

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
OCTOBER 17, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, October 17, 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, Brenda Rehak, Arnold Stoever, Harvey Hercik and Larry Veselka. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Blaschke-Walker, City Attorney, Monte Akers, Darryl Moeller, David Osina, Derek Schwenke Clarence Hartensteiner and Melissa Shepard.

Visitors included Lisa Mederos of the Schulenburg Sticker, Edith Brown, Billy Beiersdorfer, Howard Wagner, James Brossmann, Andy Behlen of the Fayette County Record, Rev. Johnny Moore, Rita Hercik, Ashley Velasquez, Clarissa Werner, Debbie Hall, Ona Marak, Otto Kocian, Joycelyn Kubesch, Mary Ramirez, Chip Bubela, Andy Bosl, Elgin Kristinik, Frank Wick III, Marcia Hrcir, Roland & Theresa Kalina, Dennis Lebeda, Dennis Johnson and Jimmy Carter.

Under Presentations By Citizens, there were several speakers. They are as follows:

Frank Wick III, owns the property next to Prime Products on Highway 90 and asked that the City not sell the 10' in question to them. This property is needed for future expansion of the Sports Complex including a possible parking lot. If the City does decide to sell to Prime Products he asked if they would also consider selling a small portion of the property to him and Mr. Beiersdorfer.

John Schindler, stated that the Council let down the citizens by appointing Brenda Rehak to the vacant Place 2 Council position. It was not done properly and she should be asked to step down and give the voters a chance to decide.

Rev. Johnny Moore, asked if the City would continue to contact TXDOT about the light that has been out for at least a year at the intersection of Highway 77 and Loop 222. It is a very dangerous intersection. Melissa Shepard informed Council that Staff has been calling them this entire time and confused why they have not taken care of this. He also asked if Pierce Street could be reconstructed instead of just patched over and over.

Alderman Stoever asked that he not get paid for the Special Council Meeting on October 11th.

Alana Wyatt, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustments, presented an approved application for a variance request by Laurie MacInnis for property located at 701 South Street for a front side set back from 25' to 15' and a back side setback from 25' to 10' for the purpose of placing a manufactured home across the lot.

Mrs. Wyatt also presented an approved application for a variance request by Gay Hill for property located at 403 Baumgarten Street for a front side set back from 25' to 0' with the carport extending 4' into the city's street right of way yet being 14' from curb line for the purpose of a handicapped cover for loading and unloading.

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

- (a) The minutes from the workshop held on October 3, 2016, the regular meeting held on October 3, 2016 and the special meeting held on October 11, 2016 were presented for approval.
- (b) Current bills were presented for approval.

Alderman Hercik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gresser to accept the Consent Agenda items (a) through (b). The motion passed unanimously with Alderman Rehak abstaining since she was not present at these meetings.

Prime Products is asking for the sale of all or portion of 1.522 acres, more or less, in the Ignacio Almansur League, Abstract 120, in the Taber Subdivision within the City of Schulenburg. Mr. Kristinik is asking for a 10' portion of the property on the west side of his existing buildings to avoid his building being right on the property line. He had previously applied for and granted a variance to build right up to the property line.

City Attorney Akers stated that state law requires that if property is to be cut up into 3 small strips it would have to be let out on bids. If just the 10' is sold to Prime Products, it could be sold outright.

Mrs. Blaschke – Walker asked Council to consider what they want to do with this property prior to selling it off in parts. We had considered a parking lot, restrooms or a baseball field since the soccer field has been moved down to Wolters Park.

Council took no action on the sale of the 10' to Prime Products to allow them to review the options for this property prior to dividing it up.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to appoint Alderman Rodney Gresser as the new Mayor Pro Tem. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Stoever asked Council to approve the 2% employee pay increase across the board that had been passed in the October 1, 2016 budget. Council agreed.

Alderman Stoever made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka for a 2% pay increase across the board for all city employees effective immediately. The motion passed unanimously.

