

CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
January 19, 2015

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, January 19, 2015, at the Council Chambers located at 607 Upton Avenue, Schulenburg, Texas, 78956, at 7:00 P.M. The elected officials present included Mayor Roger Moellenberndt, Aldermen Rodney Gresser, Douglas Behlen, Roland Kalina, Brenda Rehak and Larry Veselka. City Staff present at the meeting were City Administrator, Tami Blaschke-Walker, Melissa Shepard and Ronald Bohac.

Visitors included William Zeluff of the Schulenburg Sticker, Jeff Thompson of the Garden Company, Adam Bosl of the Little League and Parks & Recreation Committee, Mike Zweschper of the Festival Association, Tim Sanders of Befco and Ivan Velasquez.

Alderman Gresser made a motion, seconded by Alderman Behlen to accept the minutes as received. The motion passed unanimously.

Under Presentations By Citizens, Alderman Behlen asked that City Crews pick up rotten utility poles along N. Main St. just south of IMCO office. They belong to Verizon but were in the road until some citizens pulled them to the side. There are 2 down and 1 leaning very bad.

Also, Mayor Moellenberndt attended along with Tami Blaschke-Walker, Alderman Roland Kalina & Alderman Rodney Gresser, the Schulenburg Historical Museum fund raiser last week. They have great plans to restore the present location and the Old New York Store next door.

Under Reports from Officers, City Administrator Tami Blaschke-Walker submitted the following written report:

- Code Enforcement Officer Training – February 9-13, 2015 in Beaumont.
- Federal Express Drop-Off Box at City Hall – pickup at 2:00 p.m.
- Prep work at Wolters Park for Livestock Show.
- Updated Council on the progress of Schneider Engineering with their rate study.
- Updated Council on a letter from Monogram on their proposed wastewater project.

- Meetings & Events:
 - **January 12th** – Met with LCRA Representatives
 - Don Chovanec & Kate Holman
 - **January 14th** – Benefit at the Historical Museum
 - **January 15th** – Retirement party for Ronnie Hranicky
 - **January 21-23** – Election Law Seminar – Frisco, Texas
 - **January 28th** – First Day to file for Place on Ballot
 - **February 22nd** – Membership meeting at the Museum

Water Department activities included:

- Line locates, connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Repaired water leak on service line at 615 College.
- Primed booster pumps at Water Plant #2.
- Shut down Water Plant #3 due to pumps bumping off and on.
- Discovered leak on 12 inch line feeding the new tower. Contacted Mercer Const. to schedule repair.
- Changed out curb stop at 213 Upton Ave.
- Collected monthly bacteriological samples to submit to the State Health Dept.
- Completed quarterly Disinfectant Operating Report and sent it off.
- Ordered new chlorine pump and motor assembly for Water Plant #3.
- Motor at Well #9 burned out. Contacted Electric Motor Service to change it out with spare motor in storage.

Wastewater Department activities included:

- Hauled 2 loads of sludge from Kallus Plant.
- Hauled 2 loads of sludge from Babylon Plant.
- Laid 850' of a new force main at the corner of Bucek St. and Upton Ave. Will be tying it in on Monday morning.

Street Department activities included:

- The new garbage truck was delivered. Had to extend steps on sides for riders.
- Helped Wastewater Department with force main project on Bucek St.
- Filled in ruts on West Avenue due to 18 wheeler trying to turn around.
- Cut out curb in the 400 block of West Avenue.
- Met with striping person on August St. for placement of a handicap emblem.
- Helped Water Department with leak on Keuper Avenue.

Electric Department activities included:

- Connects, disconnects and meter swaps.
- Working to complete new meter room at warehouse.
- Working with Landis and Gyr on the new meter system. We have started receiving hardware.
- Troubleshooting problems with Water Department at Well #9.
- Changed motor starter at lift station behind Shaller Enjuneering.
- Changed out several transformers because of the cold snap causing them to fail.
- Started removing Christmas decorations.
- Helped Water Department fix water leak on Keuper.

