

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG  
SCHULENBURG, TX  
JANUARY 4, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, January 4, 2016, at the Council Chambers located at 607 Upton Avenue, Schulenburg, Texas, 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 were City Administrator, Tami Blaschke-Walker, Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, City Attorney Monte Akers, Jason Strickland, Darryl Moeller and Melissa Shepard.

Visitors included Darrell Vyyjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Tim Sanders, James Brossmann, Andy Behlen of the Fayette County Record and Barbara Hamontree.

Under Presentations By Citizens, there was no one signed up to speak but Mayor Moellenberndt wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Items (a) through (d) are Consent Agenda items with no separate discussion unless a Councilmember requests further information.

- (a) The minutes from the December 7, 2015 regular meeting were presented for approval.
- (b) Current bills were presented for approval including payment to M & C Fonseca Construction for draw #1 regarding the sidewalk project.

Alderman Behlen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Rehak to accept the Consent Agenda items (a) through (b). The motion passed unanimously.

Tim Sanders of BEFCO contacted an Urban Forestry Consultant in regards to the tree that would be affected by the demolition of the sidewalk and storm sewer in the Downtown Revitalization Project at the corner of North Main and Wolters. He stated that the overall health of the tree is "okay" not good but not bad either. Overall he is surprised that the tree is living given the existing conditions. He recommends to shift the ramps and proposed storm sewer further away from the tree in turn would eliminate one parking spot on Wolters and possibly two spots on North Main. Use a mini-excavator to install storm sewer system and if roots are encountered, hand dig around them to try to adjust storm sewer to avoid cutting roots. Grout in the existing storm sewer system. This will not guarantee the tree will live.

Option #1 If these changes are made to this project, it would add an additional \$8,200. This cost assumes hand digging the entire storm sewer. It is very possible that only a portion of it would need to be hand dug.

Option #2 includes eliminating the storm sewer and inlet along North Main and re-grade / re-pave street to drain runoff around the south side of the tree. With this option, it is still possible roots would need to be cut; however, there would be less storm sewer involved so that probably should be reduced. There would be some cost savings due to eliminating an inlet, a reduction in storm sewer length and reduction in concrete flatwork and steps. There would also be some cost additions due to additional demo work, grouting in of the existing storm sewer system, the potential additional cost to hand dig the storm sewer system and for re-paving the street. The

additional construction cost would be approximately \$3,500. The cost assumes hand digging the entire storm sewer, but is possible that only a portion of it would need to be hand dug. This option would involve routing the storm water runoff that was previously going down the existing storm sewer system out into the street. There would be additional survey costs involved to verify that the additional runoff would not negatively impact downstream property owners.

Alderman Behlen suggested starting the demolition of the sidewalk and storm sewer and see what roots are in the way. Stick with the original plan and modify if and where needed. Council agreed.

Pilot Travel Center gave the City an easement prior to construction to allow for utilities but this was not needed. They asked for the release of this property.

Alderman Kalina made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka to release and abandon a .346 acre utility easement recorded in Volume 1127, Page 345, and Deed Records of Fayette County that is no longer needed for city purposes. The motion passed unanimously.

The City received a letter from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) dated November 5, 2015 stating a violation of lead and copper rule monitoring and reporting from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015. There were not any letters or sample bottles sent to the City for this sampling as in the past. We will not be allowed to sample for the lead and copper until June 2016. City Staff is taking appropriate action to rectify this overlook. Let it be known that the City does take water samples monthly to the Texas State Health Department and have always had good quality water.

Municipal Court Judge, Alana Wyatt's report was not available yet because of the Agenda going out on the last day of the month. It will be on the next Agenda.

Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, reported on the following:

- A fireworks reminder to not shoot in city limits was placed in the newspaper prior to the New Year's celebrations.
- Concealed Handgun License holders are now allowed to "Open Carry" as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Proper signage is required to keep the gun carrying license holders out of any business.
- The person responsible for breaking into Sengelmann Hall has been caught and confessed but is still not in custody. Waiting on proper paperwork from the District Attorney.
- The vehicle break-ins at Frank's Restaurant is still being investigated and waiting on the prints to be analyzed at the DPS Lab. It takes several months.
- There was a burglary in the 400 block of Simpson. The perpetrator escaped, burglarized again and it all ended in the capture of him.
- The single vehicle accident that ended up in the wall of St. Rose School is still waiting toxicology results.
- The burglary at Dairy Queen ended in two suspects in custody.

Water Department activities included:

- Line locates, connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Read meters.
- Installed tapping saddle on service line at 605 Wolf Street for water sampling station.
- Cut off water for wintry weather at Rodeo Arena, BBQ and chili cookers.

- Changed chlorine cylinders.
- Changed City cut off at Klesel Welding.
- Contacted Weissinger Well Service for problem with Well #13. They will be sending out a crew to pull the well.
- Completed end of the month/year paperwork for TCEQ.

Wastewater Department activities included:

- Hauled 6 loads of sludge from Babylon Plant.
- Mowed Babylon and Kallus Plants.
- Cleaned Lift Stations: Boneyard, Wright's Park, I-10, Dollar General, Contech
- Repaired hydrant at intersection of Kallus and Upton for Water Department while they were reading meters.
- Took down old pump station at Kallus Plant.
- Repaired DFA Compactor #3.

Street Department activities included:

- Picked up brush when citizens pay the \$25 for removal.
- Backfilled curb on East Anderson Street.
- Rebladed road in Wolters Subdivision.
- Leveled parking lot at Sports Complex.
- Filled in for Garbage Department when they were off.

Electric Department activities included:

- Connects and disconnects.
- Continue installing new meters for new system.
- God's Embrace at High Hill purchased 2 poles from the City and we set them to accommodate lighting in their parking lot.
- Ran new service to house on Keuper to allow for service on house to be relocated.
- Installed rental security light at Crystal Threads per owner's request.
- We had an outage Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> near the parking lot of Audio Video Plus where blackbirds on the line created a fault between the center phase and the steel pole causing it to burn down the phase. It opened up the breaker in the substation and killed power through the center of town all the way to the interstate. Power was out about an hour for repairs.

Park Department activities included:

- Regular maintenance (mowing, weed eating, clean restrooms)
- Picked up animals and placed in dog pound when needed.
- Helped other departments when and where ever needed.
- Trimmed trees at Sports Complex.
- Spread topsoil.

Jason Strickland, Water Superintendent, contacted Weissinger Well Service in regards to problems with Well #13. They pulled the motor and pump. They had problems getting the 6" stainless steel pipe apart, actually cut the pipe and will have to have it rethreaded by machinist before reinstalling. The pipe does look good though after being in the ground for 3 years. Bob

Schmidt of Strand O'Malley Engineers is looking into any of this being under warranty. The quote for this is \$60,854.

Alderman Kalina made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka to take any necessary action to get Well #13 back on line. The motion passed unanimously.

City Administrator Tami Blaschke-Walker reported on several items. They are as follows:

December 10 TML employee insurance meeting

December 15 Met with Tim, Ronnie Bohac and M & C Fonseca regarding sidewalks

December 17 Met with Nathan of Belt Harris Pechacek regarding upcoming audit

December 21 Met with Chief Brenek regarding some Code Enforcement issues

December 23 Met with Tim and Ronnie Bohac at corner of N Main and Wolters

December 30 Met with Tim and Ronnie Bohac at corner of N Main and Wolters

December 31 Ronnie Bohac's last day after 32 years of service to the City

January 20-22 Attending Election Law Seminar in Frisco

January 20 First day to file in this election

Thank you to Mike Perez for his years of serving on our Planning and Zoning Commission for many years. He will be missed.

The City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. as authorized under Texas Government Code 551.074, (Personnel Matters) employment and responsibilities of the City Administrator.

City Council came back into regular session at 8:53 p.m. No action taken.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gresser to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.