

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG  
SCHULENBURG, TX  
February 6, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, February 6, 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, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included, Darrell Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Reverend Andrew Stafford, Chamber Director, Terri Wagner, Loreta Baumgarten, Dolly Samuels, and Iván Velasquez.

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

Under Presentations By Citizens, Dolly Samuels addressed her concerns with livestock in the City Limits. Ms. Samuels stated that she lives on 614 South St. and her neighbor has at least 10 sheep. She proclaimed that livestock in the city limits are a noise, odor, and health nuisance. She asked Council if they would consider amending city ordinances that allow the keeping of livestock in town.

Mayor Kocian turned everyone's attention to a red door sitting on an easel along the north wall. Mayor Kocian announced that the red door is a symbol for mental health awareness and will be on display at City Hall for the remainder of "Be Kind February."

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

- A. Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting held on January 17, 2023
- B. Minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on January 30, 2023
- C. Payment of Current Bills
- D. Quarterly Investment Report ending December 31, 2022
- E. Chief Brenek's Annual Racial Profiling Report

Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce Director, Terri Wagner, requested HOT Funds for the annual Sausagefest.

Mrs. Wagner announced that last Sausagefest saw 20 nonprofits raise over \$44,000 for their respective organizations, and some of the money collected by the Sausagefest committee was donated to the Schulenburg Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$1,000.

Mrs. Wagner stated that they added Police and EMS presence bringing the total expenses last year to \$21,439. This year however, a few items have gone down in price and the Chamber is requesting \$20,650.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fietsam, to grant the HOT funds. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on adopting/reaffirming Civil Rights Policies and Procedures, to include the HUD Section 3 presentation, for the TxCDBG City of Schulenburg Contract CDV21-0393.

Mrs. Walker explained that Council reaffirmed these policies back in October. However, they need to be reaffirmed for the purpose of using grant funds to purchase generators for Well 9, Well 12, and the Main Pump House. Mrs. Walker added that the Citizen Participation Plan is now a posting rather than conducting a public hearing and will need to be adopted while the other two simply need to be reaffirmed.

Alderwoman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka, to adopt A1013 Citizen Participation Plan, and reaffirm A1003 Excessive Force Policy, and A1015 Fair Housing Policy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on an ordinance ordering and providing notice of General Election for the City of Schulenburg, Texas, to be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2023. The election will be held at the Public Library and places on the Ballot are Mayor, Alderman Places 1 and 2.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on an ordinance ordering and providing notice of a Special Election for the City of Schulenburg, Texas, to be held in conjunction with the General Election to be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2023. Mrs. Walker explained that it was decided at the January 30<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting that Council approved a Special Election to fulfill the one-year unexpired term for Alderman Place 3.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Resolution for approval and support concerning grant funds for the Rifle Resistant Body Armor and City Administrator, Tami Walker, as the certifying authority to submit grant.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a bid proposal received for a General Contractor related to the Civic Center remodel and replacement of ceiling, interior walls, floors, and exterior doors.

Mrs. Walker professed to Council that the City ran the bid for 5 weeks. Although several contractors inquired, only one turned in a bid. Mrs. Walker said she did her due diligence and contacted four references, and called the contractor and asked questions about mechanic liens and payment history. Mrs. Walker reported that everything came back positive.

Mrs. Walker said the plan is for the contractor to come up with several conceptual drawings, giving Council several options of how to proceed with the renovation.

Alderman Ahlschlager expressed his concerns stating that he didn't feel comfortable not having a set price. Alderman Thomas agreed but reiterated that this was the only bid the City received. Mrs. Walker added that she can't afford to pull Darryl out of the field and be a General Contractor with the Civic Center remodel.

Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, explained to Council that the contractor would work with the City and listen to what we want and fit it into the budget, the City wouldn't be handing over a blank check.

Mrs. Walker suggested that her and Darryl can gather more information if Council wants to postpone until next meeting.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to postpone the item until the next Council Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Court Judge, Kayla Peters, Code Enforcement Officer, Gina Harden, Library Director, Thadious Polasek, and Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller's reports were included in Council's packets.

Police Chief, Troy Brenek, reported that he is shoring up all the details on the SRO, and putting advertising out. Chief added that he will meet with Ms. Samuels Wednesday.

Alderman Ahlschlager asked if we are now down an officer. Chief answered yes, and he is starting to work on recruiting.

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

- Colton Dunk obtained his D Operator Wastewater license. The City now has two D operators and Colton will test for his C in the near future because his schooling will count towards his work experience
- Hired Dalton Demel to be in the Water/Wastewater Department
- Placed deadline of February 2 on Legion for their work on the Ground Storage Tank at Henderson Hill. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> they said they were iced in. Crews arrived February 3, and didn't have the proper materials. Work lasted until 6:40 that night. Strand asked Legion if all the work was complete. As of today, no response
- The communication pole on South Kessler has been repaired by Frontier. The City is currently working with a firm reviewing our pole attachment agreements

- Staff is one week away from auditors conducting their field visit. Staff is beginning to pull samples
- I will be out next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday as my daughter is showing her lamb at the San Antonio Stock Show
- Scott Stoner filed for the unexpired term for Place 3
- Robert Moore invited myself and Mayor and Council to participate in the Black History Month Parade and Program February 18

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35. The motion passed unanimously.