Park Department activities included:

- Regular maintenance (mowing, weed eating, clean restrooms)

- Picked up animals and placed in dog pound when needed.
- Helped the Water Department read meters.
- Helped Wastewater Department lay a new line.

Tim Sanders of Befco Engineering has completed the survey and design of the Baumgarten Street bridge and drainage structure improvements. The construction estimate is as follows:

Item	Description	Quantity	Units	Unit Price	Total
1	Demolition	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000
2	Excavation	1	LS	\$7,500	\$7,500
3	4'x8' Box Culverts (Materials Only)	1	LS	\$35,000	\$35,000
4	4'x8' Box Culverts (Installation)	1	LS	\$15,000	\$15,000
5	Upstream & Downstream Headwall	1	LS	\$20,000	\$20,000
6	Concrete Apron & Slope Pavement	750	SY	\$60	\$45,000
7	Steel Guardrail	140	LF	\$200	\$28,000
8	Street Preparation	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000
9	Concrete Curb & Gutter	300	LF	\$20	\$6,000
10	Traffic Control	1	LS	\$2,000	\$2,000
11	6" Concrete Riprap	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000
12	6" Waterline Relocation	160	LF	\$30	\$4,800
13	Waterline Tie-Ins	2	EA	\$2,000	\$4,000
				Subtotal	\$187,300
				Contingency (10%)	\$18,700
				Grand Total	\$206,000

There is an option for the City to purchase the 4'x8' box culvert from the manufacturer to save on that cost. Also furnish and install road base and two course surface treatment.

They will advertise in early February and hopefully have bids available for Council approval at the first meeting in March. Contractors to begin work the beginning of April for an approximate 90 day project.

Alderman Kalina made a motion, seconded by Alderman Behlen to authorize Befco Engineering to advertise for bids on the Baumgarten Street Drainage Structure Improvements project. Motion passed unanimously.

Adam Bosl representing the Schulenburg Little League and the Parks & Recreation Committee, Mike Zweschper representing the Schulenburg Festival Association and Jeff Thompson representing The Garden Company presented recommendations for improvements at the Sports Complex.

Mr. Thompson informed Council that by replacing the back stop on the Girl's Softball field and Little League field, it will be safer and better visibility for spectators. The project will be \$16,000.00 with no expense to the City. The Little League, KC's and Festival

Association will share the cost. The City will however remove the backstop fence on these two fields.

Alderman Rehak made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka to accept the recommendations of Gary Valchar and Pete Garcia to proceed with the demolition of the chainlink and replacement of the heavier netting backstops on the Little League field and Girls Softball field. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Behlen addressed the City's new inspection firm, Bureau Veritas. He has had a lot of comments, positive and negative, concerning the cost and things required in their inspections.

Mrs. Walker suggested that we, along with Bureau Veritas, hold a Town Hall meeting for contractors or any citizens that have concerns about buildings or renovations. Council also suggested that we get with the City of Flatonia to hold one as well so everyone has options of days.

Alderman Behlen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gresser to pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously.

The City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. under the authority of Section 551.074 to discuss current personnel issues including the employment, duties, discipline, reassignment, evaluation or dismissal of Megan Bartos, Candace Berger, Melissa Shepard, Julie Cernosek, Pete Garcia, Jr., Gary Valchar, Glenn Muhlstein, Daniel Winkler, Brian Zbranek, Derek Schwenke, Jason Strickland, Clarence Ahlschlager, Clarence Hartensteiner, Ronald Bohac, Allen Matus, Damian Janacek, Clarence Patterson, Sammy Kutac, Michael Kubala, Gary Eudy, Thomas Tackett, David Osina, Thadious Polasek, Cindy Lytle, Donna Holub, Troy Brenek, William Dunsworth, Christopher Mayfield, Denver Weiser, Joshua Lumsford, Kyle Hengst, Betty Shimek and Tobey McFadden.

Council came back into regular session at 10:00 p.m. No action was taken.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gresser to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.