

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
SEPTEMBER 19, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, September 19, 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. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Blaschke-Walker, Chief of Police Troy Brenek, Darryl Moeller, David Osina, Derek Schwenke and Melissa Shepard.

Visitors included Lisa Mederos of the Schulenburg Sticker, Junette Rodecap of the Herman Sons Lodge 14 and Ivan Velasquez.

Under Presentations By Citizens, Junette Rodecap the Recording Secretary of the Herman Sons Lodge 14, made several key points on what they do for others in the community and have appreciated using the Community Center at a rate they could afford. Council assured her that their organization will not be left without a place to meet or the dance classes to be held when the Community Center is sold.

Also Alderman Hercik wished Ivan Velasquez well on his trip to Mexico to undergo medical treatments for two months. Ivan is one of our members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and attends most all City Council Meetings.

Alana Wyatt, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustments, presented an approved application for a variance request by Mr. Ronnie Bender for property located at 913 Baumgarten Street for an east side interior side setback from 6' to 2.5' and a variance from 12' to 6.5' according to Appendix B, District Use Schedule Table A, Section "A" – single building or groups of contiguous buildings shall be not less than 12' of open space for the purpose of locating a 12' x 24' storage building on the property.

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

- (a) The minutes from the September 6, 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). The motion passed unanimously.

City Administrator, Tami Blaschke – Walker, advised Council that in order to sell the Community Center located at 708 Anderson it must be published in the newspaper twice and accepted as a sealed bid. A bid can be accepted after 14 days. The Girl Scouts are willing to look at the Boy Scout Hut located on East Avenue to hold their weekly meetings. The Herman Sons will be offered the Civic Center to hold their meetings and dance classes.

Alderman Hercik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka to proceed with the bid process on the sale of the Community Center. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Stoever made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gresser to set a Special Meeting for Monday, September 26, 2016 at 6:30 to discuss budget items. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Hercik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gresser to hold two Budget Public Hearings on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoever to accept the resignation of Alderman Place 2, Douglas Behlen effective immediately as of September 13, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Moellenberndt thanked Alderman Douglas Behlen for his many years of service to this community.

Water Department activities included:

- Line locates, connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Installed 400' of new water line and set new fire hydrants along West Avenue.
- Changed new water main and disinfected it for bacteriological samples.
- Took monthly bacteriological samples as well as construction samples on new water line.
- Connected three water services to new water main on West Avenue.
- Marked and saw cut pavement for water tie in at Russek and West Avenue.
- Did approximately 15 line locates for Center Point Energy contractor.
- Mowed and weed eaten at all water plants and well sites.
- Reading meters.

Wastewater Department activities included:

- Hauled 5 loads of sludge from Babylon Plant and 1 load from Kallus Plant.
- Mowed and weed eaten plants and lift stations.
- Jetted 300' line in 1000 block of Eilers.
- Raised manhole on south Highway 77.
- Helped Electric Department with transformer.
- Poured concrete on West Avenue and Eilers Street.
- Patched all potholes on Pierce Street.

Street / Garbage Department activities included:

- Picked up brush when citizens pay the \$25 for removal.
- Patched potholes.
- Delivered and picked up roll off containers. Hauled to Creedmoor and Altair.
- Trimmed trees in downtown parking lot.
- Poured concrete curves and formed curbing on St John Road.
- Cleared Boneyard out and hauled off all large logs.

Electric Department activities included:

- Connects and disconnects. Changed several meters.
- Repaired street lights.

- Moved transformers, junction box and wired up secondary side of transformer at Prime Products.
- Terminated wires on primary side of the transformer and wired the meter socket at Monogram.
- Hung secondary service wires and tied into meter loop at 611 South Street.
- Tree limb broke pulling a service down behind Shady Oaks Apartments. We cut the limb and got service back in the air.
- Installed pole and moved wires over from old rotten pole that laid over to a new pole on Pierce Street.
- Tied in new service to 809 Paulus Street, set new pole to move service from old rotten pole, trimmed trees out of service wires.
- Wired up meter socket and secondary side of transformer at DFA.
- Installed plugs on utility poles at SISD.
- Took down the old lights on Field #2 at Sports Complex.
- Trimmed tree limbs on services at 1107 and 1109 Upton Avenue.

Park Department activities included:

- Regular maintenance (mowing, weed eating, clean restrooms)
- Picked up animals and placed in dog pound when needed.
- Removed the grass off of Field #2 infield and put under live oak tree by pavilion in Wolters Park. Planted new grass on the infield.
- Fixed slide in playground area at Wolters Park.

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

- I have contacted the non profit organizations that presently use the Community Center to inform them of our intentions to sell the building.
- Met with representative of TML Property and Liability Insurance.
- We are working on a Memorandum of Understanding with SISD allowing DPS to use Wolters Park for Commercial Drivers License (CDL) tests. They have closed down all of the local testing sites and the closest location at this time for the testing is Richmond and Victoria. SISD has 6 people testing on Friday, September 23rd.
- It was reported that barricades have been moved around at West Avenue and North Street. City trucks with their flashing overhead lights are left on as safety barriers while employees are working. The water line project should be complete next week with the Street Contractors beginning on October 3rd.
- Alderman Hercik asked that after the Special Meeting on September 26th all Council members do a walk through at the Boy Scout Hut on East Avenue. Everyone agreed.
- We are planning to put the grass clipping notice back in the newspaper this week. Hope it will make a difference and citizens will think before they blow their clippings in the street.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.