

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG  
SCHULENBURG, TX  
APRIL 3, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, April 3, 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, Richard Schneider and Megan Bartos.

Visitors included Lisa Mederos of the Schulenburg Sticker, Frank Wick III, Lance Zandonatti of Centerpoint Energy, Phil Leaman, Otto Kocian, James Brossmann, Chip Bubela, Andy Behlen and Chad Zimmermann.

Under Presentations By Citizens, Andy Behlen spoke on behalf of the Schulenburg Sausagefest Committee thanking the City of Schulenburg for their continued support. He also thanked Derek Schwenke for all his hard work before and during the event. All together they feel the Sausagefest was once again a big success.

Mayor Moellenberndt mentioned he had a booth and he thought it was well attended and the weather could not have been any better.

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 21, 2017 and the special meeting held on March 29, 2017 were presented for approval.
- (b) Current bills were presented for approval.

Alderman Veselka questioned the Boy Scout Hut utility bill and why it has not been disconnected. There is no reason to pay even a minimum bill if no one is currently using the building.

City Administrator Tami Walker said she would reach out to Mr. Stewart before disconnecting to confirm all of their stuff is out of the building.

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

Alderman Hercik questioned Mr. Zandonatti of Centerpoint Energy about the GRIP (Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program) adjustment. He does not understand why there have been six straight increases. Out of the supposed 30 million dollars invested in the infrastructure, Alderman Hercik feels Schulenburg has not benefitted at all.

Mr. Zandonatti said the point of the GRIP is to recoup capital dollars. He verified that this would be the sixth and final increase from the last rate case. He also mentioned that in the paperwork given to council, the City of Schulenburg is not listed with Weimar and Hallettsville because they have given up their original jurisdiction. The railroad commission suspends the rate for them.

Alderman Hercik feels that the City Attorney, Monte Akers, should do a little more research and they revisit it in two weeks at the next council meeting.

Alderman Hercik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka to table the Centerpoint Energy 2017 Annual GRIP (Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program) adjustment for the South Texas Division. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker clarified that the election service contract is for the marker used by the handicap for the City Election. It is mandated by the state to have one, but the City may be charged for two because there needs to be a back up machine. Mrs. Walker saves \$50 by picking up the machines herself and then takes them back.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gresser to accept the Election Services Contract between the Fayette County Elections Administrator and the City of Schulenburg relating to the election being held on Saturday, May 6, 2017.

Municipal Court Judge, Alana Wyatt's report was presented. Council approved.

Chief of Police, Troy Brenek's report was presented but he was absent for any additional information.

Water Department activities included:

- Line locates, connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Installed new 2" City cut off for Blinn College.
- Finished painting floor, black stripes and began filling pool. Pressure washed and painted shower stalls in restrooms.
- Overhauled solenoid valve for Well #10 in chlorine room at Main Pump House.
- Cleaned TMP valve and regulator on north set of cylinders at Main Pump House.
- Attended meeting at La Grange Fire Station: Source Water Assessment Protection (SWAP)
- Took SWAP Techs to each well site for GPS readings and photos.
- Worked City Wide Clean Up.

Wastewater Department activities included:

- Hauled 4 loads of sludge from Babylon Plant and 1 load from Kallus Plant.
- Mowed both Plants and Lift Stations. Sprayed lift stations and fence lines at water plants
- Pulled and cleaned pumps #2 and #5 at Babylon Plant (over temp). Full of rags.
- Replaced bearings and seals in center drive on old clarifier at Babylon Plant.
- Helped Street Department shred and mow downtown area for Sausagefest.
- Worked City Wide Clean Up.

Street / Garbage Department activities included:

- Picked up brush when citizens pay the \$25 for removal.
- Hauled containers to Creedmoor and Altair. Also additional containers from City Wide Clean Up.
- Drove and rode on garbage truck.
- Patched potholes.
- Worked City Wide Clean Up

- Mowed, shredded, weed eaten, swept and cleaned up all over town preparing for Sausagefest.

Electric Department activities included:

- Connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Fixed street lights.
- Finish the underground pipe, installed a steel pole, hung the cutout and pulled wire for St. Mary's High Hill Church.
- Moved service over to a new meter loop at 815 Wolters.
- Moved and replaced a service to a new meter loop at 715 Simpson.
- Trimmed trees.
- Built a new capacitor on Wolters by the funeral home.
- Worked City Wide Cleanup

Park Department activities included:

- Regular maintenance (mowing, weed eating, clean restrooms)
- Picked up animals and placed in dog pound when needed.
- Helped clean up downtown area and hauled tables, benches and trash cans for Sausagefest.
- Worked City Wide Cleanup

City Administrator, Tami Blaschke-Walker, reported the following:

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| March 29 <sup>th</sup>                    | Special Council Meeting  |
| March 27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> | Met with Chamber employees and Sausagefest committee members on various items to be done for Sausagefest |

Mr. James Brossmann noted that the City Wide Cleanup was a success. The new changes have been working well. The first day of the cleanup, there were 115 loads. He wanted to commend the city workers on their hard work during the clean up.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoever to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.