

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG  
SCHULENBURG, TX  
February 2, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, February 2, 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 Chief Troy Brenek

Visitors included William Zeluff of the Schulenburg Sticker, James Brossmann, Lisa Meysembourg, SISD Superintendent, Mark Meysembourg, Mike Stroup, Marcia Hrncir, Executive Director of Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce, Jennifer Martin, Brian Lux, Ivan Velasquez and Regina Keilers of the Fayette County Record.

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

Municipal Court Judge, Dan Taber's monthly docket report was presented. Council approved.

Chief Troy Brenek's monthly report was presented. There were no additional comments from Council. He also reported on the following:

- Thanked Council for allowing him to attend 3 weeks of training.
- Lions Club and Fayetteville Bank have both agreed to purchase 1 body camera each at \$800.00 a piece.
- The lead on the lawn mower theft at the Sports Complex was a dead end. Will continue to investigate.
- Richard Schneider, the new Code Enforcement Officer, will be attending a school in Beaumont the week of February 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Waiting for the toxicology report on the death in the room at America's Best Value Inn. No obvious foul play.
- Will be attending Commissioner Court on Monday regarding a Proclamation for Law Enforcement Week. The County will host a lunch on March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Officers Dunsworth and Lumsford will be attending schools.

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

- Future Retirement Party for Allen Matus after 20 years of service.
- New Hire – Darrell Moeller – started February 2, 2015.
- There are continual problems with someone tearing up Wolters Park restrooms and sewer line.

- Alderman Rehak asked about possible cameras but Chief thinks they would just tear them down too. He would like to see timers on the lights for the basketball courts and pay for their use.
- Meetings & Events:
  - **January 21-23** – Election Law Seminar – Frisco, Texas
  - **January 27<sup>th</sup>** – AEP Representatives
  - **January 28<sup>th</sup>** –
    - City Manager of Flatonia, Scott Dixon, to discuss the services of Bureau Veritas and a joint meeting.
    - First day to file for City Election in which Mayor Roger Moellenberndt refiled.
  - **February 2<sup>nd</sup>** –
    - Habitat for Humanity meeting in La Grange to discuss possible house in Schulenburg.
    - SISD – reconstruction on Bucek Street to start Thursday.
  - **February 3<sup>rd</sup>** –
    - Bob Schmidt, Strand O'Malley
    - Shauna Cospier, Langford & Associates, & David Osina to discuss 2015-2016 CDBG Grant

Water Department activities included:

- Line locates, connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Worked with Mercer Construction to shut off new tower and open by pass valves so they could make their repairs on 12" main. Flushed and refilled tower after repair was complete.
- Repaired water leak on 6" main in 200 block of Keuper Avenue.
- Worked with Electric Department to install new phase monitor at Water Plant #3. Also changed out solenoid valve.
- Repaired 2" water leak at Expo Center.
- Repaired 6" water main leak at the intersection of Highway 90 Loop and N. Main Street.
- Attended 20 hour continuing education Ground Water Production School held at Fire Station.
- Changed out chlorine cylinders.

Wastewater Department activities included:

- Tied in force main on Bucek Street.
- Replaced 4' of main and made new tap at 304 South Street in alley.
- Laid 300' of sewer line on East Anderson for new residence.
- Hauled 2 loads of sludge from Babylon Plant and 1 load from Kallus Plant.
- Working on bar screens at Kallus Plant.

Street Department activities included:

- Helped Sewer Department with broken main behind James Brossmann's house.
- Patched potholes around town.
- Hauled roll off garbage containers to Altair to be emptied.
- Cut out curb on West Avenue.
- Made rounds for Water Department while they were in school.
- Drove garbage truck while Damian was off for medical reasons for 2 days.

Electric Department activities included:

- Connects, disconnects and meter swaps.
- Added some more outlets in the concession stand for the Sports Complex.
- Worked on issues with control panel at lift station on South Street.
- Changed out water solenoids on headworks at Kallus Sewer Plant.
- Met with Liteco to stake location of new light poles on softball field.
- Set pad mount transformer and started pulling wires at Fosters Branch Subdivision.
- Preparing to meet with Landis & Gyr on the final design of the meter project next week.

Park Department activities included:

- Regular maintenance (mowing, weed eating, clean restrooms)
- Picked up animals and placed in dog pound when needed.
- Doing dirt work and cutting lines on fields.
- The backstop fence on the Girl's Softball Field is removed. Thompson is pouring the concrete beam for the new backstop.

Marcia Hrcir, Executive Director of Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce, thanked Mike Stroup for his past 6½ years with the Chamber.

Mrs. Hrcir also stated that the Chamber was dedicating their efforts to their members, tourism and the Sausage Fest in 2015.

They are requesting funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund in the amount of \$12,000.00 to help with advertising for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sausage Fest on Saturday, March 28, 2015. This is the only event the Chamber will request HOT funds for in 2015.

Alderman Behlen reminded Council that \$2,000.00 had already been allocated thru the Chamber for the Fayette County Tourism Association.

Alderman Behlen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kalina to grant the Chamber of Commerce \$10,000.00 in Hotel Occupancy Tax funds for their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sausage Fest. Motion passed unanimously.

Regina Keilers, Publisher of the Fayette County Record, is working on the 2015-2016 Fayette County Visitors Guide and requested Hotel Occupancy Tax funds of \$2,000.

This is to assist in covering the cost of additional printed copies, insertion into the Austin American Statesman and distribution to TxDot Travel Centers.

Alderman Behlen sees an overlap because we have already donated \$2,000 to the Fayette County Tourism Association. He suggests that they request this in the next budget during the workshop segment.

Mrs. Keilers stated that the advertisers pay for the publication itself and the goal is 20,000 copies this year.

Council agrees to put this off until next budget workshop. No action taken.

Mrs. Walker asked that no action be taken on the bid received for the liner to help repair the Veterans Memorial Swimming Pool. Something needs to be done. It takes 28-30 gallons of paint at \$60-\$75 per gallon.

Mrs. Walker asked for permission to speak with an engineer to look at it. Bob Schmidt of Strand O'Malley will be here on Tuesday for another meeting and will take a look at it then.

Alderman Kalina made a motion, seconded by Alderman Rehak on the Order of the Election for Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the City Hall Multi Purpose Room with Alana Wyatt being the Election Judge. Early voting is April 27<sup>th</sup> thru May 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 4:30 and May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> are the two 12 hour days. Last day for Ballot by Mail is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Behlen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Rehak to pay the bills. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gresser to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.