

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
September 6, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Tuesday, September 6, 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 Wendy Fietsam, Larry Veselka, Howard Stoner, and Clarence Ahlschlager. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Walker, Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Eric Cullen, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included, Darrell Vyyjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Pastor J.P. Kessie, Nancy Tinsley, Jeremy Baumgarten, Loretta Baumgarten, and Iván Velasquez.

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

Alderman Stoner requested that Consent Agenda Item C, the Payment of Current Bills, be pulled out of Consent Agenda for discussion.

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

- (A) Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting held on August 15, 2022
- (B) Minutes from the Budget Workshop held on August 17, 2022

Alderman Stoner inquired about several invoices from M&C Fonseca. Alderman Stoner stated that the bill for the work done at 610 James called for 35 linier feet of curbing and 86 cubic yards of concrete. Alderman Stoner said "there's no way that was 86 cubic yards." Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, stated that the invoice caught the City's attention too and they measured today and contacted M&C and is awaiting a response.

Alderman Stoner continued that 1121 James' statement claimed 28 cubic yards were poured and that also seems excessive. Moeller said he will look into it tomorrow.

Alderman Stoner asked about a bill from Mustang CAT. Moeller replied that it was with a pin axel that had to do with the power steering and after trying to fix ourselves, the City had to call in a technician and consequently sent it off to be repaired.

Alderman Stoner also questioned a bill from Smith Electric. Moeller answered that it was a small patch of shredding that was completed on CR 217.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to accept the payment of current bills. The motion passed 3-1 with Alderman Stoner voting against.

Alderman Veselka asked Alderman Stoner why after explanations on bills he still votes against. Alderman Stoner replied that he doesn't agree with some of the bills the City pays, especially if its for services the City used to perform themselves.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on adopting the 2022 Tax Rate. Mrs. Walker stated that the City met all advertising requirements. The proposed rate is the Voter Approved Rate of 0.21113 and will increase revenue by approximately \$39,226.36.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoner, to accept the proposed Tax Rate. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on setting a Budget Public Hearing for the FY2022-2023. Mrs. Walker recommended to Council that the Public Hearing be Monday, September 19, 2022 at 5:45 P.M.

Alderman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka, to set the Budget Public Hearing for the FY2022-2023. Monday, September 19, 2022 at 5:45 P.M. at the Council Chambers. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Amending an Ordinance Revising and Setting Rates for Water and Sewer services within the City. Mrs. Walker explained that the language reflects that rates will increase \$1 each year until the governing body agrees to remove the wording. Therefore, the increase will reflect the 2022-2023 FY and be affective October 1, 2022.

Alderman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoner, to amend the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Amending an Ordinance Revising and Setting Rates for Garbage Services within the City. Mrs. Walker informed Council that the language reflects an increase to the rates, in order to continue sanitation services. Therefore, the increase will reflect the 2022-2023 FY and be effective October 1, 2022.

Alderman Stoner asked if this is similar to the Water/Sewer rates that automatically increase \$1 every year. Mrs. Walker answered no, Council has to address this each year.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka, to amend the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Amending an Ordinance Revising and Setting Rates for Electric and terms of Charging for Electrical Service. Mrs. Walker elaborated that due to rising cost of materials and expanded service within the City, the increase in revenues is reflective in the proposed FY 2022-2023 budget and will be effective October 1, 2022.

Alderman Stoner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam, to amend the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on adopting Appendix A – Schedule of Fees in addition to the City's Core Services. Mrs. Walker explained to Council that more research had to be done on increases in Water Tap Fees. Therefore, she suggested postponing adopting the schedule until next meeting when water tap fees will be reflective in the fees.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to postpone the item until the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Re-Appointing Mr. Frank Bohlmann for a two-year term ending December 31, 2024, for the Fayette County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam, to Re-Appoint Mr. Frank Bohlmann. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Resolution for FY 22 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Statement of MVCPA Auxiliary Grant Award Grantee Acceptance Notice.

