

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
January 17, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers located at 607 Upton Avenue, Schulenburg, Texas. The elected officials present included Mayor, Elaine Kocian, Alderwoman, Wendy Fietsam, Aldermen, Gregg Thomas, Larry Veselka, and Clarence Ahlschlager. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Walker, Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, Police Chief, Troy Brenek, Billing Manager, Megan Bartos, Permitting Officer, Kenny Schramek, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included, Darrell Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Planning and Zoning Chairperson, Tina Bohlmann, Paul Olsen, and Iván Velasquez.

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

Planning and Zoning Chairperson, Tina Bohlmann, presented results from a public hearing for a request from Paul Olsen for property located at 402 Simpson Street to be rezoned from Single Family Residential to a request for a Conditional Use Permit for the purpose of operating an AIRBNB.

Mrs. Bohlmann informed Council that at the public hearing last Thursday, one or two neighbors were in attendance and asked questions that were answered to their satisfaction. The Board voted 5-0 in favor for the Conditional Use Permit.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka, to grant the Conditional Use Permit. The motion passed unanimously.

Planning and Zoning Chairperson, Tina Bohlmann, presented results from a public hearing for a request of James Hankins for property located at 1117 Baumgarten Street to be rezoned from Single Family Residential to Mobile Home Residential for the purpose of moving in a Mobile Home.

Mrs. Bohlmann professed to Council that there were no neighbors in attendance and it will be a brand new mobile home put on the site. The Board voted 5-0 in favor of the rezoning.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fietsam, that the rezoning be approved only after the lot is cleaned up to Code Enforcement's satisfaction. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- A. Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting held on December 5, 2022
- B. Payment of Current Bills – December 19, 2022
- C. Payment of Current Bills – January 6, 2023
- D. Payment of Current Bills – January 17, 2023

Mrs. Walker invited Permitting Officer, Kenny Schramek, to lead discussion regarding proposed changes to city zoning map to create R-5 zoning districts and amend certain R-1 Districts in the city.

Schramek invited Council to view several map proposals. After discussion, Council came to a general consensus.

Alderwoman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to accept the Red Line Map with the additions of Blocks 70, 71, 78, 79, and parts of Blocks 66 and 67. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker invited Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, to lead discussion on an MOU and Interlocal Agreement for Police between the City of Schulenburg and Schulenburg ISD for a School Resource Officer (SRO).

Chief explained to Council that his one vacant officer spot will be converted to an SRO. The SRO will work exclusively at the school during the school year and patrol the City during the summers when they are not participating in training. Chief added that the School will pay 75% of the SRO's salary while the City covers the remaining 25%.

Alderman Ahlschlager asked if the SRO would work extra school events such as football games. Chief answered no, the SRO will only work during school hours. Other SPD officers will continue to work security for additional school events and activities.

Alderwoman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to accept the MOU. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on accepting a bequest and authorizing the Mayor to accept and execute the documents related to the release.

Mrs. Walker informed Council that the Schulenburg Public Library was named in the Estate of Mr. Leo F. Ernstes. Alderman Ahlschlager asked what the money could be used for. Mrs. Walker answered that Library Director, Thadious Polasek, would take the funds and offset current line items.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, authorizing the Mayor to execute the documents. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on moving the February 20th meeting, due to Presidents' Day.

Alderwoman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to move the meeting to Tuesday, February 21st. The motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Court Judge, Kayla Peters, Police Chief, Troy Brenek, Code Enforcement, and Library Director, Thadious Polasek's, reports were included in Council's Packets.

Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller's report was included in Council's Packets. Moeller added that striping is complete Downtown and around the school. The City also put new center stripes on streets that previously didn't have one.

Moeller concluded that he received several inquiries from contractors about the Civic Center concerning its renovation.

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

- December 8, Meeting about Henderson Hill still not complete
- December 9, Notified Strand about Henderson Hill
- December 15, The City Christmas Party took place at Sengelmann Hall
- December 21, Closeout meeting with Strand was canceled, Advertising for bids for the Civic Center renovation, Public Works started working around the clock to winterize City Wells, Lift Stations, and Plants throughout the freeze
- December 23-26, City Hall was closed for the Christmas Holiday
- December 30, City Hall Staff worked closing out the last day of the year
- January 4, Chief and I attended an Emergency Management Meeting in La Grange along with meeting with H2O, about Hazardous Mitigation Plans
- January 5, Asbestos test from the Civic Center came back negative
- January 6, TCEQ Emergency Preparedness Plan was approved
- January 9, conducted an interview for Water/Wastewater
- January 11, Attended an EDC meeting

Mrs. Walker added that tomorrow is the first day for applicants to file for name on the ballot for the upcoming general election. City Hall Staff is less than 30 days away from their field audit, the Stock Show is this weekend at the Expo Center, and the deadline for bids for the Civic Center is January 26th.

Mrs. Walker concluded asking for continued prayers for the Family of Alderman Stoner who passed away January 8, and for Eric Cullen and his family as he is still in the hospital.

Alderman Veselka inquired why some water meters in town were not swapped out yet. Billing Manager, Megan Bartos, answered that 2-inch, 3-inch, and residential meters that have broken valves, are going to be swapped as soon as the City receives parts. Unfortunately, the parts are still on backorder.

Mrs. Walker added that the pole leaning south of town off Kessler is not the City's. Frontier has been contacted multiple times. Also, Dollar General is back open after being shut down for an electrical fire hazard.

At 7:14, Council adjourned into an executive session pursuant to 551.074 Personnel Matters – City Administrator in relation to the employment and duties of a public officer or employee within the organization.

Council returned to regular session at 8:31. No action was taken.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31. The motion passed unanimously.