

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG  
SCHULENBURG, TX  
JUNE 6, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, June 6, 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, Arnold Stoeber, Harvey Hercik and Larry Veselka. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Blaschke-Walker, Chief Troy Brenek, Julie Cernosek and Megan Bartos.

Visitors included Lisa Mederos of the Schulenburg Sticker, Ivan Velasquez, James Brossmann, Rita Hercik, Alana Wyatt, Elgin Kristinik, Andy Bosl, Ronnie Bohac and Nathan Krupke of Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP.

Under Presentations By Citizens, Mayor Moellenberndt publicly thanked all council members that attended the Memorial Day Services. He also thanked Mr. James Brossmann for putting together the services as well as doing a presentation.

Mr. James Brossmann thanked the City crews for the extra cleaning of the pavilion and moving tables for the Memorial Day Services.

Alana Wyatt, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustments, presented an approved application for a variance request by Ronnie and Kathleen Bohac at 520 Agnes Street for a front side set back from 25' to 16' and an east side interior lot set back variance to use the west 12' of a 25' city easement for a portable storage facility for a travel trailer.

Mrs. Blaschke-Walker noted that a letter will be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Bohac in regards to the encroachment of the city easement; the City may access the utilities whenever deemed necessary.

Alana Wyatt, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustments, presented an approved application for a variance request by Prime Products at 407 E US Highway 90 for a west side interior set back from 10' to 0' for an expansion of the existing building.

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

- (a) The minutes from the May 16, 2016 regular meeting were presented for approval.
- (b) Current bills were presented for approval.

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

Nathan Krupke of Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP presented the 2014-2015 Audit. The City received an unmodified opinion, being the highest level of assurance receivable and being free of misstatements.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoeber to accept the 2014-2015 Audit as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Blaschke-Walker noted that the bid for the delinquent tax property located at 915 Bohlmann was tabled due to the Groundwater Conservation District rejecting the bid.

Mrs. Blaschke-Walker noted that the codification process for city ordinances has been ongoing process. It was started by the previous City Administrator and she has carried it forth this far. The company is a Texas based company and once they codify the ordinances, then the council can take action upon each ordinance and update them as needed. The City Attorney, Mr. Monte Akers, has suggested starting at the beginning and working through each one by one. However, Mrs. Blaschke-Walker said previous council members have suggested starting with ordinances in most need of updating.

Alderman Behlen commented that he was under the impression that the codification process would update the ordinances right away and does not understand why the City would do the codification without updating.

Alderman Hercik wanted to know if the codification process will do away with all ordinances.

Chief Brenek clarified that it will not void any ordinances but this process will make the current ordinance book more accessible.

Mrs. Blaschke-Walker also noted that every ordinance from now on that is passed that has a penalty assessed will be posted in the newspaper.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gresser to accept the codification ordinance adopting and enacting a new code of ordinances. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Behlen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to change the July 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> because of the holiday. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Behlen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka to set Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> as a workshop date for orientation and training regarding municipal law by the City Attorney at 6:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

- Sergeant Hengst was in pursuit of a suspicious vehicle that made it onto 1-10 West. The pursuit was terminated in Waelder where DPS took over and the car eventually wrecked in Luling.
- Chief Brenek will be attending a narcotics board meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Our department will host training on July 21<sup>st</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Betty will be attending UCR training June 7<sup>th</sup> in Giddings.
- The department is now fully staffed and more frequent rotations will be put into place.
- Disappointed to hear about the 915 Bohlmann property and will need to discuss further.
- Sergeant Hengst is currently at the hospital with his wife in hopes of a new family member.

Alderman Behlen asked what UCF training was. Chief Brenek clarified that it is Uniform Crime Reporting. Some mapping is included in the training also. This training is needed to qualify for some of the grants the department apply for.

Alderman Hercik noted that with the June 12<sup>th</sup> St. Rose Picnic, the take home line always require some directing. He asked that an officer stand on Lyons to help direct traffic.

Alderman Hercik also asked about three charges to Stavinoha Tire and Battery. Chief Brenek noted that it was for front end alignments for three of the vehicles.

Water Department activities included:

- Line locates, connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Backfilled 6" water leak in 900 block of Black Street.
- Read meters.
- Assisted Wastewater Department with damaged manhole at Highway 77 and August St.
- Installed protective covers with locks on all six sample stations.
- Repaired 3" water service line feeding the Elementary School.
- Flushed dead end meters.
- Dug up and removed 3 old valve stack extensions at Farmer's Coop
- Changed chlorine cylinders at all 3 water plants.

Wastewater Department activities included:

- Hauled 6 loads of sludge from Babylon Plant and 2 loads from Kallus Plant.
- Mowed both Wastewater Plants and Lift Stations.
- Repaired service main at 217 St John Road.
- Dewatered old clarifier at Kallus Plant.
- Pressure washed 900 feet of line at St John Road and Pierce Street.
- Reworked pump at Meadow Creek Lift Station.

Street Department activities included:

- Picked up brush when citizens pay the \$25 for removal.
- Patched holes.
- Delivered and picked up roll off containers.
- Started abatement on Pierce Street.
- Trimmed limbs all over town.

Electric Department activities included:

- Connects and disconnects.
- Continuing to install new meters.
- Trimmed limbs off of service.
- Put underground pipes in at Monogram for pad mount transformer and set pole.
- Found and fixed a cracked insulator on the St. John line that kept causing outages.
- Repaired street lights.

Park Department activities included:

- Regular maintenance (mowing, weed eating, clean restrooms)
- Picked up animals and placed in dog pound when needed.

- Prepared pavilion for Graduation and Memorial Day Services.

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

May 30	Memorial Day Remembrance at Wolters Park
June 3	Meeting with Bob Schmidt and William Huebner
June 7	Meeting with Kathy Quinlan and Nancy May regarding the Navidad Valley Community Connections
June 9	Seminar in Bastrop – Budget Season

- Brian Zbranek resigned from his position on May 25<sup>th</sup>. City will publish a job posting for the Electric Dept.
- Two city employees have obtained their certification to spray mosquitoes, however, until they have the licenses in hand, they cannot spray. With the holiday and mail services, they were hoping to receive them soon and start spraying the later part of this week or early next week. According to state regulations, the time of spraying will have to start at midnight.
- Wanted to thank city employees for their hard work cleaning up Wolters Park for the Memorial Day Service.
- Will have a meeting with Kathy Quinlan and Nancy Hay to see what needs to be done next.
- The swimming pool is open and running.
- A request was received to close South Street for the St. Rose Picnic and we are handling that in house.
- Summertime – Employees are scheduling requests for time off with family.

Alderman Behlen appreciated the excerpt on the bills about the grass clippings but thinks it needs to be advertised again and a little bigger. Megan Bartos informed him that it is not possible with the billing software that an insert would have to be put into the bills.

Alderman Hercik commented on the following items:

- The City is doing a great job trimming trees around town and has had positive feedback but would like to mention that there have been complaints about the cleanup efforts.
- He wanted clarification that a city employee has received certification to spray and possibly spray after areas are weed eaten.
- Questioned Mrs. Blaschke-Walker on the accident that occurred May 10<sup>th</sup> in the City Administrator truck and presented a release of liability.

Mrs. Blaschke-Walker also mentioned that there are openings on the List of Appointments and would like Council to make suggestions so the official list can be put on the next agenda.

Alderman Veselka noted that he should be on the Expo Committee. Alderman Gresser commented that Harvey Hercik could take his place on the Chamber of Commerce Board and he would be the alternate.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.