Mrs. Walker explained that this is not to exceed \$20,000 with a \$4,000 match from June 14, 2022, through August 31, 2023.

Chief Brenek elaborated that the City is partnering with the City of La Grange and splitting revenues and costs 50:50. Chief stated that when a vehicle is reported stolen, these cameras will read license plates and alert local law enforcement. The plan is to install fixed cameras at 77 and 90.

Alderman Veselka asked when this program will start. Chief answered that it depends on which vendor the City goes with but hopefully by the first of the year.

Alderman Ahlschlager inquired on how many cameras the City will purchase. Chief replied four, but the cameras will be lease to purchase, that way the City can return the cameras if the program is no longer desired after grant funds cease.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoner, to accept the Resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on restructuring, adding, and removing of previous Council Members from the signature card for all accounts at the City's Depository, Fayetteville Bank.

Alderman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka, to remove Former Alderman, Ben Herzik, and add Alderman Howard Stoner for the checking accounts and limit the money market accounts to the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, City Administrator, and City

Secretary for the signature card for the City's Depository, Fayetteville Bank. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Authorizing the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, City Administrator, and City Secretary to sign the Certificate of Deposits for the City's Depository, Fayetteville Bank, effective immediately.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam, authorizing the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, City Administrator, and City Secretary to sign the Certificate of Deposits for the City's Depository, Fayetteville Bank, effective immediately. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on setting a workshop date to discuss the Ordinance Amending Chapters 3 and 14 regarding Mobile Home, HUD Manufactured Housing, and Travel Trailers and Adopting Regulations for same and Non-Traditional Housing.

Alderman Stoner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to set the Workshop for Monday, September 12, at 5:00 P.M. at the Council Chambers. The motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Judge, Kayla Peters, and Library Director, Thadious Polasek's, reports were included in Council's Packets.

Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, reported to Council that former Sanitation Driver, Gina Harden, completed Code Enforcement Training and began her transfer to Code Enforcement / Animal Control Officer today.

The old IMCO and Lakeside properties are mowed. The PD is applying for a ballistic shield grant through the state, and a new officer, Michael Krenek, will start September 19th putting SPD at full staff.

Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller's report was included in Council's Packets. Moeller did invite Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Eric Cullen, to give an update on Babylon Sewer Plant.

Cullen reported that the MLSS on the New Side and Old Side is down to 9,500 from 11,280 and 9,700 from 11,360 respectfully.

The clarifiers are at 1 ½ feet of sludge down from 3 feet. The BOD is at a 214 down from about 3,000. Cullen said there is still a little work to be done but everything is looking good.

Alderman Stoner asked where the City was at pin pointing where the extra flow was coming from. Cullen answered the City purchased a portable flowmeter they'll use to try to locate the customer or customers responsible for the increases in flow.

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

- August 16, Megan and I participated in a conference call with Schneider, and sat in on an interview with Colton Dunk. Dunk was hired and started today in the Water/Wastewater Department
- August 17, participated in a staff meeting, and Megan and I took part in another conference call with Schneider
- August 18, Met with Darryl and Julie about budget
- August 19, posted Budget on the website. Reduced the deficit from \$408,077 to \$382,997
- August 22 and 23, completed work before attending training
- August 24-26, attended Open Meetings, and Open Records training through the TMCA in Corpus with Mason (Changes to the agenda will begin October 1).
- Mayor and Mason attended the State of the LCRA on August 30
- August 31, attended a meeting with City and County Staff about the new EMS Station
- September 4, was the speaker at the Flag Raising Ceremony at High Hill Picnic

Upcoming meetings include the Summit meeting September 8 at 10 A.M., ACE Hardware ribbon cutting September 10 at 11:00 A.M., and September 29, meeting to select recipients for the latest CDPP Grants.

Mrs. Walker read aloud a text message she received over the weekend applauding response time from the electrical department on an outage.

Alderman Stoner wanted to thank all of City Hall Staff for always being helpful and answering his questions.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50. The motion passed unanimously.