

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
September 20, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, September 20, 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, Larry Veselka, Ben Herzik, and Clarence Ahlschlager. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Walker, Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, City Attorney, Cynthia Kirchoff, Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, Accounts Payable Officer, Julie Cernosek, Billing Manager, Megan Bartos, and Human Resources Officer, Mason Florus.

Visitors included, Darrell Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Fayette County Precinct 4 Commissioner, Drew Brossmann, and Reverend Andrew Stafford.

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

Under Presentations by Citizens, Commissioner Brossmann wanted to inform Council on the status of a new location for EMS Station 4. Commissioner Brossmann explained that Mr. Greive has agreed to donate an acre of land behind Family Dollar. Brossmann went on to say that this will be an ideal spot because the land is currently not in the City Limits and County Tax Payers will save money by not having to pay for City fees such as inspection costs. However, once built, the County would like the property to be annexed so the City can provide utilities to the new station. Brossmann encouraged Council to put this item on the next meeting's agenda.

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

- (A) The minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting held on September 7, 2021
- (B) The payment of current bills

Accounts Payable Officer, Julie Cernosek, led discussion on the FY2020-2021 Budget Amendments. Mrs. Cernosek stated that we had some unforeseen events occur this year and we are required to do Budget Amendments for departments that go over 10% of what was budgeted for said department.

The Amendments are as follows:

- Wolters Park – Expo Center Roof, \$11,500
- Office and Management - \$4,100 for purchasing office equipment for new hire Kenny Schramek, and \$3,700 for increased telephone service.
- Police Department - \$16,500 for increased telephone services and purchasing new radios and \$22,008 for repairs to the roof and gutters and \$17,992 towards a new vehicle after officer Parkinson's vehicle was hit during the Winter Storm.

Mrs. Cernosek also noted several other items that were not budgeted but were paid with grants or donations:

- \$21,700 for a new scoreboard at Field #2 donated by Fayette Savings Bank
- \$5,000 for purchasing new drink coolers and a fridge for the concession stand, donated by the EDC
- \$11,256.40 for purchasing new computers for the Library, donated by the Schulenburg Library Foundation

Alderman Fietsam asked if the Fire Department was okay with taking the money from the pension plan to cover the expenses for the Police roof and gutters. Cernosek answered that the Fire Department is now allowed to contribute directly. In the past, the City would budget the whole amount and SVFD would reimburse the City. This particular money was left over.

Alderman Fietsam also inquired about the phone bills being so expensive. Cernosek stated that City Hall and the Police Department both have a myriad of computers, security cameras, and other devices, that all require high speed internet. The City currently has the fastest speed available so all the equipment can function.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Herzik, to accept the Budget Amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker read an Ordinance adopting the budget for FY 2021-2022, beginning October 1st and ending September 30th.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Herzik, to adopt the Ordinance. Mayor Kocian called a Roll Vote as follows:

- Alderman Ahlschlager – For
- Alderman Herzik – For
- Alderman Veselka – For
- Alderman Fietsam – For

Mrs. Walker read an Ordinance adopting the 2021 Tax Rate and ratify the tax increase reflected in the adopted budget for FY2021-2022, beginning October 1st and ending September 30th.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam, to adopt the Ordinance. Mayor Kocian called a Roll Vote as follows:

- Alderman Ahlschlager – For
- Alderman Herzik – For
- Alderman Veselka – For
- Alderman Fietsam – For

Mrs. Walker read an Ordinance adopting Appendix A – Schedule of Fees in addition to the City's core services. After the Ordinance was read, Mrs. Walker elaborated that there had been a few changes since the last meeting. This includes a Discing Fee for the Rodeo Arena, a Cleanup Fee for the Rodeo Arena, and a Plug-in Fee for the all City Parks.

Alderman Herzik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam, to adopt the Ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Amending Chapter 1 of the City's Code of Ordinances for General Provisions. Mrs. Walker stated that some things have changed such as the time of the meetings, Presentation by Citizen time allotment, and the layout of the meetings.

