

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
JULY 5, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Tuesday, July 5, 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, Arnold Stoever, Harvey Hercik and Larry Veselka. Alderman Douglas Behlen was absent. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Blaschke-Walker, City Attorney Monte Akers, Chief of Police Troy Brenek, David Osina, Darryl Moeller, Jason Strickland and Melissa Shepard.

Visitors included Darrell Vyyjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Caitlyn Herzik, Tim Sanders of BEFCO, Alana Wyatt, Mike Zweschper, Otto Kocian, Bo & Amy Thibodeaux, and Ivan Velasquez.

Under Presentations By Citizens, Caitlyn Herzik of the Schulenburg Sharks Swim Team thanked Council for all of their support allowing staff to prepare the pool for their early start of May 1st each year. Also thanking the Police Department for their safety patrol. There were over 100 swimmers this year raising over \$5,000 to allow the 7 seniors to receive scholarships. She also presented Council with a plaque of appreciation.

Alana Wyatt, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustments, presented an approved application for a variance request by Becky Wilson for her property located at 610 Lyons Avenue for an east side interior side setback variance from 10' to 6', a front side setback variance from 25' to 10' and a variance from Section 5.104 of Appendix B of the City of Schulenburg Zoning Ordinance from 12' to 7' for the purpose of the installation of a 14' x 32' portable building to be used to up cycle furniture and more.

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

- (a) The minutes from the June 20, 2016 regular meeting were presented for approval.
- (b) Current bills were presented for approval.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoever to accept the Consent Agenda items (a) through (b) excluding the payment of the bill of \$1,625 from Douglas Behlen due to the lack of information of his services. The motion passed unanimously.

Schulenburg Festival President, Mike Zweschper, informed Council that with this allocation of Hotel Occupancy Tax money it allows them to do more advertising, signage and web design. With funds raised from each festival, they are able to give back to the community including the joint project with the city of the exhaust fans under the pavilion, new lightening detection device and many scholarships given to local students.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to grant the request for Hotel Occupancy Tax money of \$32,272 to the Schulenburg Festival Association for their annual event. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Hercik asked to be placed back on the agenda to discuss the West Avenue Drainage Improvement Project. He is concerned about the curb and gutter along the east side of West Avenue starting at the corner of North Street. It is City policy that property owners pay for the first initial curbing but this property is for sale and they are not willing to invest that amount of money for the curb and gutter. He suggests a valley gutter instead at the city's expense. Council agrees to this.

The budgeted amount for drainage this year is \$160,000 which can be used for this project.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to proceed with the West Avenue Drainage Improvement Project with the contractor Blacktree Enterprises at a cost of \$39,500. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoever to accept a bid of \$5,000 from Charlie Brewer for the delinquent tax property located at 915 Bohlmann. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Stoever made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gresser to set a workshop date with the Navidad Valley Community Connections representatives to discuss their options for Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney, Monte Akers informed Council that citizens blowing grass clippings into city streets is addressed in the City's Trash Ordinance. It gives the Police Department authority to enforce under this ordinance. Also, the City has a policy that property owners are required to mow their own right of ways.

After much discussion, Council agreed that an ordinance does not need to be written to enforce the issues related to the grass clippings and mowing easements and right of ways at this time.

Alderman Hercik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gresser to impose a nuisance abatement lien on the following properties: 1122 Pierce Street owned by Tapia Hamiko; 1104 Pierce Street owned by Manuel D. Thomas and 411 James Avenue owned by Sandra Luman. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Chief of Police, Troy Brenek's report was presented for Council approval. He also was pleased that the July 4th holiday was a quiet one. They are working on an aggravated assault from early Sunday morning and will have more information soon. They will be hosting a class on July 21st.

Water Department activities included:

- Line locates, connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Repaired toilet in men's restroom at Community Center.
- Mercer Controls installed new pressure transmitter on ground storage tank at Main Pump House.
- Changed chlorine cylinders at all three water plants along with pool.
- Repaired over head bulk water fill at warehouse that had been damaged by customer.
- Dug up and repaired 2" water leak service line feeding Valerus on FM 2672.
- Attended presentation by Hahn Equipment regarding self priming lift station generator.

Wastewater Department activities included:

- Hauled 6 loads of sludge from Babylon Plant.
- Mowed both Plants and Lift Stations.
- Made sewer tap at 310 Paulus Street and 3-D Belt Company.
- Shredded easement behind DFA.
- Removed old equipment from old plant at Kallus.
- Took dozer to Oakland Road to level out spoil (Baresh).
- Helped shred in town.

Street Department activities included:

- Picked up brush when citizens pay the \$25 for removal.
- Patched potholes.
- Delivered and picked up roll off containers.
- Finished trimming limbs all over town.
- Finished abatement on Pierce Street.
- Mowing and shredding all over town.

Electric Department activities included:

- Connects and disconnects.
- Repaired street lights.
- Set meter loop pole and hooked up service for 625 E US Hwy 90.
- Set pole and anchors to run primary to Jake Berger's house. Hung transformer and ran new service to the house.
- Dug to get pipes underground for the new pad mount transformer at DFA.
- Removed the rest of the fans from under the pavilion at Wolters Park.

Park Department activities included:

- Regular maintenance (mowing, weed eating, clean restrooms)
- Picked up animals and placed in dog pound when needed.
- Helped with the trimming of trees around town and at the Sports Complex.

City Administrator Tami Blaschke-Walker reported that she has been consumed with Prime Products emails over the weekend. She also thanked the ladies in the office and the guys on the outside for all that they do to make this city work. Just a reminder that the Council training is set for Wednesday, July 13th at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers. I will be on vacation July 8th through 15th and returning to the office Monday, July 18th.

Alderman Harvey Hercik had been approached by a citizen to haul off the pallets that are stacked at the Limb and Leaf Site since the City Wide Cleanup to sell to someone that hauls sod / grass. Mr. Akers informed Council that if anything has value, the city must get any money raised from its sale. You can only give away items with no value.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.