

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
August 21, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, August 21, 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, Frank Wick III, Larry Veselka, Scott Stoner, and Clarence Ahlschlager. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Walker, Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included, Layne Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Reverend Andrew Stafford, Executive Director of the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce, Terri Wagner, 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 Consent Agenda, Mayor Koopmann mentioned a typo in the minutes from the Budget Workshop held on August 8, 2023. Council agreed that the record should show that the new truck with the Tommy Gate have \$65,000 budgeted and the minutes reflected \$61,000.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoner, to accept Consent Agenda Items A, B, and C, with the mentioned correction. The motion passed unanimously.

- A. Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting held on August 7, 2023
- B. Minutes from the Budget Workshop held on August 8, 2023
- C. Payment of Current Bills

Mrs. Walker led discussion on repealing and rescinding a Juvenile Curfew City Ordinance Articles under Chapter 8, Offenses & Nuisances; Articles 8.02, Minors, 8.02.031, Definitions, 8.02.032, Offenses, 8.02.33, Devenses, 8.02.034, Enforcement, 8.02.035, Penalties, 8.02.036, Review of Regulations.

Mrs. Walker stated that Chief Brenek wrote a memo that was included in Council's Packets. In accordance with HB 1819, the articles must be rescinded by September 1st to be in compliance with State Law.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to rescind the articles. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on the Contract for Assessment and Collection Services with the Fayette County Appraisal District.

Mrs. Walker professed to Council that the City and County Appraisal District's contract expires in December. It is Mrs. Walker's recommendation to proceed with another two-year term with the

Appraisal District because they do a good job and the District and City have a good working relationship.

Alderman Ahlschlager asked if this is the same deal as the previous contract. Mrs. Walker answered yes.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to renew the contract with the Fayette County Appraisal District. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a proposal from Mr. B Fireworks, INC. for fireworks display in conjunction with the Schulenburg Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Alderman Wick announced that he had a conflict of interest so he would be abstaining from voting on this matter.

Executive Director of the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce, Terri Wagner, announced to Council that she received a proposal from Mr. B Fireworks and needed Council to temporarily suspend the City Ordinance to allow fireworks in the City Limits if Council wished.

Alderman Veselka asked if Chief Proske or Fire Marshal Strickland were contacted yet and where the fireworks will be shot off from. Mrs. Wagner answered no, and in the grass south of the tracks and Railroad Park.

Mayor Koopmann expressed concerns that the fireworks would take away from the Christmas decorations. Aldermen Stoner and Ahlschlager echoed concerns stating that the businesses and homes nearby would potentially be in danger. Mrs. Walker also noted that there are a lot of people in the City Limits with animals that would be affected. Alderman Ahlschlager asked about a laser light show. Alderman Wick suggested possibly a lighted drone show as another alternative. Council decided to table the item until further notice.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on setting a Budget Public Hearing for the FY 2023-2024.

Mrs. Walker suggested September 18th, at 6:15, right before the regular scheduled Council meeting.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to set the Public Hearing for September 18th, at 6:15 P.M. in the Council Chambers. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Amending an Ordinance Revising and Setting Rates for Water and Sewer Services within the City.

Mrs. Walker announced that the previous Council to increase the rates by \$1 per year until Council removes the language.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoner, to amend the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Amending an Ordinance Revising and Setting Rates for Garbage Services within the City.

Mrs. Walker informed Council that there is a proposed \$3 increase on monthly charges for residential customers and an increase on customers with compactors.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoner, to amend the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on adopting Appendix A – Schedule of Fees in addition to the City's core services.

Mrs. Walker stated that everything is the same as presented at the budget workshop.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to adopt the schedule. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Koopmann wanted to announce that the Arts For Rural Texas (ARTS) will be hosting a contest beginning November 29th with 20 artist painting scenes from in and around Schulenburg. The awards ceremony will be held in conjunction with the Sesquicentennial.

Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, reported the following to Council:

- Cleared fence line and brush behind the Expo Center
- Completed the underground work for a new electric service at 815 High Hill Road
- Sewer Department refurbished one of the sludge boxes
- 2/3 of the work is done on Russek, everything looks great and there's only one driveway and one section of curbing that needs to be fixed
- The main water line running parallel to the Texan has been leaking a lot, the City will replace the line inhouse
- There was a leak on Anderson today

Alderman Wick, wanted to commend the Public Works crew for the work they did patching Upton. Moeller said he appreciates it and will let the guys know.

Alderman Stoner inquired who is paying for the curbing on Russek. Moeller answered that it was determined by a previous Council that whenever there is a complete street rebuild, the City pays for 100% of the curbing.

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

- August 9, attended an EDC Meeting
- August 14, purchased a truck with a tommy gate from Chuck Brown Ford

- August 16th, Darryl, and I attended a GLO meeting in Bastrop concerning MOD Funds. The City will likely receive \$3.2 Million that will be put towards drainage
- Mediation for the Ground Storage Tank at Henderson Hill is scheduled for October 24th
- Chief, myself, and the City Attorney met with a code enforcement issue
- Mason and I have been continuing to meet with the National Fitness Campaign for the Fitness Court
- Myself, Alderman Stoner, and Kenny attended a Sports Complex meeting yesterday
- Kenny is attending the SISD School Board meeting tonight to represent the City in the potential agreement between field usage for the City and School
- I have been in communication with BEFCO on the emergency waterline repair that needs to be completed
- Mayor and I have been working on an ad for the back cover of the local tourism catalogue
- September 21, the I10 tourism group is hosting a tourism meeting in El Campo

Mrs. Walker concluded stating that staff is currently monitoring water usage in town and staff are reaching out to high consumption customer asking citizens to conserve. Mrs. Walker stated that the City does not want to execute our contingency plan but we are very close.

Mayor Koopmann read a thank you card from the family of Andrew Srubar, thanking Council for the flowers. Andrew was Billing Manger, Megan Bartos' father who passed away back in July.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoner, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18. The motion passed unanimously.