

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
August 10, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the City Hall Multi-Purpose Meeting Room. The elected officials present included Mayor Elaine Kocian, Aldermen Greg Thomas, Wendy Fietsam, Howard Stoner, 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, Billing Manager, Megan Bartos, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included Executive Director of the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce, Terri Wagner.

Mayor Kocian called roll

Mrs. Walker presented that Council consider and review the proposed budget for the FY2022-2023 and allow for additions, changes, corrections, and deletions.

Executive Director of the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce, Terri Wagner, Presented the budget for the Chamber and Sausagefest. The Chamber budget is requesting \$79,300, up from \$65,500 from last year. Sausagefest is proposing a budget of \$20,650.

Mrs. Wagner was asked where the money from Sausagefest goes. Mrs. Wagner replied that all the money goes back towards the festival or to the non-profits who participate in by having booths at the festival.

Mrs. Walker then started discussion of the Revenue Departments

The Capital Projects discussed for Garbage Department were a potential totter truck, a strait truck, and a new compactor for DFA.

Alderman Fietsam asked why The City went from making money to losing money in the Garbage Department. Mrs. Walker stated that if Council wishes to stay in the garbage business staff is proposing investing in new equipment.

Billing Manager, Megan Bartos, explained that the City raising rates would recoup some of the expenses.

The Capital Projects discussed for the Warehouse Department were repainting the warehouse along with adding and awning and replacing signage and the perimeter fence.

Capital Projects discussed for the Sewer Department included engineering fees for Babylon Sewer Plant. Mrs. Walker informed Council that this is a result of the Plant being close to full capacity.

Mrs. Walker explained that TCEQ requires that if a plant reaches 75% capacity, that plant must begin making plans for plant expansion.

Alderman Stoner asked if all industrial customers pretreat their wastewater. Mrs. Walker answered that one does not. The City is also going to reach out to every industrial customer and inquire about increases in their production to better suit the plant.

Capital Projects discussed for the Water Department were replacing water lines on 957, Russek Street, and the generators for the plants.

Capital Projects discussed for the Electric Department was about the line re-route for the Nicor Building off 2672.

Capital Projects discussed in HOT Funds was the \$100,000 allotted for the Civic Center renovation. Mrs. Walker also mentioned that the EDC is considering contributing \$100,000 as well.

Mrs. Walker then led discussion on departments in the General Fund. Capital Projects discussed for the Street Department included the rebuilding of Russek Street.

Mrs. Walker presented Council with handouts showing the break down of all the City's Reserve Funds.

Billing Manager, Megan Bartos, led discussion on increases in the Schedule of Fees. Alderman Ahlschlager asked when the last time water and sewer tap fees increased. Mrs. Bartos answered 2015. Alderman Ahlschlager stated that he is in favor of raising the fees.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50. The motion passed unanimously.