

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

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, August 21, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers located at 607 Upton Avenue, Schulenburg, Texas. Elected officials present included Mayor Otto Kocian and Aldermen Chip Bubela, Wendy Fietsam, Arnold Stoever, Harvey Hercik and Larry Veselka. City Staff included Tami Blaschke-Walker and Candace Berger. Guests present were James Brossmann, Lisa Mederos, Gary Adamek, Andy Behlen, Donald Kocurek, David Kalmus, Ivan Velasquez and Jeff Neal.

Mayor Kocian called the meeting to order. Pastor Jeff Neal of the Freyburg Methodist Church led the group in prayer. The pledge was then recited.

There were no **Presentations by Citizens**.

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

- (a) City Council will consider and take action on the minutes from the regular meeting held on August 7, 2017.
- (b) City Council will consider and take action on the payment of current bills.

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

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam to accept the annexation request of Donald Kocurek for 3.63 acres located in the Ignacio Almansur League, A-120, on the East IH-10 Frontage Road and bordering the east side of Chuck Brown Ford and zoning the property Agriculture-Open upon Annexation. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoever to set two public hearings for Monday, September 18, 2017 at 6:30 and 6:45 P.M. for the annexation of 3.63 acres of land belonging to Donald Kocurek and being located in the Ignacio Almansur League, A-120, on the East I-10 Frontage Road and bordering the east side of Chuck Brown Ford and being zoned Agriculture-Open upon annexation. The motion passed unanimously.

The awarding of the Bank Depository Bid and Depository and Banking Services Contract was tabled pending further consideration.

Alderman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to advertise the proposed tax rate for adoption at \$0.1747 per \$100 valuation, which is the rollback rate. The current 2016 Tax Rate is \$0.1750. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoever to extend the current contract between the Fayette County Appraisal District and the City of Schulenburg which ends on December 31, 2017 for two years for Assessment and Collection Services. The motion passed unanimously.

The care and condition of the tree on the corner of Wolters and North Main, next to Baumgarten Matula, was again brought up for discussion. The proper time to spray ball moss on this tree is December to March, so the City will have the tree sprayed along with the trees located in the City Cemetery at the same time. It is the general consensus of the members of the Council that they do not want to be responsible for the watering of the tree. Alderman Hercik stated that the tree is near and dear to some folks and asked if the Council had any problems with a local organization or individuals caring for the tree. They did not object. Alderman Bubela then read an assessment on the tree prepared by his brother who is an arborist. In conclusion, if an organization or individuals want to assume responsibility for the care of the tree, their help will be accepted; however, the City's only responsibility will be to spray for ball moss and trim the dead limbs from the tree at the appropriate time - December to March. James Brossmann added that the root system of that tree has to extend across the streets into the vacant lots to get water for it to have survived this long.

Under **Reports from Officers**, the following were submitted:

Water Department: Line locates, connects and disconnects; meter change outs; read meters; repaired 3/4" service leak at 307 South Street; repaired 6" water main break in 500 block of Black Street; installed 180 LF of 6" C-900 water main and made 4 new 3/4" service taps in 500 block of Black Street; pumped service tech with Mercer Construction installed a new seal on the north booster pump and it was put back into service; changed out chlorinator booster pump and motor assembly at Water Well #9; repaired 2" water leak at Best Western on irrigation line; collected monthly bacteriological sample for the 600 block of Black Street for TCEQ and repainted numerous fire hydrants around town.

Wastewater Department: Hauled 6 loads of sludge from Babylon Plant; replaced 7 sewer service lines in the 600 Block of Black Street; mowed both plants; jetted 247' of line in the Meadow Creek Subdivision; and drove the garbage truck.

Street/Garbage Department: Picked up brush when citizens pay the \$25 for removal; hauled containers to Creedmoor and Altair; drove and road on garbage truck; patched potholes including filling the cracks in Foster's Branch Subdivision; cleaned up around

traffic signs at the schools prior to their start; replaced dumpsters that were in need of repair; pushed brush up at the Limb and Leaf Site to make more room and cleaned up brush at 510 Summit.

Electric Department: Connects and disconnects; meter change outs; read meters; take everything down and cleaned up after the Festival; set a pole along Highway 90 that was rotten for New Wave and moved the service over to the new pole; hung transformers along James Avenue, moved services over to the transformers and cut down open secondary wires to have more of an outage control; fixed street lights; installed primary metering set at Prime Industries, on Saturday, August 12th; Took old transformers down where they are not being used to clean up some of the poles and our services; trimmed tree limbs out of services; ran some conduit and pulled wire to add a plug at the Babylon Sewer Plant and installed a new utility pole on St. John Road and JA Green Street that an oversized load tore down.

Park Department: Regular maintenance (mowing, weed eating, clean restrooms); picked up animals and placed in dog pound when needed; cleaning up after Schulenburg Festival and trimmed trees and mowed at the Schulenburg Community Cemetery.

Administration: 8/8/2017 attended recognition for Cindy Lytle at the Library; contacted Kainer Pest Control about spraying of trees; 8/9/2017 - budget workshop at 6, received e-mail that survey was complete for Prime Products easement and hard copies would be mailed; 8/10/2017 - Derek Schwenke and I went to look at the Community Center and the repairs to be considered upstairs and the overall condition of building; 8/11/2017 - met with Bob Schmidt to discuss projects for the upcoming year for water and wastewater and discussed attending the Budget Workshop on 8/16; 8/16/2017 - met with Pete Garcia and Gary Valchar to discuss the addition of fencing at the Cemetery and the need of a building at the Sports Complex, met with the Water Department with Bob Schmidt to discuss the planning that will be necessary for the future of growing our water system; purchase of a truck for the Sewer Department from Chuck Brown Ford - 1997 truck needs brakes and transmission - TML will not insure older than 2000 models - money from 2016 budget; and out of town last week for kids doctor's appointments and also on Tuesday morning.

Alderman Veselka made motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.