

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
June 5, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers located at 607 Upton Avenue, Schulenburg, Texas. The elected officials present included Mayor, Connie Koopmann, Aldermen, Greg Thomas, Frank Wick III, Larry Veselka, Scott Stoner, and Clarence Ahlschlager. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Walker, Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, Police Sergeant, Terry Roggenkamp, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included, Darrell Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Andy Behlen of the Fayette County Record, SVFD Chief, Jeff Proske, SVFD 1st Assistant Chief, Drew Brossmann, SVFD 3rd Assistant Chief, Darren Guentert, Schulenburg ISD Superintendent, Dr. Julie Motomura, Stanley Pesek with the Schulenburg Knights of Columbus, Reverend Andrew Stafford, and Ivañ Velasquez.

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

Under Presentations by Citizens, Dr. Julie Motomura introduced herself to Council. Dr. Motomura is the new Superintendent at Schulenburg ISD. She said she is excited to be in Schulenburg and she believes the City and SISD should work hand in hand. She exclaimed she is looking forward to cooperating with the City and working for the betterment of the school and the community.

Mayor Koopman read a Proclamation Recognizing the 2023 Juneteenth Holiday. Mayor Koopmann invited Reverend Stafford to say a few words if he wished. Reverend Stafford announced that the local communities are getting together to have a multi-community Juneteenth Celebration. It will rotate cities every year and this year it will be in La Grange.

Mayor Koopman then read a Proclamation Recognizing National Garden Week.

Mayor Koopmann announced that Fayette County Judge, Dan Mueller, couldn't make it tonight to present more information on the Sesquicentennial Celebration for the City of Schulenburg. Mayor Koopman stated that she and several other Council members along with Mrs. Walker, and Chamber President Terri Wagner attended the last meeting. There is a general consensus that the celebration will be downtown on the first Saturday in December (Dec. 2). Mrs. Walker commented that the idea is to have it in conjunction with Santa coming to town.

Alderman Wick stated that he's talked to several people and there is an interest in a chili and or soup cook off along with a washer and or cornhole tournament. Mayor Koopmann added that a live band was discussed. Alderman Veselka said he would like to see it like the Sauagefest, shutting down two blocks of Main Street with plenty of food and drink booths.

Mayor Koopman invited the public to attend the next meeting which will be Wednesday, June 7th at 6:00.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

- A. Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting held on May 15, 2023
- B. Payment of Current Bills.

Mrs. Walker invited SVFD Chief, Jeff Proske, to address Council on accepting and distributing FEMA funds for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant on behalf of the Schulenburg Volunteer Fire Department.

Chief Proske professed to Council that they were part of a regional grant awarded in 2022. The grant totaled \$949,170 with SVFD receiving \$222,000 and having to match \$22,000. The grant will give the department 29 handheld radios and 9 mobile radios which will outfit all trucks and every firefighter. However, FEMA deposited the money in the wrong account.

Mrs. Walker stated that funds hit the operating account. Since this is over \$750,000 the City will be hit with a Single Audit which can cost the City anywhere between \$4,300 and \$10,000. Mrs. Walker needs Council to approve moving the funds, issuing a check to LCRA for \$48,698.70, and an ACH to Motorola for \$802,364.95.

Alderman Thomas asked since EMS and other County Fire Departments are included in this grant could they compensate the City for their part of the audit fees. Chief Proske said he doesn't mind asking once we know how much the single audit will cost. Chief Proske wanted to add that he wanted to commend Fayette County Emergency Management Coordinator, Angela Hahn, for her assistance on the grant.

Alderman Stoner asked who approved the funds coming into the City's account. Mrs. Walker stated that the bank called City Hall and City Secretary, Mason Florus, granted the money to hit the City's account.

Alderman Wick made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka, to accept the Grant from FEMA, and allow Mrs. Walker to issue a check to LCRA for \$48,698.70, and an ACH to Motorola for \$802,364.95. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker read a Resolution of the City of Schulenburg, Texas approving a project of the Schulenburg Economic Development Corporation for a loan of \$50,000, to Amy's Liquor & Lounge LLC. Mrs. Walker stated that this is the first reading as required and a vote is needed tonight and at the next meeting.

Alderman Veselka said that they requested \$100,000 but the EDC already distributed \$100,000 to the Faith Family Fun Center (The Bowling Alley) which is in the same building.

