

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

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, March 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, Larry Veselka, and Clarence Ahlschlager. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Walker, Police Chief, Troy Brenek, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included, Darrell Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Armen Herzik, Irene Handley, 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.

Under Presentations By Citizens, Irene Handley wanted to thank Officer Krenek for assisting her with an issue with her neighbors' lights.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fietsam, to accept the Consent Agenda Item A. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting held on February 21, 2023

Mrs. Walker led discussion on an Agreement to Conduct Joint Elections between SISD (Schulenburg Independent School District) and the City of Schulenburg.

Mrs. Walker said this has been the standard in the past. SISD has not had an election in a few years so this is an updated agreement between the two entities that will be presented to the Fayette County Elections Administrator.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Contract for Election Services to be provided by the County Elections Administrators Office.

Mrs. Walker informed Council that this is what the City has done in the past. The County will be in charge of hiring workers, running the election, and then the invoices will be sent to the City and SISD and expenses will be split 50/50.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fietsam, to enter into the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Quitclaim Deed for the FA-22-652 Last Will and Testament for Luetishia Gilliam.

Mrs. Walker explained that the piece of property is located on Oakland Rd. in Colorado County. She added that this is a complex and unique situation. Legal proposed two options, the first is doing nothing, or let SISD decide to give up the parcel and the City will own it to fulfill a public purpose. Mrs. Walker stated that it is Legal's recommendation to do nothing at this time and Council could revisit the issue later.

Alderwoman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to not take any action on the Quitclaim Deed. 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 all included in Council's Packets.

Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, professed to Council that they have been making great strides in Code Enforcement. Chief stated that several houses have been torn down and multiple junk vehicles have been removed from properties.

Chief also informed Council that in regards to the animal complaints that were brought up several meetings ago, the sheep have been removed and the issue resolved.

Alderman Veselka asked if fire pits were permitted in City Limits. Chief answered that it's stated in the ordinance that as long they are contained, they are permitted.

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

- February 23, Myself, Darryl, Glenn Polasek, and Chamber Director, Terri Wagner, met to discuss the Chamber's needs for Sausage Fest.
- February 24, City met the deadline for the Fayette County Emergency Management Mitigation Plan. Mason and I also participated in a TABC Webinar put on by the Texas Municipal Clerks Association.

Mrs. Walker announced that tomorrow, there will be a meeting between City, SISD, Little League, and Select League representatives over procedures and expectations at the Sports Complex.

Mrs. Walker and Mason have been working with Elections Administrator, Terri Hefner. Early Voting and Election Day will all be held at the Public Library in Schulenburg.

Mrs. Walker announced that there are possible Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) funding for drainage. Up to \$3.2 Million can be awarded but half the funds must be granted towards projects in low-income areas.

City Staff was unable to attend a meeting at Nicor and that it's currently being rescheduled.

Today was the last day to file for a place on the ballot for the Special Election. Scott Stoner and Douglas Behlen are the two candidates who filed for the one-year unexpired term for Place 3.

Mason will be holding drawings for place on the ballot this Wednesday, March 8 at 10:00 A.M. at City Hall. Mrs. Walker will also attend an EDC meeting that same day.

Mrs. Walker concluded by asking Council if they want to continue the Non-Traditional Housing Ordinance. Alderman Veselka said he would like to get it accomplished, if we would have time. Mrs. Walker answered that if that's the consensus, Council needs to make a commitment and if special meetings are necessary, the City will have special meetings.

Alderman Veselka stated that "If we started this, we need to finish this." Mrs. Walker informed Council that Patty Akers should be back in the office, and she emailed her today.

Alderman Veselka explained that there is concrete starting to separate at the Underpass. Mrs. Walker said she will contact TxDOT.

Alderman Ahlschlager asked if City Wide Clean Up starts this Saturday. Mrs. Walker answered that that is correct. Alderman Ahlschlager then asked if City workers would be on site. Mrs. Walker answered yes.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54. The motion passed unanimously.