

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

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Tuesday, September 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, Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included, Darrell Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Pastor David Thompson, Planning and Zoning Chairperson, Ona Marak, and Ivafñ Velasquez.

Mayor Koopmann called role. Pastor Thompson said a prayer over the meeting and its members. Mayor Koopmann led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Under Consent Agenda, Mrs. Walker noted a correction needed to be made to the Minutes from the August 21 Meeting. Mrs. Walker stated that the words "Juvenile Curfew" needed to be added to Business Item A while discussing rescinding a City Ordinance.

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

- A. Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting held on August 21, 2023
- B. Payment of Current Bills

Planning and Zoning Chairperson, Ona Marak, reported to Council the results of a variance request from the City's Zoning Ordinance setback requirements of 25' to 5' for the purpose of building an attached carport for the property located at 417 Paulus Street, Schulenburg, Texas.

Mrs. Marak stated that the P&Z met August 30th at 5:30 with Mrs. Stolarski in attendance. There were no neighbors present to express any opposition. The P&Z approved the variance 4-0.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to accept the P&Z's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Resolution to Adopt and Allocate funds for an Outdoor Fitness Court, as part of the 2023 National Fitness Campaign.

Mrs. Walker professed to Council that the \$40,000 grant funds were increased to \$50,000 and the scope of the project was reduced to be more reasonable. Mrs. Walker continued that the City budgeted \$100,000 and the EDC wanted to commit funds to a playground versus a fitness court. Mrs. Walker stated that more funds may have to be allocated to produce an engineered slab.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, there was no second. Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoner, to table the item until the first meeting in October. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Resolution for the purpose of financing a Tractor Trailer with one Roll-Off body.

Mrs. Walker explained that this is for the "straight truck." This resolution is necessary to secure financing with Government Capital and authorizes the Mayor and/or the City Administrator to execute the necessary documents.

Alderman Veselka asked when the truck would be delivered. Mrs. Walker answered that after the attorneys approve the documents, the City should receive the truck within a couple of days after said parties receive the documents.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Authorizing the City Administrator to execute all required documents related to the Government Capital financing of the Tractor Trailer with Roll-Off body.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to authorize The City Administrator to execute said documents. The motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Court Judge, Kayla Peters' Court Report, Chief of Police, Troy Brenek's Code Enforcement and Police Reports, and Library Director, Thadious Polasek's Library Report, and Fire Marshal, Steve Strickland's reports were all included in Council's Packets.

Chief Brenek did mention that Officer Chris Kalina terminated with the City. He went back to work as a police officer in his hometown of Shiner. Chief thanked Chris for his two years of service to the City. Chief also mentioned that he recently received 4 applications and is conducting background checks. He also wanted to thank Fayette County EMS for hosting CPR training for City Staff last week.

Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, reported that the guys are working hard performing their normal duties. Moeller did mention that next Monday or Tuesday they will pave Russek Street.

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

- Working with Government Capital on financing the Straight Truck
- Mason and I have been continuing to attend NFC Zooms for the fitness court
- PD advertising was in the paper, only one bid received from Cutright & Prihoda
- Mason has been conducting safety meetings with Public Works
- There will be a bid opening this Thursday at 1:00 for the waterline replacement. There are 3 bids

Mrs. Walker announced to Council that the First Baptist Church of Schulenburg is also celebrating their 150th anniversary and is inviting Council to special services October 8th, at 9:30 and then 10:45.

Mrs. Walker also commended Fayette County EMS for putting on the CPR training and announced that City Staff is encouraging water and energy conservation as customers' utility bills are high this month.

Mrs. Walker concluded by stating that she knows several Council Members received anonyms letters concerning the state of the public restrooms in Wolters Park. Mrs. Walker stated that the City takes care of the restrooms as much as possible but unfortunately citizens, or visitors do not show the same level of respect for public property.

Alderman Ahlschlager asked if there was any update on the Ground Storage Tank at Henderson Hill. Mrs. Walker answered that there is a mediation hearing set for October 24th.

Alderman Ahlschlager also inquired when work will start on the St. John Rd. waterline. Moeller answered that as soon as the contractors are done on Russek, they will begin work on St. John Rd.

Alderman Veselka asked Moeller what they're doing busting up the curbing on East Ave. Moeller answered that the RV park is creating a parking lot.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoner, to adjourn the meeting at 7:07. The motion passed unanimously.