

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG  
SCHULENBURG, TX  
September 19, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, September 19, 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, Accounts Payable / Municipal Court Clerk, Julie Cernosek, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included, Darrell Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Chamber Director, Terri Wagner, Loretta Baumgarten, and Iván Velasquez.

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

Alderman Stoner pointed out a correction to the Minutes from the Workshop held on September 12, 2022. The minutes read "After discussion, Council came to a general consensus that residences under 6,000 square feet must be on a slab." Stoner stated that it should be 600. Council and Mrs. Walker agreed. Mrs. Walker noted that "6,000" will be stricken from the minutes and replaced with "600".

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam, to accept Consent Agenda Items A, B, and C. The motion passed 3-1 with Alderman Stoner voting against.

- A. Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting held on September 6, 2022
- B. Minutes from the Workshop held on September 12, 2022
- C. Payment of Current Bills

Mrs. Walker led discussion and read an Ordinance Adopting Appendix A – Schedule of Fees in addition to the City's core services.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion and read a Resolution approving a Depository Bank and approving a Bank Depository Service Contract for a period of five (5) years.

Mrs. Walker stated that Fayetteville Bank's bid was already accepted. This resolution will officially name Fayette Bank as the City's Depository.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on omitting a Council Member from the signature card for the checking account located at the City's Depository Fayetteville Bank. Alderman Stoner stated that he requested this item be put on the agenda and he wishes to be omitted for " Personal reasons."

Alderman Stoner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam, to omit Alderman Stoner. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on updating the signature card on Police Department Proceeds (Forfeiture) and Civil Asset accounts with the City's Depository Fayetteville Bank to include The Police Chief, Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, City Administrator, and City Secretary.

Alderman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka, to update the signature card. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on closing the Combined Utility and Special Projects accounts with the City's Depository Fayetteville Bank and deposit the remaining funds to Utility Reserves. Mrs. Walker stated that there has been no recent activity on these accounts and they are earning minimum interest.

Mrs. Walker continued that there are no checks for these accounts so the bank will deposit the \$67,876.40 from the Special Projects Account and \$49,768.95 from the Combined Utility Account into Utility Reserves Account.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam, to close the Combined Utility and Special Projects Accounts and transfer the funds from said accounts to the Utility Reserves Account. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on setting up an account at the City's Depository Fayetteville Bank for the Parks & Recreation Committee and allow the Committee Chair, Mayor, and City Administrator to sign on the account.

Mrs. Walker explained to Council funds collected for the outfield fence signs are currently with the Chamber. This would be an avenue to put the money back with the City and give the parks committee better access to receive and disperse funds.

Alderman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka, to open an account for the Parks & Recreation Committee and allow the Committee Chair, Mayor, and City Administrator to sign on the account. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker invited Accounts Payable officer, Julie Cernosek, to discuss Adopting Annual Municipal Budget Amendments to the General Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022.

Mrs. Cernosek presented the following amendments to Council:

- \$9,000 added to PD Fuel and \$9,000 deducted from Office Furniture/Equipment
- \$5,000 added to Sports Complex General Supplies and \$5,000 deducted from Office Furniture/Equipment
- \$3,500 added to Sports Complex Chemicals and \$3,500 deducted from Office Furniture/Equipment
- \$6,300 added to Sports Complex Electricity and \$6,300 deducted from Office Furniture/Equipment
- \$3,600 added to Sports Complex Building Improvements (Rollup Door) and \$3,600 deducted from Office Furniture/Equipment

- \$8,500 added to Sports Complex Operating Equipment (Security Cameras) and \$8,500 deducted from Building Improvements
- \$6,900 added to Sports Complex Land Improvements (Fence around transformer pad) and \$4,300 deducted from Operating Equipment and \$2,600 deducted from Operating Salary
- \$53,000 added to Street Department (Material for Keuper Ave. Construction) and \$53,000 deducted from Utility Reserves

Mrs. Cernosek also pointed out other unbudgeted expenditures such as \$33,917.62 for purchasing the Brenda Shelby Property and \$137,798 for the Civic Center.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion and read an Ordinance Adopting the Annual Municipal Budget for FY2022-023, beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> and ending September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka, to adopt the budget.

The vote occurred as follows:

Greg Thomas – Absent  
 Wendy Fietsam – Yes  
 Howard Stoner – No  
 Clarence Ahlschlager – Yes  
 Larry Veselka – Yes

The motion passed 3-1.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Ratifying the Tax Increases reflected in the Adopted Annual Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> and ending September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to ratify the tax increase.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion and read an Ordinance Adopting the 2022 Tax Rate. Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoner, to adopt the ordinance.

The vote occurred as follows:

Greg Thomas – Absent  
 Wendy Fietsam – Yes  
 Howard Stoner – Yes  
 Clarence Ahlschlager – Yes  
 Larry Veselka – Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Adopting an Investment Policy Resolution for the City of Schulenburg. Mrs. Walker professed to Council that there are no changes in the investment policy from the previous year.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Approving the 2022-2023 Schulenburg Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Budget.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to approve the EDC's budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on setting an additional workshop date to continue discussions Amending the Ordinance – Chapters 3 and 14 regarding Mobile Homes, HUD Manufactured Housing, and Travel Trailers and Adopting Regulations for same and Non-Traditional Housing.

Mrs. Walker suggested setting the workshop September 26<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 P.M. at the Council Chambers.

Alderman Stoner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam, to accept Mrs. Walker's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Brenek reported to Council that Gina is officially the Code Enforcement / Animal Control Officer, and will be officing out of the PD. Chief also announced that the department hired a new officer, Michael Krenek. Mr. Krenek is a 30-year veteran of law enforcement and was sworn in today.

Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller's report was included in Council's packets.

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

- September 7, Darryl and I attended a meeting in Lockhart
- September 8, Mason and I participated in a conference call with TML Health to discuss changes and increases to health insurance
- September 12, Worked on ad for the Chamber Magazine. Attended the Workshop related to HUD Manufactured Homes
- September 13, Organized an Emergency Operations Plan Drill with neighboring Municipal Owned Utilities, for required training, tied up loose ends with Darryl before he went on vacation, and attended a Parks & Rec Meeting
- September 14, Communicated with Schneider Engineering on the Reconductor on 2672. Communicated with Grant Writer – Judy Langford for Federal Funding. Attended an EDC Meeting
- September 15, Prepared documents and confirmed deadlines for documents to be completed and on file
- September 16, Worked a half day
- September 19, Canceled Staff Meeting

Mrs. Walker stated that she spent approximately 4 hours driving around town looking at projects. On September 20, TxDOT will meet with City Staff about the Underpass. September 22, Strand will meet with City Staff in regards to Babylon Sewer Plant.

Mrs. Walker concluded stating that the new AC is installed in the Civic Center and she and Darryl will begin advertising for contractors for the renovation.

Alderman Stoner commented that the rolling gate at Babylon is mounted on the outside of the fence, leaving a gap that people could walk through.

Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, stated that he noticed that and there is a plan to install a couple pipes to secure the facility.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoner, to adjourn the meeting at 7:07. The motion passed unanimously.