

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG  
SCHULENBURG, TX  
July 5, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 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 Gregg Thomas, Wendy Fietsam, Larry Veselka, Howard Stoner, and Clarence Ahlschlager. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Walker, Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included, Darrell Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker and Iván Velasquez.

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

Mrs. Walker informed Council that Terri Wagner, Executive Director of the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce, was supposed to present numbers from the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Sausagefest. However, due to the death of her father she was unable to attend and will make her presentation at a future meeting.

Alderman Stoner requested that Consent Agenda Item D, the payment of current bills, be taken out of consent agenda for discussion.

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

- (A) The minutes from the Regular Scheduled Meeting on June 21, 2022
- (B) The minutes from the Workshop on June 27, 2022
- (C) The minutes from the Special Meeting on June 27, 2022

Alderman Stoner inquired about several bills. Stoner stated that we have four Class A CDL drivers, and a lift at the Warehouse, so why does the City get a third party to haul sludge and change tires. Stoner also questioned why Smith Electric was hired to clear brush.

Mrs. Walker replied that sometimes the guys get tied up with other projects and Aquazime Services hauls sludge while Aquazime Disposal is where the City purchases polymer. Mrs. Walker continued that we do the majority of our vehicle maintenance but again when we get behind, we stay local and buy tires and get them installed from a local shop. Mrs. Walker also replied that Smith has been clearing brush for us for years because the City simply does not have the equipment nor the manpower to clear major stretches of brush on the rural lines.

Mrs. Walker addressed other bills explaining that Techline is for replenishing electrical inventory, Qutell is a property management software for PD, and BEFCO is engineering fees for steaking on Keuper and James Avenues.

Alderman Stoner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam, to accept the payment of current bills. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on setting Budget Workshop dates. Mrs. Walker suggested Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup> , and Wednesday August 17<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Walker also stated that she would like to set the tax rate and establish a public hearing on the regular scheduled meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to set Budget Workshop dates Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. at the City Hall Multi-Purpose Room. The motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Court Judge, Kayla Peters, Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, and Public Library Director, Thadious Polasek's reports were included in Council's packets.

Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller's report was included in Council's packets but he announced that the City is planning on not running a Saturday garbage route any longer. Moeller said they will deliver a few more dumpsters to some business that should hold them over. Moeller stated that this will give the employees more free time and save the City some overtime. Moeller concluded that they will try it and if it doesn't work out, the City will go back to running a Saturday route.

Alderman Stoner asked which garbage truck had issues. Moeller replied the big garbage truck had the DEF issue, the oldest truck's AC went out, and the newest truck had an issue with the cylinder.

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

- May 25, conducted a staff meeting
- June 2, myself and Mayor met with Melanie Ramirez with the Boys & Girls Club
- June 6, Mason filled in for me at the Council Meeting
- June 13, Supak installed the control panel at the County Barn Lift Station
- June 20, the City was closed in observance of Juneteenth
- June 21, Mason filled in for me at the Council Meeting
- June 22, attended a meeting in La Grange over disbursement of County GLO funds
- June 23, Strand conducted a study on the City's wastewater system, closed on the Brenda Shelby property, and attended a Parks & Rec meeting.
- June 27, met with Langford in regards to the generators and conducted the Civic Center workshop and special meeting.
- June 28, the pool began their extended hours
- June 29, called Strand in regards to the new Ground Storage Tank at Henderson Hill
- June 30, Strand called back and waiting on the final inspection of the Ground Storage Tank

Mrs. Walker also announced that the pool was closed June 18<sup>th</sup> and will be closed July 10<sup>th</sup> due to staffing, bank bids have been sent out, the City received a Festival Parade entry, the Major Girls Allstar Sectional Tournament finished up this weekend, the Juniors Boys Allstar Sectional Tournament will finish up tonight, and M&C Fonseca requested their first payment of \$123,660. This payment was already approved by Council.

Mrs. Walker concluded by announcing to Council that there has been a second application for non-traditional housing in Schulenburg and she is asking Council make a good faith effort to address non-traditional housing in our code of ordinances.

Alderman Veselka asked Mrs. Walker if the City could do anything about the antique store on Lyons putting inventory out on the sidewalk blocking access. Alderman Stoner also inquired about a car with expired registration that's been parked on Lyons and the waterway by the old Lakeside being overgrown.

Mrs. Walker said she will contact Code Enforcement about Aldermen Veselka and Stoner's concerns.

Mrs. Walker professed that the Ground Storage Tank at Henderson Hill is starting to be filled. It is currently at 7 feet. However, the guys only fill it during working hours.

Alderman Stoner asked if there is a time limit built into the bid on the County Barn Lift Station. Mrs. Walker replied usually yes but, in this case, the contractor had a really hard time getting materials.

Mrs. Walker reported the following outages for the second quarter of 2022:

- 26 Electric
- 4 Water
- 8 Wastewater
- 3 Others

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to adjourn the meeting at 6:37. The motion passed unanimously.