

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
June, 21, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, June 21st, 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, Ben Herzik, Clarence Ahlschlager, and Larry Veselka. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Walker, Operations' Manager, Darryl Moeller, Human Resources Officer, Mason Florus, City Attorney, Cynthia Kirchoff, Electric Superintendent, Richard Sellsted, Electric Operator, Jason Collinsworth, Parks and Rec Maintenance Operator, Philip Rocha, Wastewater Operator, Eric Cullen, Wastewater Operator, Daniel Janak, and Parks and Rec Maintenance Operator, Chris Herrera.

Visitors included Layne Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Tina Bohlmann, Stanley Pesek with the Schulenburg Knights of Columbus, and Iván Velasquez.

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

Mrs. Walker took the time to introduce some of the City's newest workers hired in the Public Works Department. The following gentleman were introduced by Mrs. Walker:

- Richard Sellsted – Electric Superintendent
- Jason Collinsworth – Electric Department
- Philip Rocha – Parks and Rec
- Eric Cullen – Wastewater Department
- Daniel Janak – Wastewater Department
- Chris Herrera – Parks and Rec

Johnnie Demel, Parks and Rec, and Ben Jahn, Street, were also recognized but were unable to attend.

Mrs. Walker then introduced Cynthia Kirchoff of Messer, Fort, & McDonald to the Council. Ms. Kirchoff will be replacing current City Attorney, Monte Akers, who is retiring.

Tina Bohlmann, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission, presented Council with a rezoning request of the Rodriguez property located at 1005 Summit Street from Residential to Neighborhood Business. Mrs. Bohlmann stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission met on May 27th. The intention is for the Rodriguez's to sell plants out of their backyard. Customers will have access to the back yard through the alley. Mrs. Bohlmann informed Council there was no opposition to the rezoning and the rezoning passed unanimously.

Alderman Veselka asked Mrs. Bohlmann exactly what house this would be at. Mrs. Bohlmann replied that it is the house West of the house at the corner of Summit and Bohlmann.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to accept Planning and Zoning's recommendation.

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

- (A) The minutes from the Council Meeting held on May 17, 2021
- (B) The payment of current bills

Mrs. Walker led discussion on appointing Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace, Dan Mueller, to organize and plan the Sesquicentennial Celebration for the City of Schulenburg. Mrs. Walker said that Judge Mueller approached her about putting a committee together to plan the 150th anniversary of Schulenburg in 2023 and the first step would be to appoint someone to spearhead the committee.

Alderman Herzik made the motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to appoint Judge Mueller. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker invited Stanley Pesek with the Schulenburg Knights of Columbus to go before Council to request Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds for the KCs State Softball Tournament and the Schulenburg Festival Softball Tournament also sponsored by the Schulenburg Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Pesek stated that the KCs were requesting \$1,700 for the State Tournament and \$7,600 for the Festival Tournament.

Mrs. Walker informed Council that the City budgeted \$9,000. Mr. Pesek said that the additional \$300 was to pay for security, requested by Chief Brenek, for the State Tournament.

Alderman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Herzik to approve the funds for the State Softball Tournament. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to approve the funds for the Schulenburg Festival Softball Tournament. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on an Industrial Ordinance related to the City's wastewater system, discharges and regulations.

Mrs. Walker stated that this ordinance has been reviewed by two attorneys, the Wastewater Department, engineers, and herself and she is confident to present the ordinance to Council.

Alderman Ahlschlager asked which business this will affect. Mrs. Walker replied that this was brought forward with collaboration with DFA. However, this ordinance will affect any industrial business that doesn't have a pre-treatment wastewater facility.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on the ratification and revocation of the Access Licenses for the Frank Wick III and Biersdorfer properties.

Mrs. Walker informed Council that today the City finalized the land swap with Elgin Kristinik. As a result, the access licenses granted to the Wick and Biersdorfer properties were revoked by the City.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to ratify and revoke the licenses. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on changing the July 5th meeting to July 6th at 6:00 in observance of the July 4th Holiday.

Alderman Herzik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam, to move the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Judge, Kayla Peters' report was presented in Council's Packet.

Police Chief, Troy Brenek's report was presented in Council's Packet.

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

Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, reported the following to Council:

- Water Department collected TCEQ samples, read water meters, assisted wastewater with motor maintenance, performed connects and disconnects, and Superintendent, Jason Strickland, attended training.
- Electric Department fixed services on Vyvjala Road and trimmed all the trees along that line. In addition, they're continuing to try to isolate the issues on the line that feeds East Summit and East Anderson. They also trimmed trees.
- Parks Department has been mowing all around town and prepping fields for the myriad of practices, camps, and tournaments that have been going on this summer.
- Street Department has been trimming trees along Highway 90, patching, and hauling garbage.

City Administrator, Tami Walker, reported the following to Council:

- May 26, Darryl and I attended a GIS Software demonstration in an effort to digitally map out all of the City's underground utilities.
- May 27, was Glenn Muhlstein's last day at the City. He retired.
- June 3, Scott Stoner resigned from the City.
- June 4, I returned to work after quarantine.
- June 8, Darryl and I met in regards to combining Water and Wastewater Departments.
- June 9-11 I was out for vacation days.
- June 16-18, Mason was in Granbury attending a TMCA Seminar
- June 17, GST pre-bid meeting and a pre-planning meeting for improvements for the County Barn Lift Station.
- June 21, Mason passed his mosquito spraying license. Mayor and I spoke at the NVCC lunch, and we finalized the land swap with KFS Marketing.
- June 22, I will attend the Library Meeting.

Mrs. Walker also commented that Greg Janda and Chief Brenek, on behalf of the Schulenburg Little League, commended Johnnie for the work he has been doing at the Sports Complex.

The Swimming Pool was closed Sunday in observance of Fathers' Day.

Mrs. Walker also expressed thanks to Kenny and Mason for covering the office while the rest of the staff was quarantined.

Mrs. Walker is going to be on vacation from July 12-15.

The Texan is supposed to start construction in July and Ace Hardware is supposed to begin construction in August.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Herzik to adjourn the meeting at 6:36. The motion passed unanimously.