

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG  
SCHULENBURG, TX  
MARCH 21, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Tuesday, March 21, 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; Code Enforcement Officer, Richard Schneider, David Osina, Derek Schwenke, Jason Strickland and Melissa Shepard.

Visitors included Lisa Mederos of the Schulenburg Sticker, Frank Wick III, Brian Lux, Johnny Moore, Phil Leaman and Otto Kocian.

Under Presentations By Citizens, Brian Lux spoke on behalf of Johnny Moore who had gotten his utilities turned off on February 17<sup>th</sup> for nonpayment and had not been able to reconnect as of yet.

Code Enforcement Office, Richard Schneider, had Mr. Moore issued a citation for living in a home without utilities including running water for more than 30 days. Also, he was given a warning for cleaning up the cans, etc. that he collects and stores in his yard.

Also under Presentations By Citizens, Johnny Moore explained to Council that he is doing the Lord's work; it is the hardship of the bible. His wife pays the bills and had some problems with her check. He stated that his utilities will be put back on and will perform to the code to the best of his abilities.

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 March 6, 2017 were presented for approval.
- (b) Current bills were presented for approval.

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

William Huebner of O'Malley Strand Associates, Inc. stated that based upon a review of references, they have determined that the low bidder, DN Tanks, Inc. of Wakefield, MA is qualified and experienced in the rehabilitation of the two ground storage tanks.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Rehak to accept O'Malley Strand's recommendation of DN Tanks, Inc. of Wakefield, MA for the 2016 Ground Storage Tank Rehabilitation for \$124,800.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Hercik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gresser to set a workshop date to discuss mobile homes, HUD manufactured homes, modular homes and travel trailers for

Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Hercik asked to set a workshop date to discuss Code Enforcement be placed on the agenda. He would like Council to have a more hands on approach to this.

City Attorney, Monte Akers, assured Council that Code Enforcement is hard in every city. There are two groups, one that thinks they do not do enough to clean up the town and the other group does not want someone telling them how they use their property. Compliance is not punishment and change is hard. Council does not need to be involved unless there is a controversy.

Chief Brenek asked that the Ordinances be changed and updated to make a difference on how this is handled.

Alderman Hercik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoever to set a workshop to discuss Code Enforcement. Aldermen Stoever and Hercik voted for and Aldermen Gresser, Rehak, Veselka voted against. Motion failed.

Water Department activities included:

- Line locates, connects and disconnects. Meter change outs and read meters.
- Finished pressure washing at Swimming Pool.
- Disconnected Balzer Feed Mill's water service for demolition.
- Swimming Pool: Disinfected with Clorox solution, began edging pool with new paint, replaced 4" bonnet and stem on gate valve, took down diving board and stand, replaced door on north side and overhauled chlorine machine.

Wastewater Department activities included:

- Hauled 5 loads of sludge from Babylon Plant and 1 load from Kallus Plant.
- Mowed both Plants and Lift Stations.
- Jetted line under the Civic Center.
- Rodded main behind Frank's Restaurant.
- Worked on pumps at I-10 Lift Station and Wolters Park Lift Station.

Street / Garbage Department activities included:

- Picked up brush when citizens pay the \$25 for removal.
- Hauled containers to Creedmoor and Altair.
- Drove and rode on garbage truck. Hauled containers for Balzer's Feed Mill cleanup.
- Worked on Pierce Street.
- Organized Limb / Leaf Site for City Wide Cleanup.

Electric Department activities included:

- Connects and disconnects. Read meters and did meter change outs. Fixed street lights.
- Cut up some of the old utility poles to have them hauled off.
- Removed temporary service, transformer and meter from 325 Oakland Road.
- Checked the ballast, capacitor and fused for a light that is not working on Field #2 at the Sports Complex.

- Built a rack to mount breaker box with plugs on it for the Sausage Fest.
- Installed pole, transformer and hung service on the north side of St. Mary's Church Hall.
- Trimmed trees out of service wires.

Park Department activities included:

- Regular maintenance (mowing, weed eating, clean restrooms)
- Picked up animals and placed in dog pound when needed.
- Cleaned up after Girls Tournament Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> through Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

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| March 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Met with LCRA Representatives<br>Representatives from SISD met with city staff   |
| March 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Attended Advisory Committee Meeting at SISD 4–6 pm   |
| March 10 <sup>th</sup> | Attended Meeting at Sports Complex   |
| March 14 <sup>th</sup> | Bid opening for Ground Storage Rehabilitation<br>Asbestos Inspector for property located at 119 E. Summit                          |
| March 15 <sup>th</sup> | Betty Russo, Community Relations Office of the Governor<br>Economic Development & Tourism  |
| March 16 <sup>th</sup> | Plaques were attached to columns, now project is complete<br>Working with local investor on funding options for a downtown project |
| March 18 <sup>th</sup> | Kick off to City Wide Cleanup – 100 plus loads on Saturday   |

The Schulenburg Sticker will be taking a picture of Mayor and Council at the City Cemetery on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. to signify the completion of the fencing project.

The Street Department is working on Pierce Street. Next week the Wastewater Department will start on Matula and Keuper on sewer line replacement. Black Street is being engineered for future project.

City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. under 551.071 (Advice of Attorney), 551.072 (Real Property) and 551.087 (Economic Development) as follows:

- (a) Discussion of possible acquisition of real property
- (b) Allowing access to city property
- (c) Discussion of Economic Development options with regard to offering incentives for a project

Council came back into open session at 8:49 p.m. No action was taken.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.