Alderman Wick asked if business have been good about paying in the past. Mrs. Walker answered yes and no. She stated that if a payment or two is missed the EDC will reach out and it is not a problem. Also, the performance agreements built into the resolution protects the EDC. Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoner, to accept the Resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker invited Stanley Pesek, representing the Knights of Columbus, to present his request for HOT funds. Mr. Pesek handed Council packets breaking down expenditures. The KCs are requesting \$8,250 for the Men's and Co-Ed Tournament they host during the Festival, and \$1,740 for the KC State Tournament being held June 10th. Mr. Pesek said most of the money comes directly back to the City through filed rentals (\$4,100), umpire hotel rooms (\$1,800), and local security (\$1,200).

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka, to grant both requests. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Koopmann led discussion on nominating a Mayor Pro-Tem. Mayor Koopmann stated that she wished to keep Alderman Veselka as Mayor Pro-Tem but she was opening it up for discussion.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to elect Alderman Veselka as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Koopmann led discussion on appointing of officers to include City Secretary, City Administrator, Fire Marshal, Municipal Court Judge, and Chief of Police. Mayor Koopman stated that she suggests to reappoint the current officers:

- City Secretary – Mason Florus
- City Administrator – Tami Walker
- Fire Marshal – Steve Strickland
- Municipal Court Judge – Kayla Peters
- Chief of Police – Troy Brenek

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to reappoint the current officers. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Koopman led discussion on appointing new Council members to replace the vacated positions on boards and committees. The following members joined the committees listed below:

- Parks & Recreation Committee – Alderman Stoner
- Public Library Board – Mayor Koopman and Alderman Veselka
- Chamber of Commerce – Aldermen Wick and Thomas

- Expo Center Committee – Aldermen Wick and Veselka
- Economic Development Corporation – Aldermen Ahlschlager and Veselka
- Senior Connections (Formerly Navidad Valley Community Connections) – Alderman Ahlschlager
- Food Pantry – Mayor Koopmann

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka, to appoint the members on the respected committees. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on omitting past Mayor Elaine Kocian and replace with Mayor Connie Koopmann to all accounts, including MMA and Certificates of Deposit at the City's Depository Fayetteville Bank.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to omit Mayor Elaine Kocian and replace with Mayor Connie Koopmann to all accounts, including MMA and Certificates of Deposit at the City's Depository Fayetteville Bank. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Resolution Amending Authorized Representatives for all City accounts held at TexPool, a public funds investment pool. Mrs. Walker explained that this will omit Mayor Elaine Kocian and Add Mayor Koopmann.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on updating the Authorized Representatives Deletion/Update Form for all City accounts held at TexPool, a public funds investment pool. Mrs. Walker stated that the form will remove Mayor Elaine Kocian, add Mason as an inquiry only, and keep herself as primary contact.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to update the form. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on setting a pre-budget workshop date for the FY 2023-2024. Mrs. Walker informed Council that this will be an informal discussion with City Staff before staff begins working on the budget to present at budget workshops later in the Summer.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to hold the meeting June 27th, at 4:30 at the Council Chambers. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on moving the June 19th meeting, due to the Juneteenth Holiday.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka, to move the June 19th meeting to Tuesday, June 20th at 6:30. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Koopman asked Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, if the City could do something about the street sweeper breaking away pavement from the curbs. Moeller stated he and the guys will look at the broom height and see what they could do.

Alderman Veselka asked how many times a week the City runs the sweeper. Moeller answered the whole town is done in three days. Alderman Veselka suggested maybe not running it every week, especially in the summer when there's less leaves. Moeller said they can adjust the schedule if that's what Council wishes.

Alderman Stoner inquired why the garbage truck riders follow the garbage truck in a separate pickup three days a week. Moeller answered that they did it during the extreme cold last winter and the guys really enjoyed it, it's safer, and more efficient because the garbage truck can drive at top speeds on the highway.

Alderman Stoner asked why the riders could not do the same thing riding in the inside of the cab on the bench seat. Moeller replied that would still require a lot of time going in and out and it would take a toll on the guys constantly climbing up and down.

Mayor Koopman said she understands it and wants to take care of the riders because there's "not a line of applicants wanting to ride the garbage truck." Alderman Stoner replied that he just sees it as unnecessary. Moeller said we can revisit it and adjust if Council wishes.

City Administrator, Tami Walker, reported to Council that TDA was onsite at Well #9, the Main Pump House, and Well #12, to locate spaces for the generators. Mrs. Walker also noted that her and Mayor Koopmann have had two meetings, the Ground Storage Tank at Henderson Hill is still delayed because of issues with contractors, and last week she attended the TDEM Conference in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Walker concluded wishing the best of luck to Betty Shimek. Her last day was June 1st. She retired after serving for 22 ½ years as Police Department Administrative Assistant.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to adjourn the meeting at 7:54. The motion passed unanimously.