

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
August 2, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, August 2nd, 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, Wendy Fietsam, Ben Herzik, Clarence Ahlschlager, and Larry Veselka. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Walker, Chief Troy Brenek, Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, and Human Resources Officer, Mason Florus.

Visitors included, Darrell Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Schulenburg Festival President, Mike Zweschper, James Brossmann, and Iván Velasquez.

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

Chief Brenek introduced the newest officer, Chris Kalina, to Council. Officer Kalina is a four-year law enforcement veteran from Shiner and was hired on 7-20-21.

Under Presentations by Citizens, Festival President, Mike Zweschper, formally invited Council to the Festival. Mr. Zweschper also thanked Tami, Darryl, and all City Staff for everything they do for the Festival

Alderman Thomas entered Council Chambers at 6:03 and took his seat at the Alderman Dais.

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

- (A) The minutes from the Regular Scheduled Meeting held on July 19th, 2021
- (B) The payment of current bills.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Line Extension Policy. Mrs. Walker stated that Schneider Engineering prepared said policy for the City and it is to protect our electric lines for residential, non-residential, commercial, large commercial, and heavy industrial. This will be a guide with costs attached to it. Mrs. Walker concluded by saying that the numbers represent the market right now and it will be beneficial to staff.

Alderman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Herzik, to accept the Line Extension Policy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a School Zone- SL 222 (Lyons Avenue) from a point 1,465 ft South of US 90 (Summit Street) to a point 1,154 ft South, a distance of approximately 0.219 miles, 25 miles per hour when signed.

Chief said he has been working with TxDOT on the signs. After speaking with the attorney this verbiage will suffice. There wasn't an ordinance from the original school zone on Kessler. Once it is researched when that school zone was established at the next Council Meeting, Council will adopt an ordinance establishing both school zones.

Alderman Herzik asked if the signs were up. Chief replied that the poles and lights are installed and once passed TxDOT will bring the signs.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to adopt the new School Zone. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on replacing Highway 90 B Phase and Arm Change Out with a contractor and exceeding the purchase limits of \$20,000. Mrs. Walker said there have been numerous problems with this line and the City would hire a contractor to replace 26 of the 39 poles on this line.

Mrs. Walker said right now we only have two linemen and cannot do it inhouse. The contractor would complete the job for \$33,700. As a result, the two compactors will be on hold.

Alderman Ahlschlager asked if both compactors would be on hold. Mrs. Walker responded yes because this is a more pressing issue.

Alderman Veselka raised the question of how long this line runs.

Darryl Moeller answered that the line starts at Prime Products, cuts across 90, then goes east along 90 down 1579. Moeller added that LCRA have deemed 71 poles around town that need to be replaced and this project would take care of a lot of said bad poles. The new poles will have everything new including fiberglass arms and lightning arresters.

Alderman Veselka asked what the white "X"s were on poles around town.

Mrs. Walker said that those are the poles LCRA marked that they recommend we replace. Mrs. Walker added that the City has been trying to implement a system to number poles so staff could better keep track. However, it is labor intensive and will take a long time but the City still plans on doing that eventually.

Alderman Ahlschlager asked if the wire would be old or new and what kind of poles.

Moeller responded that it will be all new wire and wooden poles.

Alderman Herzik asked if we can still get one compactor.

Mrs. Walker said that right now we are focused on the line.

Alderman Thomas asked if DFA and the County could hold on without the compactors.

Moeller replied that the compactor at DFA is old but can still be used. He added that the County currently uses dumpster, the compactor would replace those so at the moment the County will continue to use dumpsters at the recycling center.

Alderman Herzik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager to approve the Phase and Arm Changeout. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Walker added that line will be complete before September 30th.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on setting a date for a budget workshop in addition to the approved date of August 9th, 2021. At 5:00P.M.

Mrs. Walker informed Council that there are a lot of projects but if Council is committed one meeting should suffice. This meeting date is strictly a back up date that will only be used if needed.

Alderman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Herzik, to set the date August 11th at 6:30 P.M. at the City Hall Multipurpose Room. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on setting a date and time for a Special Meeting to accept pricing on concrete flat work on Keuper Street.

Mrs. Walker stated that Darryl reached out to four or five contractors for the concrete work. Mrs. Walker informed Council that the City is required to go out for bid for any project over \$50,000. The bid is being advertised for 14 days and the deadline will be 1:00 P.M. August 19th.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Herzik, that should it be needed, the Special Meeting will be on August 23rd, at 5:00 at the Council Chambers.

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

Chief Brenek reported that him and his officers are ready for Festival. He has also been in contact with TxDOT about reducing speed limits coming in North and South of town on 77. Chief concluded saying that it's good to have Chris on board, and Frank is still on limited duty because of health reasons.

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

- Street Department has been in Wolters Park painting, spreading mulch, patching in the park, and patching around town
- Parks Department has been mowing at the Sports Complex, Wolters Park, and all over town
- Wastewater Department hauled 4 loads of sludge, sprayed the plants for weeds, mowed the plants, and helped with a waterline on Anderson
- Water Department worked on a motor at the City Pool, replaced 32 feet of pipe at Well 9, read water meters, installed a tap at 617 Anderson, ran 100 feet of new waterline and installed a new meter
- Electric Department installed a new pole for the Cajun food truck on Wolters, they replaced a broken pole on 90, and have been in Wolters park testing/replacing plugs and spaying yellow jackets

City Administrator, Tami Walker, updated Council on the following:

- Fulfilled all HR duties for Mason while he was on vacation
- Helped with billing with Megan on vacation
- There will be a bid opening for the Ground Storage Tank at Henderson Hill on Tuesday, August 3, 2021.
- Thank you to the Garden Company and the Street Department for the rocks and boulders in the flowerbeds in the Railroad Park. The City will try to do the same thing at Mid Cities.

At 6:43 Council adjourned into Executive Session to discuss the following pursuant to Government Code, Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property.

And, Government Code Section 551.074 Personnel Matters – 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 reconvened into regular session. Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Herzik, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40. No action was taken on either item.