

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG  
SCHULENBURG, TX  
NOVEMBER 7, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, November 7, 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, Zach Evans, Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, Darryl Moeller, Clayton Holub, David Osina, Derek Schwenke, Richard Schneider, and Melissa Shepard.

Visitors included Lisa Mederos of the Schulenburg Sticker, Andy Behlen of the Fayette County Record, Billy Beiersdorfer, Annette Beiersdorfer, Howard Wagner, James Brossmann, Rita Hercik, Otto Kocian, Chip Bubela, Andy Bosl, Elgin Kristinik, Frank Wick III, Nicole Wick, JoAnna Gonzales of the Fifth Power Development, Marilyn Williams, John Schindler and Brian Lux.

Under Presentations By Citizens, Brian Lux stated that the City needs to get back on track. Be very prudent with the budget. Keep taxes down to help property owners.

Mayor Moellenberndt administered the Oath of Office to Alderman Arnold Stoever and Alderman Harvey Hercik.

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

- (a) The minutes from the regular meeting held on October 17, 2016 were presented for approval.
- (b) Current bills were presented for approval.

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

William Huebner of O'Malley Strand updated Council on the concrete ground storage tanks and elevated storage tank. Our initial project was to sandblast the existing interior and exterior surfaces of the 300,000 gallon pedestal style elevated tank at a cost around \$320,000. During the recent TCEQ inspection, leaks were found in the concrete ground storage tanks which would be around \$200,000 to repair. There are also two pressure valves that would need to be rebuilt at about \$7,500 - \$10,000 per valve. This would still be under the budgeted amount.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoever to proceed with the ground storage tanks and valve repair / rebuild. The motion passed unanimously.

Kirk Pate of the Fayette County Tourism thanked Council for their support over the past two years with Hotel Occupancy monies. He is asking for a resolution of support for their efforts with a county wide hotel tax. This will go to the legislators during their session to support the passing of this tax. This tax would not affect any hotels / motels within the city limits of Schulenburg only Bed and Breakfasts out in the county.

Council did not feel that it was up to them to support the taxing of entities outside our city limits.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to table the resolution of support for the county wide hotel tax. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Hercik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka to accept a resolution re-appointing Frank J Bohlmann to the Fayette County Appraisal District Board on behalf of the City of Schulenburg. The motion passed unanimously.

Prime Products is asking for the sale of a 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 for a zero set back to build right up to the property line.

Mr. Frank Wick III and Mr. Billy Beiersdorfer, adjoining neighbors to the south of this property would also like to be allowed to purchase the same amount of property.

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.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to table the selling of a 10' portion of the Sports Complex property and hold a workshop for discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Stoever made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to set a workshop to discuss the plans for the Sports Complex property in question for Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Council Room. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Rehak to set the City Appreciation Dinner for Thursday, December 1, 2016 with the city employees cooking, ladies bringing desserts, no gift exchange but bring can goods for the Food Pantry. The motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Court Judge, Alana Wyatt, presented her monthly report. Council approved.

Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, presented his monthly report and reported on the following:

- Worked the accident of a female who ran into the fence at the city yard on FM 2672.
- Worked train and 18 wheeler filled with jalapenos accident at DFA.
- We have ordered our new SUV from Chuck Brown Ford.
- Meet and Greet is Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.
- Field Sobriety Class is here Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Water Department activities included:

- Line locates, connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Lowered water service to 110 West Avenue for new street construction.
- Standby crew worked on leaking service line in 1200 block of Kallus.

- Repaired 6" water main break in 400 block of Wolters Avenue.
- Worked several shifts at City Wide Cleanup.
- Dug up old 2" service line feeding the old Shallar building in 800 block of James Avenue and installed 6" cap. Tapped the 2" and ran new service and installed new 2" touch read meter.
- Trenched and layed 200' of 1" copper for the new water service to the Civic Center.
- Completed end of month paperwork.
- Collected monthly bacteriological water samples for TCEQ.

Wastewater Department activities included:

- Hauled 2 loads of sludge from Babylon Plant and 1 load from Kallus Plant.
- Laid 180' of 2" CL2 drain line to sand bed.
- Raised manhole in 100 block of Black and Simpson @ Highway 77. Lowered manhole to grade for West Avenue Project.
- Jetted sewer line in 1000 block of Eilers to Paulus; Bob's Towing across Highway 77 to TXDOT building in 1500 block of Highway 77 and along Highway 77 from Simpson to Library alley.

Street / Garbage Department activities included:

- Picked up brush when citizens pay the \$25 for removal.
- West Avenue Street Project: Hauling limestone and removing asphalt and dirt.
- Busted and hauled off concrete from curb job.
- Patched holes around town.

Electric Department activities included:

- Connects and disconnects.
- Hung transformers, wired transformers and ran primary across the street by Contech Road for Mike Demel.
- Terminate wires and install new breakers at the Sports Complex for Field #2. Also worked on the electrical pipes for the new backstop.
- Repaired street lights.
- Set a meter loop pole, changed out a transformer and hung service wire in the Moravia area.
- Replaced rotten service pole behind 1105 Summit at Shady Oaks Apartments.
- Cut service loose for a meter loop change out and tie in at the back of 111 E. Paulus #23.
- Hung a transformer for 806 James Avenue.

Park Department activities included:

- Regular maintenance (mowing, weed eating, clean restrooms)
- Picked up animals and placed in dog pound when needed.
- Tore down backstop on Field #2 at Sports Complex that will be replaced with Little League funds.
- Constructed new outdoor table at Library.

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

- October 20 Meeting with O'Malley Strand related to several city projects.
- October 26 Contact with Kirk Pate, Fayette County Tourism  
Met with Kate Holman of LCRA
- October 31 Met with Frank Wick III and Rodney Gresser at Demel Street  
Halloween – Police Dept and Fire Dept
- November 2 Met at the Warehouse with City Staff
- November 3 Met with Tim Sanders of BEFCO on West Avenue Project  
High Hill yard fence was hit and damaged. City Staff will file on insurance  
for repairs.

The West Avenue Street Project is progressing and depending on the weather should be complete in 1 to 2 weeks.

Alderman Hercik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Rehak to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.