

VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL  
February 11, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER**

A special meeting of the Victoria City Council was called to order by Mayor Will Armstrong at 5:03 p.m. Monday, February 11, 2008 in the Council Chambers, 107 W. Juan Linn, Victoria, Texas. The pledge of allegiance was said, and all citizens were welcomed.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Will Armstrong, Mayor  
Philip Guittard  
Lewis Neitsch  
Paul Polasek  
Jim Wyatt  
Tom Halepaska

**STAFF PRESENT**

Charles E. Windwehen, City Manager  
Charmelle Garrett, Deputy City Manager  
David A. Smith, City Attorney  
Gilbert P. Reyna, Jr., Director, Finance  
Lynn Short, Director, Public Works  
Jerry James, Director, Environmental Services  
Scarlet Swoboda, City Secretary

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

David Hagan

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION**

Mayor Armstrong opened a public hearing on the following item:

**ORDINANCE 2007-2008E – AMENDING THE 2007-2008 CITY BUDGET TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO PURCHASE 608 FEET OF WATER RIGHTS NEXT TO THE GUADALUPE RIVER OWNED BY KENNETH CASTLE**

City Attorney, David A. Smith, read the caption of Ordinance 2007-2008E, which amends the 2007-2008 City of Victoria Budget to transfer \$800,000 from the Water Fund fund balance to the Water Department Water Rights line item to provide funding for the purchase of 608 acre feet of water rights to real property next to the Guadalupe River in Guadalupe County owned by Kenneth E. Castle, and authorizes the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to purchase the aforementioned water rights at a price of \$1,300 per acre foot, plus closing costs, as appropriate. Emergency Reading.

Mayor Armstrong asked if there were any questions from Council or the audience. There were none.

Director of Environmental Services, Jerry James, advised that this was a very significant water right. It was a 1918 water right, which was about as senior as can be gotten on the Guadalupe River, and would be a very reliable right. The City's current water right of 20,000 acre feet would allow the City to take water from the Guadalupe River 88.6% of the time. The water right that was being purchased on an annual period of reliability would be 98.12% of the time, and on volume reliability it would be 99.73% of the time. This would guarantee water for approximately 22 days during a drought of record. This water right, along with the other water rights that the City has purchased recently, has enhanced the City's position since getting its water right in 1996 to take surface water from the Guadalupe River. This along with the Fordyce lakes and water wells available to the City would provide enough water for approximately a year under severe drought conditions.

Cm. Halepaska moved that the ordinance pass on emergency reading, with Cm. Neitsch seconding the motion. The ordinance passed on emergency reading by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Guittard, Neitsch, Polasek, Wyatt, Halepaska, and Mayor Armstrong

NAYS: None

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**February 11, 2008**

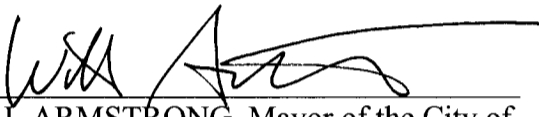
Caption:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2007-2008 CITY OF VICTORIA BUDGET TO TRANSFER \$800,000 FROM THE WATER FUND FUND BALANCE TO THE WATER DEPARTMENT WATER RIGHTS LINE ITEM TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF 608 ACRE FEET OF WATER RIGHTS TO REAL PROPERTY NEXT TO THE GUADALUPE RIVER IN GUADALUPE COUNTY OWNED BY KENNETH E. CASTLE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PURCHASE THE AFOREMENTIONED WATER RIGHTS AT A PRICE OF \$1,300 PER ACRE FOOT, PLUS CLOSING COSTS, AS APPROPRIATE, REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor Armstrong closed the public hearing.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Armstrong announced that there was no need for an Executive Session. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

APPROVED:   
 WILL ARMSTRONG, Mayor of the City of  
 Victoria, Texas

ATTEST:   
 SCARLET SWOBODA, City Secretary

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**VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL**  
**February 19, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Victoria City Council was called to order by Mayor Will Armstrong at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 19, 2008 in the Council Chambers, 107 W. Juan Linn, Victoria, Texas. The pledge of allegiance was said, and all citizens were welcomed.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Will Armstrong, Mayor  
 Philip Guittard  
 Lewis Neitsch  
 Paul Polasek  
 David Hagan  
 Jim Wyatt  
 Tom Halepaska

**STAFF PRESENT**

Charles E. Windwehen, City Manager  
 Charmelle Garrett, Deputy City Manager  
 David A. Smith, City Attorney  
 Miles Risle, Senior Assistant City Attorney  
 Gilbert P. Reyna, Jr., Director, Finance  
 John Kaminski, Director, Planning  
 Bruce Ure, Police Chief  
 Doug Cochran, Director, Parks and Recreation  
 James Stewart, Director, Library  
 Rick Henrichs, Director, IT  
 Lynn Short, Director, Public Works  
 Johnston, Deputy Director, Public Works  
 Steve Trevino, Director, IMS  
 Jerry James, Director, Environmental Services  
 Andrew Jacob, Assistant Finance Director  
 Scarlet Swoboda, City Secretary