

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
August 8, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in a Budget Workshop on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. in the City Hall Multi-Purpose Room located at 535 N. Main, Schulenburg, Texas. The elected officials present included Mayor, Connie Koopmann, Aldermen, Frank Wick III, Larry Veselka, Scott Stoner, and Clarence Ahlschlager. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Walker, Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, Accounts Payable/Municipal Court Clerk, Julie Cernosek, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Mayor Koopmann called role.

Mrs. Walker greeted Council stating that Darryl, Julie, and her had a chance to meet and review the proposed budget and the requests of projects and needs for the City. She gave an overview on what was cut and added. She proposed balancing the budget with reserves.

Mrs. Walker presented the following to Council:

- Governing Body – added an increase to payroll for the City Administrator
- Office/Management – removed \$4,000 new PCs and \$4,000 large format printer
- Police Department – removed \$250,000 building remodel, added an increase to payroll for Police Chief
- Sports Complex – removed \$8,000 boulders, \$50,000 playground equipment, \$15,000 mower, \$12,000 Concession Stand roll-up door, and \$50,000 pickleball court
- Wolters Park – removed \$29,000 Expo Center fence and \$2,500 Helipad barricades
- Hotel /Motel – removed \$18,000 Rural Arts
- Water Department – removed \$1,400 tamper and added \$122,000 meter payment #2
- Sewer Department – removed \$1,400 tamper
- Warehouse – removed \$8,000 High Hill Yard gate, \$5,500 rolling bridge jack, and \$3,000 plasma cutter
- Garbage Department – added \$100,000 straight truck payment #1

There was a question posed to Council on whether they wanted to add a tommy gate on a current truck for \$15,000 and purchase two Kubota UTVs or purchase a new truck with a tommy gate for \$65,000

At 6:41, Alderman Thomas entered the City Hall Multi-Purpose Room.

Alderman Ahlschlager stated that he was in favor of a new truck with a tommy gate because the City would get 20 years of use out of it.

Accounts Payable / Municipal Court Clerk, Julie Cernosek, informed Council that there is enough-left in this year's budget to purchase the new truck and the UTVs this current budget

year. The new truck with the tommy gate will come out of surpluses in the Utility Fund and the Kubotas will come out of the surpluses in the General Fund. Council agreed.

Mrs. Walker is proposing that \$2,269,563 be pulled out of reserves to balance the budget. Council agreed.

Mrs. Walker said that if there is about \$20,000 left at the end of this current fiscal year, the City will purchase industrial shade canopies for the Sports Complex.

Mrs. Walker concluded professing to Council that each department is very limited in request as well as engineering and contracted work for capital projects. She continued that we need to do our due diligence in the upcoming year to revisit projects and make sure we are within means to proceed.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoner, to adjourn the workshop at 7:26. The motion passed unanimously.