

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
March 15, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, March 15, 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, Clarence Ahlschlager, and Larry Veselka. Alderman Ben Herzik was absent. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Walker, and Mason Florus.

Visitors included Darrell Vyyjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Ona Marak, Chair of the Board of Adjustments, Mike Zweschper, President of the Schulenburg Festival Association, Pastor Lemae, Greg Thomas, and Iván Velasquez.

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

Ona Marak, Chair of the Board of Adjustments, reported to Council on the meeting of the Board of Adjustments in regard to a variance request from section 6.11 of Appendix B of the Schulenburg Code of Ordinances to place a travel trailer on the property located at 1004 Simpson Street, Schulenburg, Texas, for housing on a temporary basis.

Mrs. Marak reported that the variance shouldn't have been a variance and Counsel informed Mrs. Walker and the Board that they may grant a Special Exception. As a result, Sheri Bubela made a motion, seconded by Mark Shimek, to grant the Special Exception and have Council pass a definition at the next Council Meeting. The decision is final as presented to Council.

Mrs. Walker stated that it will be in the City's best interest to amend the ordinance for clarity and consistency in similar matters moving forward.

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

- (A) The minutes from the Council Meeting held March 1, 2021
- (B) The minutes from the Council Meeting held March 8, 2021
- (C) The payment of current bills

Mrs. Walker led discussion on the rezoning request of a tract of the Wolters Subdivision, Tract 1, from Residential to General Commercial for the purpose of opening a business (business to business sales).

Mrs. Walker stated that there was a motion made but no second and no counter motion at the previous regular meeting. As a result, a decision on the matter had to be made at tonight's meeting.

Alderman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to accept Planning and Zoning's original recommendation of rejecting the rezone. The motion passed unanimously with Alderman Bubela abstaining.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Resolution Suspending the May 3, 2021 Effective Date of the proposal by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp -South Texas Division to implement interim GRIP rate adjustments for Gas Utility Investment 2020 and requiring delivery of this Resolution to the Company and Legal Counsel.

Mrs. Walker requested that Council suspend the date for 45 days.

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

Mrs. Walker read an Ordinance Declaring Unopposed Candidates in the May 1, 2021, General Election to be elected to office; Canceling the General Election, and Providing an Effective Date.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on bids received for grinding brush at the Leaf and Limb Site. Mrs. Walker informed Council that the City budgeted \$20,000 for the grinding and the last time it was done was 2019.

The two bids were \$18,361 from Eggemeyer Land Clearing LLC and \$24,000 from Triple Oak Environmental Solutions LLC. Mrs. Walker informed Council that these prices were for grinding only and that the City will haul off the grinded brush ourselves.

Alderman Bubela made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam, to accept Eggemeyer's bid. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Zweschper, President of the Schulenburg Festival Association, addressed Council requesting HOT Funds for the Schulenburg Festival that will be held August 5-8, 2021. Mr. Zweschper passed out spreadsheets with the 2020 expenses and the 2021 Festival budget. Mr. Zweschper then asked for \$60,000 from the Council.

Alderman Fietsam said that we budgeted \$45,000 and don't think we should go over. Mrs. Walker replied that after the audit if we have more HOT Funds Council can always allot more funds.

Alderman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to allocate \$45,000 in HOT Funds to the Schulenburg Festival.

Mrs. Walker advised Council that setting a time and place for a special meeting would be set in executive session.

Mrs. Walker reported to council on the following:

- There was supposed to be an EDC Meeting on March 9th but there wasn't a quorum
- Derek and myself and a couple other Public Works workers met in regards to Derek's duties since he gave his two weeks' notice
- On March 11th, Megan and I sat in on a conference call with AEP regarding pricing

At 6:29 P.M. City Council adjourned into Executive Session to discuss the following pursuant to Government Code, Section 551.086 (Certain Public Power Utilities; Competitive Matters). City Council elected to take no action.

City Council adjourned into a second Executive Session pursuant to Government Code, Section 551.074 Personnel Matter – City Administrator in relation to appointment, employment, evaluation, and duties of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee. Council directed the City Administrator to follow through with her duties.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bubela to adjourn executive session at 7:32 P.M. Council set Monday March 22, at 5:00 P.M. as the date and time for a special meeting that will be in executive session as well.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bubela, to adjourn at 7:34 P.M.