

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

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, April 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 and Megan Bartos.

Visitors included Lisa Mederos of the Schulenburg Sticker, Ivan Velasquez, Lisa Meysembourg of SISD, Erin Sedlar of Monogram Pet Treats, Jeffrey Schultz, James Brossmann, Andy Behlen and Arnold Stoever.

Under Presentations By Citizens, Andy Behlen representing the Sausagefest stated that the festival brought in approximately 3,000 people. The Lion's Club grossed \$13,500 in beer sales and handed out an estimated 1300-1500 wristbands. He stated that Marcia Hrcir from the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce would follow up with more details at a later date.

Lisa Meysembourg of SISD gave a Bond Presentation on the upcoming propositions that will be voted on in May. These propositions are focused on facility upgrades and improvements. Proposition 1 is based on instructional safety and security. The alarm and phone system, intercom and HVAC system are all original to the Junior and High Schools. Replacement of those systems as well as relocation of the administrative offices for a controlled access are the main upgrades to be done.

Proposition 2, track repair, was made a separate item because it has been controversial in the past. The foundation issue is at the northeast corner. Out of the seven lanes, only four are usable. The other three are deemed unsafe.

Alderman Kalina questioned Mrs. Meysembourg about the tax rate for citizens 65 years old and older. Mrs. Meysembourg clarified that the tax rate is frozen. If the valuation of their house increases, the taxes increase but the tax rate stays frozen.

Mayor Moellenberndt wanted to personally thank Andy Behlen, Chad Zimmermann and all the volunteers for the Sausagefest. It was a huge success.

Mayor Moellenberndt also mentioned a thank you letter from the Fayette County Tourism Association. They thanked the City of Schulenburg for the contribution to them for their tourism website. Mayor Moellenberndt noted that it was a good expenditure on the City's part.

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

- (a) The minutes from the March 21, 2016 regular meeting were presented for approval.
- (b) Current bills were presented for approval.

City Administrator Tami Blaschke-Walker noted that under Office & Management in the bills, there is a reimbursement check to Habitat for Humanity. It was agreed between Mrs. Blaschke-Walker and Joanna Prihoda, Habitat for Humanity representative, that the permit fee would be waived. An invoice was sent in error and a check was sent to pay the invoice, so a reimbursement check was issued.

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

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kalina to accept the annexation ordinance for Monogram Food Solutions. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Blaschke-Walker noted that the Expo Center is the agreed location between AEP and the City of Schulenburg for a temporary staging area in case of emergency management situations. There are a few concerns on securing the premises, but it will be taken care of.

Alderman Kalina made a motion, seconded by Alderman Rehak to accept the license agreement for a temporary staging area with AEP and the City of Schulenburg. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Moellenberndt noted that he put agenda item number seven about limb and leaf pickup on the agenda prematurely. His intentions were to help clean up the town, but more information needs to be presented before action is taken. He recommends no action be taken.

Alderman Kalina noted he requested agenda item number eight about the language used in the compliance letter issued by Code Enforcement. He feels that no amount should be presented in the letter received by citizens.

Alderman Behlen said he could see both sides but would rather tone down letter number one and have letter number two be more aggressive. He feels we should capture their attention in stages.

Alderman Veselka cited that citizens do not read the letter correctly. The letter states that an offense is punishable "up to" \$2,000.00, not being the actual cost of the citation if issued.

Council asked what the highest amount any of the violators paid. Megan Bartos stated that no one ever paid more than \$100.00.

Zachariah Evans, the City's Attorney, drafted sample wording that stated that fines would range from \$1.00 up to \$2,000.00, per offense. Alderman Rehak stated that the first letter should have some kind of dollar amount and likes the way that Mr. Evans stated the amount ranges.

Mrs. Blaschke-Walker is directed to get Mr. Evans to draft a final letter for approval before council will take action. No action was taken.

Municipal Court Judge, Alana Wyatt's report was presented. Council approved.

Chief of Police, Troy Brenek was absent. A report was presented without further discussion.

Water Department activities included:

- Line locates, connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Read meters.
- Repaired water leak on service line at Mish Mash Mall and line feeding Wolters Park Little League Field.
- Finished pressure washing and painting City Pool.
- Cleaned snubber on North Elevated Storage Tank (NEST) due to high level alarm at Main Pump House.
- Repaired 3 toilets at Public Library, replaced toilet with cracked tank at Civic Center in the ladies restroom.
- Changed out chlorinator pump at Water Plant #3, aka Well #9.
- Changed chlorine cylinders at Water Plants #1 & #3.

Wastewater Department activities included:

- Hauled 6 loads of sludge from Babylon Plant and 1 load from Kallus Plant.
- Mowed both Wastewater Plants and Lift Stations.
- Helped Street Department shred and mow downtown.
- Helped Street Department haul brush.
- Pressure washed 900 feet of sewer line.

Street Department activities included:

- Picked up brush when citizens pay the \$25 for removal.
- Preparing for Sausagefest: trimming trees, swept streets, mowing & weed eating.
- Shredding around Interstate 10.
- Hauled roll offs.
- Patched holes.

Electric Department activities included:

- Connects and disconnects.
- Changed out several meters.
- Replaced wood pole with steel pole and framed for new transformer bank for O'Reilly's.
- Emergency pole replacement due to a car accident in front of Pilot.
- Repaired lights under pavilion.
- Coordinated with Monogram on installation of new transformer for the new pre-treatment plant.

Park Department activities included:

- Regular maintenance (mowing, weed eating, clean restrooms)
- Picked up animals and placed in dog pound when needed.
- Getting ready for St. Rose tournament, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Helped with weed eating around Interstate 10.

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

March 21-24	Auditors in the office conducting field visit.
March 25	Good Friday Holiday

March 30	Scheduled Meeting with Ryan & Erin Wotipka, Ona Marak, Larry Veselka, Brenda Rehak and David Osina
Mar 31 – Apr 1	Preparations for Sausagefest
April 4	Meeting with Elections Administrator
April 5	Meeting with BEFCO to discuss the North St and West Ave drainage  Brian Zbranek and I will meet with TEC Representative – Mike Cleveland
April 6	Exam Day for pesticide license – David Osina, Darryl Moeller & Pete Garcia

Mrs. Blaschke-Walker also noted that the insurance company for the Schulenburg Family Fitness Center contacted the City about the pole that caught fire and resulted in loss of power to the fitness center as well as damage to the treadmills. TML did an investigation and stated that the City was not at fault. Charles Grieve said he would rather not have filed a claim with the City, but his insurance company wanted to follow up.

Mrs. Blaschke-Walker wanted to point out that the article written in the Fayette County Record by Andy Behlen about Vernon Zimmermann was very well written. She said it is not to take away from any other writers or newspapers, but it was nice to come to know in depth, one of our own residents.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gresser to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.