Water Department activities included:

- Line locates, connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Reading meters.
- Made last 6" tie in at West Avenue and Russek Street.
- Repaired 1" water leak on service line feeding Civic Center.
- Installed 2" flush line for Sports Complex restrooms.
- Repaired valve stack at August Street and Highway 77.
- Completed end of month paperwork and sent quarterly reports to TCEQ.
- Collected monthly bacteriological samples for TCEQ.
- Killed out old 6" AC water main at West Avenue and College Street.

Wastewater Department activities included:

- Hauled 3 loads of sludge from Babylon Plant and 1 load from Kallus Plant.
- Mowed and weed eaten plants and lift stations.
- Repaired 1 lift pump at Babylon Plant and 2 at Kallus Plant.
- Raised and reset 2 manhole covers on Highway 77.
- Jetted 200' of main in 1000 block of Eilers Street.
- Dug up sink hole at Black and James.
- Cleaned out bar screen at Kallus Plant.

Street / Garbage Department activities included:

- Picked up brush when citizens pay the \$25 for removal.
- Patched corner of Agnes and Keuper for Mr. Roemer, cut concrete for Mr. Alexander, patched driveway for Amber Gabler and fixed alley behind Fowlkes Equipment.
- Delivered and picked up roll off containers. Hauled to Creedmoor and Altair.
- Trimmed trees in City Cemetery.
- Prepared limb and leaf site and moved containers for City Wide Cleanup.
- Built fence for shooting range.
- Working on abatement for property on James Avenue.

Electric Department activities included:

- Connects and disconnects.
- Read meters that did not come through on electronic system.
- Fixed lights at the helipad.
- Fixed lights and plugs at the Police Department.
- Dug up old pipes to old poles, ran them to the new poles then pulled new wire for the lights at the Sports Complex.
- Got supplies together for Techline for the pole change outs they did.
- Fixed street lights.

Park Department activities included:

- Regular maintenance (mowing, weed eating, clean restrooms)
- Picked up animals and placed in dog pound when needed.
- Removed more grass off of Field #2 infield .
- Still working on the restrooms at the Sports Complex.
- Helped the Electric Department.

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

- September 22 Allan Kunze met with Derek Schwenke and I with a suggested drawing of a primary metering system set for Prime Products.
- September 23 Andy Bosl picked up the drawings for their review
- September 29 Attended the State of LCRA

Derek Schwenke, Gary Valchar and I met with Elgin Kristinik and Andy Bosl related to the Prime Products property along Hwy 90.

- Sometime in the same week, residents called questioning the restrooms being closed at the Sports Complex. Fixtures in the men's and women's restrooms were experiencing sand in the lines. Recently, a filter system has been installed and working at this time. City apologizes for the inconvenience.
- October 3 Groundwater Conservation District has now approved the bid for the delinquent tax property at 915 Bohlmann. Now it can be cleaned up and restored.
- October 5 Resident called with concerns related to thru truck traffic headed to Monogram on North Street, West Avenue and Russek Street due to the street and drainage project along West Avenue. Larger signs are being ordered.

Officer Tobey McFadden was promoted to sergeant. I celebrated 25 years at the City of Schulenburg.
- October 11 Contractor moved in on West Avenue and North Street to begin street work. Gas line was hit due to incomplete line locates. City Staff worked with CenterPoint to secure the area and notification to the residents.
- October 13 Met with Chip Bubela related to his business venture at Anytime Fitness.
- October 18 Interested City Employees will be receiving flu shots from our local pharmacy covered by health insurance.
- Extend congratulations to Megan and Kevin Bartos on the safe arrival of their son Lukas Charles.
- December 1st has been reserved for the City Christmas Party. The menu and possible caterers need to be discussed. Employees have offered to cook as the past couple of years.

Alderman Hercik had some concerns about the "Statement of Officer" that should be filled out by all incoming Council members that had not been done when he received his "Oath of Office". Mrs. Blaschke – Walker provided each Council member with this form at this meeting to complete. Alderman Hercik questioned Mr. Akers about the legality of not having this form on file and he stated that it did not affect their ability to fill their positions. Alderman Hercik asked that they redo their "Oath of Office" at the next regular Council Meeting.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gresser to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.