

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
August 9, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in a Budget Workshop on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 5:05 p.m. at the City Hall Multi-Purpose Meeting Room. 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, Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, Accounts Payable / Municipal Court Clerk, Julie Cernosek, and Human Resources Officer, Mason Florus.

Visitors included Ivan Velasquez.

Mayor Kocian called roll

Mrs. Walker presented that Council consider and review the proposed budget for the FY2021-2022 and allow for additions, changes, corrections, and deletions.

Mrs. Walker stated that the current budget shows a deficit of \$467,525. Mrs. Walker explained that the City is going to receive \$640,000 in COVID relief that can be used towards infrastructure. The City will receive half of said money in the 21-22 budget year. After the \$320,000 goes towards the deficit, Mrs. Walker is proposing that the City use reserves to cover the remaining \$147,525 deficit.

Mrs. Walker explained that this budget is showing a 5.6% increase compared to last year's. Mrs. Walker stated that the major project that is responsible for the bulk of the budget is the Ground Storage Tank at Henderson Hill. This new tank is going to cost \$1,111,000.

Mrs. Walker then went department by department and staff answered any questions that arose from Council.

Alderman Herzik asked about the Time Clock Plus. Human Resources Officer, Mason Florus, explained that it is a system that is made by our current payroll software company and all the employees time will be automatically loaded into the software. Florus went on to explain that this price also contains the four automatic timeclocks. From here on out, all the City will have to pay for are maintenance fees.

Alderman Ahlschlager asked about the new police vehicle. Chief Brenek replied that the department tries to buy at least one new vehicle a year and rotate. Chief also informed Council that the bid on the new roof for the Police Station will contain a twenty-year warranty.

Mrs. Walker explained to Council about the Sky Logic automated lighting system at the Sports Complex in an effort to make sure funds are collected for field light usage.

Alderman Veselka asked about mowers. Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, replied that for the money, ExMarks are the best mowers and the City just has to purchase new ones every year and rotate them to other departments solely based on the hours the City puts on them.

Alderman Ahlschlager inquired about purchasing generators for the Water Department. Mrs. Walker stated that she is going after CBDG Funds for that.

Alderman Veselka asked about the excavator. Moeller stated that we've been renting one for a while and we will save money if we buy one. The expense will be spread across several departments.

Alderman Thomas rose questions about the new County Barn Lift Station. Mrs. Walker replied that the load is too much and it needs to be overhauled.

Alderman Fietsam mentioned the Civic Center. Council is undecided on any renovations at the moment.

Mrs. Walker mentioned to Council that this budget does factor in Health, Dental, and Vision insurance bundled through TML and will be offered for employees.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on canceling the second budget workshop date set for August 11th, at 6:30.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to cancel the second budget workshop. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Herzik, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00. The motion passed unanimously.