Mrs. Walker then read the Amendment.

Alderman Herzik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam, to adopt the Amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker read a Resolution for the City's Investment Policy.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam, to adopt the Resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on the 2021-2022 Schulenburg Economic Development Corporation Budget.

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

Mrs. Walker presented Council with the 2021-2022 Officers and Directors for the Schulenburg Economic Development Corporation Board. The names and positions are as follows:

Officers:

- President – Paddy Magliolo
- Vice President – Sylvia Mendoza
- Secretary – Wendy Fietsam
- Treasurer – Ed Glass

Board Members:

- Mark Friedrich
- Ona Marak
- Larry Veselka

Legal Counsel:

- Bo Dawson
- Cynthia Kirchoff

Advisors:

- Iván Velasquez
- Tami Walker

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Herzik, to accept the Officers and Directors. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Mayoral Appointments for 2021-2022. Mrs. Walker pointed out the changes from the previous year.

Mason Florus will be appointed City Secretary effective November 1st, after Florus becomes a Certified Municipal Clerk through the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program with the University of North Texas.

Other appointments include Kathy Kleiber and Ruben Rodriguez being added to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Kathy Orsak and Sandy Kusy being added to the Board of Adjustments, Alderman Thomas being added as a City rep for the Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Walker being added to the Expo Center Committee, and Alderman Ahlschlager being added to the Navidad Valley Community Connections as a City rep.

Mayor Kocian then entertained a motion to elect Alderman Veselka as Mayor Pro-Tem. Alderman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Herzik, to accept Alderman Veselka as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, delivered his report to Council.

Chief reported last Saturday a gentleman had a heart attack and collapsed on 77 while walking between City Market and Kountry Bakery. The responding ambulance was involved in a wreck at 90 and Upton. As a result, Sergeant Roggenkamp came in and he and SVFD blocked traffic at both scenes. Chief also wanted to thank Officer Castilleja and bystanders who performed CPR for over 40 minutes.

Chief also informed Council that he has been following up on Code Enforcement. He had 38 cases, up 18 from last meeting.

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

- Sewer Department worked on the pump at the Sports Complex Lift Station, assisted Water Department with a leak on Simpson, worked on a backup by the School, and pumped three boxes of sludge.
- Electric Department has been replacing poles and transformers, working on lights, trimmed trees on Lyons, and trimmed trees on Paulus.
- Water Department worked on a six-inch leak on the 100 block of Russek, worked on a six-inch main leak by Field #2, worked on issues at Well 12, and worked on relocating a line at the Texan.
- Street Department has been working on Baumgarten, built a box to store all the flags in, and picked up patch. Moeller stated that the guys are starting to pick up the patch themselves now which is saving the City money.

City Administrator, Tami Walker, announced to Council that current Parks Department Operator, Chris Herrera, will be taking over working at the Leaf and Limb site on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Mrs. Walker then reported the following to Council:

- September 9 - Mason and I met with Kolby, our TML Risk Pool rep. City Staff and I met with Antonio Espinosa Jr. and other developers to discuss a proposed project in Mid-Cities
- September 14 – City Staff and I met with developer and he presented his conceptual plan to build 51 houses along East Ave. next to the Clinic
- September 16 – Contacted Judge Webber about donating the land where the Boy Scout Hut sits for the new EMS Station 4

- September 17 – Conference Call with the attorney. Met with Brenda Shelby to discuss purchasing property by the Expo Center
- September 20 – Met with Commissioner Drew Brossmann and EMS Director Josh Vandever in regards to building the New EMS Station 4 outside the City Limits

Future Meetings :

- State of the LCRA Luncheon in La Grange – October 5th
- TML Conference in Houston - October 6th, 7th, and 8th

At 6:55, Council adjourned into Executive Session to discuss the following pursuant to Government Code, Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

Council came out of Executive Session at 7:57. No action was taken.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Herzik, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58. The motion passed unanimously.