

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
October 16, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, October 16, 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, Scott Stoner, and Clarence Ahlschlager. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Walker, Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included Brandt Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker.

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

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

- A. Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting held on October 2, 2023
- B. Payment of Current Bills
- C. Investment Report

Mrs. Walker led discussion on the RFP for Architectural/Engineering Services for the Schulenburg Police Department.

Mrs. Walker stated that a copy of the RFP was included in Council's packets. Mrs. Walker continued that this was the only bid received. Mrs. Walker informed Council that at the TML Conference she and Chief spoke with five different engineers. It is Mrs. Walker's recommendation to not accept Cutright and Prihoda's bid and re-advertise for RFP.

Alderman Wick announced that he wished to abstain from voting due to a conflict. As a result, the item was tabled until the next meeting because there wasn't a quorum to warrant a vote.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a first reading of a Resolution of the City of Schulenburg, Texas, approving a project of the Schulenburg Economic Development Corporation for a loan of \$100,000, to Bartos Investments, LLC.

Alderman Wick made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to accept the first reading of the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on ratifying sections of the employee handbook, Section 8-9 Disaster Pay, Section 9-5 Funeral Pay, and Chapter 7 – Chain of Command.

Mrs. Walker informed Council that on April 17th, 2023, City Council approved the Employee Handbook. Mrs. Walker has been in contact with the attorney to finalize these sections before the handbooks can be issued to employees.

Mrs. Walker explained to council that the disaster pay is now defined, Immediate Family is defined granting 1-5 days of bereavement leave depending on circumstances, and Chain of Command is also defined.

Alderman Wick stated that he disagrees with the proposed chain of command claiming it creates a disconnect between the employees and Council. He continued in his opinion it's not ready for print until some of it's changed.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoner, to ratify the additions. The motion passed 2-1 with Alderman Wick voting against.

Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, reported that City Wide Cleanup is underway, and the City filled 3 ½ rolloffs Saturday.

Alderman Stoner asked if the Freightliner was fixed. Moeller replied yes, it was shaking a little but it's all good now.

Mrs. Walker reported the following to Council:

- She has been playing catchup since TML Conference.
- October 24th is the scheduled mediation but the contractor is already trying to pull out
- There's a conference call planned for the Civic Center but the same engineer used for the GST is also being used for the Civic Center so the mediation has to conclude first
- Thursday and Friday I will be attending a seminar in San Antonio
- October 25 – 27, Mason and I are attending a TMCA Conference in Frisco
- November 2, I will attend the State of the LCRA Luncheon.
- I received Flowers and a gift card today for National Bosses' Day and wanted to thank my staff for the gesture and for all the work they do
- The TxDOT Permit is in and we're waiting on the permits from the Rail Road
- An insert about the upcoming bond election for SISD will be in this month's utility bills

Alderman Stoner asked if the GST at Henderson Hill is in use. Mrs. Walker answered yes.

Mrs. Walker also informed Council that City Hall was going to team up with the Police Department and participate in Trick or Treat Around the Track on October 29th.

Alderman Ahlschlager asked if there was any new news on the Sesquicentennial. Mayor Koopmann answered not much from the last meeting. City Secretary, Mason Florus, informed Council that Representative, Stan Kitzman, is planning on attending. The City also has proclamations from Governor Abbott and Senator Kolkhorst, and a US Flag that flew over the Nation's Capitol complements of Senator Cornyn. The plaque is also in and waiting to be installed closer to the date of the event.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoner, to adjourn at 7:00. The motion passed unanimously.

