax by increasing the rate from 6% to 8% and extending the tax duration from its current expiration date of July 1, 2036, to July 1, 2050. Public comment was opened. Marian Ruzicka made public comment regarding language clarification that this if for lodging only. Public comment was closed.

Further discussion was made by reviewing the proposed ballot language and discussing the need for an education campaign rather than advocacy. They also considered allocating a portion of the tax revenue to the sheriff's department and EMS, similar to what Jackson and other resort cities do, and agreed to research how other cities allocate their lodging tax funds. No action taken at this time.

Public Hearing.
Public Hearing: Resolution R583- A Resolution of The City of Victor, Idaho, declaring the intent to collect $2,380 in Foregone Property Taxes for use in Fiscal Year 2026 and declaring the purpose for which the foregone taxes are being budgeted - Jasmine Griffin, City Treasurer confirmed that proper notice has been given and that supporting materials are complete. No Council members declared a conflict of interest. Jasmine made staff comment regarding the how foregone property tax works and specified that it will be used for street lighting. Public comment was opened. Public comment was closed.

A motion was made by Councilor Hulsing and seconded by Councilor Sustick to adopt Resolution No R583, declaring the intent to collect $2,380 in foregone property taxes for use in fiscal year 2026 and declaring the purpose for which the foregone taxes are being budgeted. Mayor Frohlich called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

Public Hearing: Ordinance O640- An Ordinance entitled Annual Appropriations for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the first day of October, 2025, and ending on September 30, 2026, appropriating $9,444,139 to pay the expenses of The City of Victor- Jasmine Griffin, City Treasurer confirmed that proper notice has been given and that supporting materials are complete. No Council members declared a conflict of interest. Jasmine made staff comment regarding the purpose of this item is to hold the public hearing for the FY26 budget and approve the corresponding Ordinance appropriating funds for the budget. Public comment was opened.

Cindy Reigel commented on sewer and water allocations, expressing concerns about overcharging residents for general operations and calling for detailed accounting of public works facility use. Marian Ruzicka spoke about enterprise funds, short-term rentals, and the need for a childcare center at Sherman Park. Public comment was closed.

Further discussion between council and staff stating that they are tracking expenses and meeting legal requirements but noted that departmentalization could improve accounting accuracy in the future.

A motion was made by Councilor Hulsing and seconded by Councilor Muncaster to waive the first reading in full of Ordinance 0640, an ordinance appropriating the FY2025-26 budget and read it by title only, and to waive the second and third Ordinance readings. Mayor Frohlich called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Hulsing and seconded by Councilor Muncaster to further approve Ordinance 0640 and to direct the City Clerk to publish it accordingly. Mayor Frohlich called for a roll call vote. Councilor Ross- In Favor, Councilor Muncaster- In Favor Councilor Hulsing- In Favor, Councilor Sustick- In Favor. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

Matters from Mayor, Council & Staff.
Nate Beard provided updates on the two bridge projects, noting that Calderwood Bridger will have road closures for 3-4 days while the Crystal Bridge work will close the road entirely until next spring. The North well is now operational after being down for nearly 9 months due to January's deep freeze. The council discussed fire safety concerns and the need to spread awareness about the fire ban due to dry conditions. They also reviewed progress on the pathway work, crosswalk striping, and potential chip sealing projects for next summer with ITD.

A link was provided for the treasurer's monthly report and the pending applications & projects.

Adjourn. A motion was made by Councilor Sustick and seconded by Councilor Hulsing to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Frohlich called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

City of Victor

Will Frohlich, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Smith, City Clerk/ Minutes: MS 08132025