

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
October 2, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, October 2, 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, Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included, Darrell Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, David Thompson, Schulenburg ISD Superintendent, Dr. Julie Motomura, Seth, Landry, and Callan Helmcamp, Keri and John Ginn, Lance Zandonatti, Terry and Bryan Klesel, Ronnie Wick, Michael Maxwell, and Iván 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.

Mayor Koopman read a Proclamation recognizing the First Baptist Church of Schulenburg's 150th anniversary and then presented it to Pastor Thompson and other members of the congregation.

SISD Superintendent, Dr. Julie Motomura, spoke to Council in regards to the proposed bond that SISD is going to present to City Voters in November.

Dr. Motomura stated that these proposals were decided on by the School Board after a committee made up of a myriad of school stakeholders met with a consulting firm.

Proposition A includes a new performing arts center, band hall, classrooms, weightroom, and dressing rooms.

Proposition B includes a new eight lane track, fully renovated bleachers and press box, new visitors' restrooms, renovated visitors' locker rooms, renovated tennis courts, and perimeter fencing.

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

- A. Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting held on September 18th, 2023
- B. Payment of Current Bills

Mrs. Walker led discussion on an Ordinance Granting to CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., DBA CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas Operations, the Right, Privilege and Franchise to Construct, Install, Extend, Remove, Replace, Abandon, Operate and maintain its facilities within the Public Rights-of-Way of the City of Schulenburg, Texas for the Transportation, Delivery,

Sale, and Distribution of Natural Gas; Containing other Provisions Relating to the Foregoing subject: Providing for Severability and Providing an Effective Date.

Mrs. Walker read the Ordinance. Alderman Ahlschlager asked when the last agreement expired. Mrs. Walker answered 2015, and the City has been operating under the old terms since then. Alderman Ahlschlager also inquired why the term was for 15 years. Mrs. Walker replied that that was the terms negotiated by the attorney. A CenterPoint representative and he stated that the industry standard is typically 30 years, so the City is only locked in for half the time that other cities generally are.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to approve the agreement and pass the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Resolution for the City of Schulenburg giving approval of the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan Update for Fayette County.

Mrs. Walker announced to Council that Judge Dan Mueller received a letter from FEMA and the next steps for a county wide plan is for the participating jurisdictions to accept the plan by resolution.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Resolution Authorizing City Representatives to Participate in the TxCDBG Program.

Mrs. Walker informed Council that this is to add the following members to be City Representatives: Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, City Administrator, City Secretary, and Accounts Payable.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Resolution Regarding Civil Rights related to an award from TxCDBG. Mrs. Walker read the resolution and informed Council that this is a requirement for the City to move forward receiving TxCDBG funds.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Grant Funds received from NFC (National Fitness Campaign) for the installation of a Fitness Court at the Sports Complex.

Mrs. Walker explained the deadline is approaching and the City is down to three options with the \$50,000. They can accept the grant and move forward, Transfer the grant to the 2024-25 FY, or decline the grant and return the money to the state pool. Mrs. Walker suggested to transfer the funds to 2024.

Alderman Wick expressed his concerns stating that he's worried about vandalism and personal trainers making money off a public park. Alderman Wick professed that he would rather see the City invest its money into streets that can be used by all citizens.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to transfer the funds to 2024-25. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on setting a date for the City's Annual Christmas Party.

Mrs. Walker informed Council that her and Mayor looked at the calendar and took other organizations' parties into consideration. Mrs. Walker suggest Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at Sengelmann Hall.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to set the date for the Christmas Party for December 13. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Chief did inform Council that the PD hired a new officer, James Whited. He is coming here from Shiner and has over 20 years' experience in law enforcement.

Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, mentioned that the guys are doing a lot of tree trimming right now since there is minimal amount of grass to cut. Also, the contractor is not working on 957 yet because they are still waiting on permits from TxDOT.

City Administrator, Tami Walker, reported to Council that her and Mayor attended the last School Board meeting in regards to working up a new agreement between the City and SISD for usage of the Sports Complex. The attorney will look at the agreement.

Mrs. Walker also reported that she attended a meeting with Shneider Engineering, the City conducted several interviews for Public Works, herself, Darryl, and Chief are attending the TML Conference this week, and today was the first business day of the 2023-24 Fiscal Year.

Alderman Wick questioned why City Equipment was used to haul mulch to an employee's property.

Moeller answered that it was to his property. Moeller continued that the City gives away / hauls chipped up brush from the boneyard to anyone who wants it because it cost \$35-\$50 a load if a hauling company disposes it for the City.

Mayor Koopman asked when City Wide Clean up will take place. Mrs. Walker announced it will be Saturday, October 14th, Wednesday October 18th, and Saturday October 21st. Mrs. Walker also stated that flyers were inserted in this month's bills.

Alderman Veselka inquired how the City can drive ATVs on the streets when it's against City Ordinance. Chief answered that as a City, we are exempt. They are Government employees conducting government work.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to adjourn the meeting at 7:39. The motion passed unanimously.