

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
April, 5, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, April 5th, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers located at 607 Upton Avenue, Schulenburg, Texas. The elected officials present included Mayor Elaine Kocian, Aldermen Chip Bubela, Wendy Fietsam, Ben Herzik, Clarence Ahlschlager, and Larry Veselka. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Walker, Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, and Mason Florus.

Visitors included Darrell Vyyjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Iván Velasquez, James Brossmann, Theresa Kalina, Roland Kalina, Reverend Andrew Stafford, Gail Hammontree, and Bob Hammontree.

Mayor Kocian called role and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Stafford said a prayer over the meeting and its members.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bubela, to accept Consent Agenda items A and B. The motion passed unanimously.

(A) The minutes from the Council Meeting held on March 22nd, 2021.

(B) The payment of current bills.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on awarding an Engineering Services contract for the preparation of the City's 2021-2022 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) application and subsequent engineering contract if funded.

Mrs. Walker stated that five firms put in contracts. The firms included Thonhoff Consulting, Mercer & Associates, BEFCO, Southwest Engineers, and Strand Associates. Reviewing and scoring of the proposals requires two (2) staff members and one (1) council member and was held on Tuesday, March 30th, by Clarence Ahlschlager, Julie Cernosek, Kenny Schramek, and Jason Strickland. Based on the scoring, Mrs. Walker recommended Strand Associates.

Alderman Bubela made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam, to accept Mrs. Walker's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion and read a resolution authorizing the submission of an application for the 2021-2022 TxCDBG Community Development Fund Grant to replace a sewer line.

Alderman Bubela made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka, to pass the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Mason Florus led discussion on and presented a historic preservation ordinance. This ordinance is the main step in the City becoming a Certified Local Government, a program through the Texas Historical Commission that would provide more funding and grant opportunities for the City.

Several Aldermen stated they were open to the idea but requested more time to think about the ordinance.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Feitsam, to table the item for a later date. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Bubela led discussion on the License Agreement between the City of Schulenburg and Von Minden, LLC.

The current agreement allows the Von Minden to occasionally close the alley. Alderman Bubela stated that he wanted to make it a win-win for the Von Minden and Roland and Theresa Kalina who owns the building located on Upton Avenue North of said alley. Bob and Gail Hammontree, whose home's garage faces said alley, were also in attendance to voice their concerns.

After a lengthy discussion, Alderman Bubela made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka, stipulating that if the Von Minden does not show continuous renovation work or have a signed lease agreement with a tenant by July 6th, 2021, the license will be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Judge Kayla Peters and Library Director Thadious Polasek's reports were included in Council's packets.

Chief Brenek reported that the department made two arrests regarding identity theft, and aided in the standoff on I10. Chief commended Officer Meagher on the video he made revealing the new police car. Chief also reported that he attended a training and is still waiting on TxDOT on the speed signs and insurance on Officer Parkinson's squad car that was involved in a wreck during the winter storm.

Mrs. Walker reported that she attended a meeting with Strand on March 17th, a council meeting on the 22nd, interviews and a MHMR meeting on the 23rd and a meeting with Ryan Smith Electric on the 24th. On the 31st there was an employee lunch honoring Gary Valchar.

On April 1st, Darryl Moeller was reinstated as Operations' Manager and will office in City Hall. Richard Sellsted started on April 4th as Electric Superintendent.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Herzik, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:06