

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
JANUARY 16, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, January 16, 2017, 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; Chief of Police, Troy Brenek; Derek Schwenke, David Osina, Melissa Shepard and Code Enforcement, Richard Schneider.

Visitors included Lisa Mederos of the Schulenburg Sticker, Andy Behlen of the Fayette County Record and James Brossmann.

Alderman Veselka asked Council to consider the closing of City Hall in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. in future years. He asked that it be put on the agenda in the next few months.

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

- (a) The minutes from the regular meeting held on January 3, 2016 were presented for approval.
- (b) Current bills were presented for approval.
- (c) Chief Brenek's Annual Racial Profiling Report was presented for approval.

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

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoever to update the signature card by removing previous council and updating with current council on all accounts listed with the city's depository Fayetteville Bank. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Rehak made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gresser to award a contract to Langford and Associates for an administrative consultant for application preparing and grant administration services for the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) TxCDBG 2017 – 2018 Community Development Fund application for water and / or sewer system improvements and authorizing the Mayor and / or City Administrator to approve contract. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Hercik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka to approve O'Malley Strand for engineering services for the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) TxCDBG 2017 – 2018 Community Development Fund application for water and / or sewer system improvements and contract with funding availability and authorizing the Mayor and / or City Administrator to negotiate a contract with this firm and if a contract cannot be negotiated with this selected firm to negotiate a contract with the seconded ranked firm. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Hercik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Rehak to accept a Resolution approving an application for funding through the Texas Department of Agriculture's 2017 – 2018 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. The motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney, Monte Akers, updated Council on the criteria regarding substandard building abatement process. Under Chapter 214 of the Texas Local Government Code it provides municipalities with specific authority to secure, repair and / or demolish substandard structures, without the owner's consent so long as the city has provided appropriate notice to the property owner(s) and held a public hearing. If after the public hearing the property owner fails to bring a building into compliance with the building standards adopted under Chapter 3, articles 3.04 and 3.05, the City Council can order the building to be demolished without further notice.

Chief Brenek spoke of 2 properties that they have been working on this abatement process for over two years. These properties are 119 East Summit and 1104 Pierce. They have been contacted and even citations have been issued with no response.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Rehak to proceed with the abatement process and hold a Public Hearing on February 20, 2017 at the regular scheduled Council Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, presented his monthly report. He also reported on several items. They are as follows:

- Training will be held here Tuesday and Wednesday of this week on Intermediate Use of Force.
- Qualifying at the range will be next week one day.
- I will be attending my final portion of my certification Module 3, February 5 – 26.

Water Department activities included:

- Line locates, connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Read meters.
- Located service lines and water main lines along 1100 block of Pierce Street for sewer projects.
- Flushed dead end water mains.
- Completed end of year paperwork.
- Replaced 2" ball curb stop on overhead fill at warehouse.
- Repaired 2" water leak on service line feeding Masonic Lodge and 115 Wolf Street.
- Replaced 2" ball curb stop at Regency Nursing Home.
- Changed chlorine cylinders.

Wastewater Department activities included:

- Hauled 2 loads of sludge from Babylon Plant.
- Working on the replacement of service line along Pierce Street.

Street / Garbage Department activities included:

- Picked up brush when citizens pay the \$25 for removal.
- Hauled containers to Creedmoor and Altair.

- Helped the Wastewater Department with the replacement of line along Pierce Street. Also hauled limestone for this project.
- Drove and rode on garbage truck.
- Dug out 307 Keuper for curbing and driveway replacement.

Electric Department activities included:

- Connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Taking down Christmas lights.
- Tied in service to 604 Herder for Frank Tilicek.
- Called in line locates for several pole replacements.
- Repairing street lights.
- Getting items together for Techline to work in town.
- Straightened leaning poles out along Highway 77.
- Trimming trees.

Park Department activities included:

- Regular maintenance (mowing, weed eating, clean restrooms)
- Picked up animals and placed in dog pound when needed.
- Put up net on Field #2.
- Cut base lines on all fields.
- Removed some of the fencing around the City Cemetery.

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

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| January 4 | Contacted Jeff Thompson and Ray Munoz thanking them for bidding on the rock columns at the City Cemetery. |
| January 6 | Attended class on the Texas Ethics Commission in Austin. |
| January 9 | Met with Jeff Thompson and Jimmy Steffek to coordinate the replacement of the fencing and rock columns at the City Cemetery. |
| January 10 | Met with City, County and DPS
Meeting with Tim Sanders and Darryl Moeller regarding future projects. |
| January 12 | Fire Department Pension Board Meeting (Unable to attend) |
| January 16 | Deadline to receive RFP's for Administrative services on the TxCDBG |
| January 18 | First day to file for City Council Place 1, 2 and Mayor. |

I will be out of the office January 19, 20 and ½ day on 23.

Our sincere condolences to Bennie Pavlik for the loss of his wife.

City Council adjourned into an Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. for consultation with the City Attorney, 551.071 "Consideration of contents and approval of a franchise for electric distribution by Fayette Electric Co-op".

Council came back into regular session at 8:11 p.m.

Alderman Hercik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoever to accept the Franchise Agreement with Fayette Electric Co-op for electric distribution within our city limits effective January 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Rehak to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.