

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
November 1, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, November 1, 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, Larry Veselka, Ben Herzik, and Clarence Ahlschlager. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Walker, Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included, Darrell Vyyjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Ona Marak, Chairperson of the Board of Adjustments, Phyllis Venghaus with Parents As Teachers, Zalma Hig, Jose Rivas, Jim Miksch, Betty Miksch, Loretta Baumgarten, Holly Hutchins Irwin, Jeremy Baumgarten, Walter M. Irwin, Nancy Tinsley, and Windi Raphael.

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

Under Presentations by Citizens, Jim Miksch addressed Council. Mr. Miksch stated that he lives at 210 Kleseel Street, and his neighbor (Danny Hartensteiner) at 200 Kelseel built a "Monstrosity" of a metal building on the lot located at 202 Kleseel, (also Mr. Hartensteiner's property).

Mr. Miksch asked Council why no one in the neighborhood was notified that this building was being constructed. Mayor reminded Mr. Miksch that Council couldn't comment on issues brought up in Presentations by Citizens. Mr. Miksch thanked Council for their time and stepped away from the podium.

Next, under Presentations by Citizens, Jeremy Baumgarten spoke to Council. Mr. Baumgarten began by quoting Schulenburg City Zoning Ordinance 6.13, Screening Fences Required on New Construction. After reading the Ordinance, Mr. Baumgarten stated that a property line "Clearly" exists between his residential property and The Texan Truckstop.

He continued saying that City Hall has failed to enforce this ordinance by approving The Texan's permit without the fence included in the plan. "In order to avoid acknowledging and correcting it's mistake, City Hall has chosen to claim this Ordinance is not applicable to the current situation." Mr. Baumgarten went on exclaiming that he is "Officially requesting City Council go through whatever proceedings it must in order to see that its own Ordinance is properly interpreted and applied." Mr. Baumgarten emphasized that he wanted to let all citizens know that his request to be put on the agenda to discuss the discrepancies was denied.

Under Presentations, Proclamations, and Recognitions, Parents as Teachers (PAT) was recognized. Mrs. Walker read the Proclamation and PAT representative, Phyllis Venghaus, thanked Council for everything they do and took a photo to honor the signing of the Proclamation.

Ona Marak, Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Adjustments, presented Council the results of a hearing in regards to a variance request from Section 3 of Exhibit A of Chapter 10 of the Schulenburg Code of Ordinances and build a fence 2' into easement on back-alley side and 4' into easement on front street side of property located at 610 Baumgarten Street allowing the Humke's to line their fence with their neighbors' fence.

Mrs. Marak stated that the board met October 26th. There were no neighbors in attendance and the Humke's were present and answered the questions from the Board. Sherry Bubela made the motion, seconded by Ronald Ryba, to allow the Humke's to build their fence in the easement. The motion carried 3-1.

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

- (A) The minutes from the Regular Scheduled Meeting held on October 18, 2021
- (B) The payment of current bills

The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on the purchase of a portion of a tract from Brenda Shelby in Block 76 located at 1003 Kallus Street. Mrs. Walker announced that the City and Mrs. Shelby settled on a sum of \$30,000 for the 1.2 acres of land and the paperwork is filed with the title company and baring Council's approval, the two parties can begin the closing process.

Alderman Herzik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to purchase the piece of property. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on accepting the resignation of Chelsea Moller from serving on the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Mrs. Walker informed Council that after the last meeting, Ms. Moeller informed Mrs. Marak that she wanted to step down but there was nothing in writing. However, Ms. Moeller later sent Mrs. Marak a text. Mrs. Walker asked Council to accept this as a formal written resignation.

Alderman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka, to accept Ms. Moller's resignation. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on reinstating Mark Shimek to the Zoning Board of Adjustments as an alternate. Based on Ms. Moeller stepping down, Mrs. Marak moved Sandy Kusy out of the Alternate spot and Mr. Shimek confirmed he would come back and serve as an alternate until they find another representative for the board.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Herzik, to reinstate Mr. Shimek to the board. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on the 2022 Holiday Schedule. Mrs. Walker professed to Council that for the past few years, the City has adopted the same Holiday Schedule that the County goes by. Mrs. Walker stated that the only changes this year will be the addition of Juneteenth.

Alderman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka, to accept the 2022 Holiday Schedule. The motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Court Judge, Kayla Peters, and Library Director, Thadious Polasek's, reports were provided to Council.

Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, reported that his department has been investigating some additional financial crimes but other than that, nothing too out of the ordinary. Chief continued saying that the roof repair at the PD began and the new car is going to start being outfitted soon. Chief, Sergeant Roggenkamp, and Officer Meagher are continuing to work on the system to simplify reports and code enforcement violations.

Chief concluded by discussing that he is working with Purdue on the issue of 18-wheelers driving down Russek, Eilers, and West. Chief exclaimed that in addition to the signs that Darryl and the guys have already installed, Purdue is informing their contractors and delivery drivers of the appropriate route, and putting up temporary signs.

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

- The Sewer Department installed the new panels at the I10 and Boneyard Lift Stations for the SCADA System, installed a new tap behind Tillie's for the new sports bar, picked up the new jetter trailer, and Eric passed his Class C Wastewater License Exam
- The Electric Department ran new underground lines for Foster's Branch, ran new service at the County Barn for their compactor, ran new service at 3 Oaks RV Park, and cut up fallen trees after the storm
- The Water Department repaired a leak at 116 Simpson, repaired a 2" leak on the 1500 block of Kellett, assisted the Sewer Department in installing the Tap behind Tillie's, and drained the Ground Storage Tank at Henderson Hill
- The Street Department installed a culvert at 610 Baumgarten, worked on prepping the street for a concrete apron on the corner of Melba and N. Upton, went to El Campo to pick up the Kubota tractor after it had its clutch replaced, and installed signs

Moeller also announced that all of Public Works were fitted for new uniforms. The City didn't renew their contract with Gorman's and will begin using Unifirst as the uniform provider.

Alderman Veselka asked Mr. Moeller if all the work is done with the Ground Storage Tank at the Main Pump House. Moeller replied, yes. The work is complete and all the dirt is leveled out.

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

- Thursday, October 21 – met with a developer and attended an EDC meeting
- Friday, October 22 – Interviewed three current employees for the Water/Wastewater Superintendent position
- Monday, October 25 – Darryl, EMS Director, Josh Vandever, County Inspector, Clint Sternadel, Precinct 4 Commissioner, Drew Brossmann, and myself, met in regards to

the new EMS Station. Met with Navidad Valley in regards to water drainage, handicap parking, and signage

- Tuesday, October 26 – attended a board of adjustment meeting
- October 27-29, Mason and I attended a TMCA Seminar in Galveston

Mrs. Walker informed Council that the commissioner of the Pecos League, a professional independent baseball league, will meet with the Sports Complex Committee Wednesday, November 3, 2021 on potentially bringing a team to Schulenburg.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Herzik, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27. The motion passed unanimously.