

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
May, 6, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Thursday, May 6th, 2021 at 5:00 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, Operations' Manager, Darryl Moeller, Library Director, Thadious Polasek, and Mason Florus.

Visitors included Darrel Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Pastor David Thompson, Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace, Dan Mueller, Alderman Elect, Greg Thomas, EDC President, Paddy Magliolo, Autrey Thomas, James Brossmann, and Iván Velasquez.

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

Under Presentations by Citizens, Library Director, Thadious Polasek, presented his report to Council . Mr. Polasek reported the following:

- The library is back open Monday thru Friday 10-6
- He thanked the Schulenburg Sticker for getting the word out
- The Children's Room is back open
- June programs are going to take place outside
- Short smaller indoor programs will take place
- Online programs will also be available

Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace, Dan Mueller, swore in Mayor Kocian, Newly elected Alderman Greg Thomas, and Alderman Fietsam.

Alderman Thomas replaced Alderman Bubela as Alderman Place 1.

Judge Mueller publicly thanked Council for all they do and commended them and Mrs. Walker and stated that "public service was still a noble calling."

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

- (A) The minutes from the Council Meeting held on April 19, 2021
- (B) The payment of current bills

EDC President, Paddy Magliolo, led discussion on a Resolution approving a project of the Schulenburg Economic Development Corporation by providing a grant of \$100,000 to Perdue Farms Inc. a Maryland Corporation, for site improvements to promote new or expected business and creation of primary jobs in the City of Schulenburg.

Mr. Magliolo stated that Perdue is spending over \$3,000,000 on this expansion and it will provide at least 25 "above average jobs" for Schulenburg.

Mrs. Walker read the notice satisfying the first public reading of the grant.

Alderman Veselka asked if we are going to hold Perdue accountable on the number of jobs they create. Mr. Magliolo replied that this is a grant not a loan. However, they are going to provide numbers to the EDC throughout the next two years and if they don't satisfy the number of employees they promised, we can talk about payback at a later date.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam, to accept the EDC's proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Ratifying the Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for the 2021-2022 TxCDBG Community Development Fund Grant. Mrs. Walker stated that the grant requires a 10% match (\$35,000) and the original resolution incorrectly contained a 5% match (\$17,500). Other than that, everything remains the same.

Alderman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to ratify the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Rescinding a Resolution terminating the Declaration of Local State of disaster for the Winter Weather Emergency for the City of Schulenburg, Texas dated March 1, 2021. Mrs. Walker said she feels like the community has recovered and as a City we can return to normal business.

Alderman Herzik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam, to terminate the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Terminating the Provisions of Resolution No. 03012021 Dated March 1, 2021, as the same relate to the Temporary Waiver of Late Fees, Penalties, and Disconnections.

Alderman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka, to terminate the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on accepting the Audit Financial Report for the Year-Ending September 30, 2020.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to accept the Final Draft of the Audit. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on the NVRA (National Voter Registration Act) Implementation Plan for the Schulenburg Public Library. Mrs. Walker explained that the Library Board already established the plan and it needed to be finalized by Council.

Alderman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to accept the plan. The motion passed unanimously.

Operations' Manager, Darryl Moeller, led discussion on purchasing a 2021 F-150 to replace a 1999 Ford F-150. Moeller stated that the City earned over \$36,000 from selling vehicles and equipment on GovDeals. Chuck Brown Ford quoted the City \$24,664 for the 2021 F-150. Moeller also acknowledged that with trucks on back order right now it might take a while and the

price might fluctuate a few hundred dollars. Alderman Ahlschlager asked if this truck would replace the parks truck. Moller responded that that was correct.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to purchase the truck. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on an Industrial Ordinance related to the City's wastewater system, discharges and regulations. Mrs. Walker recommended to Council that they table the item so she can have more time to review the ordinance.

Alderman Herzik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to table the item. The motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Judge, Kayla Peters' report was presented to Council.

Library Director, Thadious Polasek's report was presented to Council.

Chief Brenek reported the following:

- Congratulations to the elected officials and thanked Chip for his service as alderman
- Attended training with Flatonia PD
- This Thursday we are going to host a de-escalation class
- We received \$8,037.50 for the wrecked police car
- We have a confiscated car we will also put on GovDeals to bring in additional funds

Operations' Manager, Darryl Moller, reported the following:

- Thanked James Brossmann for helping with City Wide Cleanup
- We collected 48 tons of trash and 10 tons of scrap metal during City Wide. We also saved money by switching to the new disposal site in Lockhart
- Water Department got the pool ready, repaired a 3-inch water leak and a 2-inch water leak and replaced water meters
- Sewer Department drained six loads of sludge, worked on pumps, and replaced a manhole on Hillje
- Street is still busy assisting garbage and parks and hauling limbs. They assisted Emergency Management Coordinator, Craig Moreau, in cleaning out all the red cross first aid supplies from the building in Wolters' Park
- Electric Department met with LCRA, had an outage at old 90, conducted meter change outs.
- Parks Department continued mowing and weedeating

City Administrator, Tami Walker, reported the following:

- Wednesday, April 21, HB 4150 for Electric Department in Waelder
- Friday, April 23, met with Elgin on the land swap
- Wednesday, April 28, HB 1900, contacted Senator Kolkhorst
- Friday, April 30, CDBG Application submitted. Scheduling with Techline for the Downtown Feeder
- Tuesday, May 5, Conference call with Schneider Engineering for a Line Extension Policy
- Office has been busy with scheduling playoffs games
- Closure of City Hall and the Warehouse on Friday, May 7, for Gary's Funeral

- Congratulations to Greg Thomas, Wendy Fietsam, and Elaine Kocian
- Thank you to Chip for your years of service to Council

Alderman Veselka commended Public Works for the job they did with City Wide Cleanup

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Herzik, to adjourn the meeting at 5:37. The motion passed unanimously.