

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
May, 17, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, May 17th, 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 Greg Thomas, Wendy Fietsam, Clarence Ahlschlager, and Larry Veselka. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Walker, Operations' Manager, Darryl Moeller, Billing/Utility Manager, Megan Bartos, and Human Resources Officer, Mason Florus.

Visitors included Layne Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Pastor Lemae Higgs, EDC President, Paddy Magliolo, Ned Brown and Ramsey Cripe of Schneider Engineering, and Iván Velasquez.

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

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

- (A) The minutes from the Council Meeting held on May 6, 2021
- (B) The payment of current bills

Mrs. Walker read the second reading of a Resolution approving a project of the Schulenburg Economic Development Corporation giving a grant of \$100,000 to Perdue Farms, Inc. , a Maryland Corporation, for site improvements to promote new or expanded business and creation of new primary jobs in the City of Schulenburg.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam, to accept the EDC's recommendation to approve the Grant for Perdue.

Alderman Herzik entered the meeting and took his place in Council Chambers.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Executive Order GA-34 Lifting the Masks Mandate while Canceling COVID-19 protocols in all City Buildings. Mrs. Walker said the intention was to run parallel with Schulenburg ISD and now that school is about over, she feels we are at a point to lift the mandate.

Alderman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Herzik, to lift the Mask Mandate. The motion passed unanimously.

Human Resources Officer, Mason Florus, led discussion on a City Historic Preservation Ordinance in an effort to become a Certified Local Government through the Texas Historical Commission.

Mr. Florus explained that he gathered more information, as Council requested, and was presenting the proposal again. Alderman Veselka asked if we could back out of this agreement in the future. Mr. Florus replied that he spoke with Lorelei Willett, Certified Local Government

Program Coordinator at the THC, all it would take is composing a resignation letter and resend our ordinance.

Florus also exclaimed that the Historic Preservation Commission that the ordinance established will be similar to the already existing Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustment Committees. The Historic Preservation Commission will have voting rights to make recommendations but Council will have final say in matters.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam, to accept the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Operations' Manager, Darryl Moeller, updated Council on the following items:

- Sewer, Water, and Street Departments have been working on a new manhole at the corner of Hillje and North Main. There is a contractor coming tomorrow to help
- Street Department assisted Sewer Department replacing bearings at Kallus Sewer Plant
- Water Department read and replaced meters
- Electric Department replaced meters and trimmed trees
- Parks Department has been mowing grass

City Administrator, Tami Walker, reported the following:

- Friday, May 7, 2021 – City Staff attended the funeral of Gary Valchar. Teamwork with the employees to prepare the Sports Complex for two playoff games
- Monday, May 10, 2021 – Conducted interviews for positions to be filled. Techline began work on the rehab of the Downtown Feeder
- Wednesday, May 13, 2021 – Conference call with Schneider Engineering to discuss the Line Extension Policy
- Thursday, May 14, 2021 – Contacted AEP to consider the Expo Center as a Staging Area
- Friday, May 14, 2021 – Conducting interviews for positions to be filled
- Swimming pool has not met the required number of lifeguards. The pool will be open on a limited basis
- I reached out to the school for summer help if there were any students interested in learning a trade
- Recognized our small business and National Police Week – May 9-15
- Prayers for Marcia Hrnir – Executive Director of the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce
- Chief Brenek is attending the Texas Police Chiefs Leadership Training in Corpus Christi

At 6:21, Council adjourned into executive session.

In Executive Session, City Council discussed the following pursuant to Government Code, Section 551.086 (Certain Public Power Utilities; Competitive Matters).

In Executive Session, City Council discussed the following pursuant to Government Code, Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property).

No action was taken on either items.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded Alderman Herzik, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48. The motion passed unanimously.