

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
April 15, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, April 15, 2024, 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, 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, Joanna Prihoda-Rogers with Cutright and Prihoda Architects, and Iván Velasquez.

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.

Mrs. Walker announced that Mrs. Marak was unavailable tonight. However, Mrs. Walker read the notes from the meeting. The Board met on April 1st, in regards to a variance request from Section 5 of Chapter 14 of the Schulenburg Code of Ordinances and place alternative housing (tiny home) on the property located that is 85' in depth at 717 South Street, Schulenburg, Texas.

A motion was made by Mark Shimek, and seconded by Sherry Bubela, to allow the applicant a lot size variance from 60x100 to 85'x85'. The motion passed 4-0.

Joanna Prihoda-Rogers with Cutright and Prihoda Architects, presented newly drawn plans for the Civic Center.

Mrs. Prihoda-Rogers passed out copies of the drawings to Council and highlighted some changes. Mrs. Prihoda-Rogers stated the intent is to open the building up as much as possible. Most storage and accessory rooms and the stage will be removed. The hall will consist of a women's and men's restroom on opposite sides of the hall, a meeting room, storage room, existing electrical room, and downsized existing kitchen.

3 smaller HVAC units will be replaced by a large PAC unit to accompany the 2015 PAC. The smaller 2016, 2017, and 2022 units will remain. A few panels and some minor plumbing rerouting will also occur.

As far as the exterior is concerned, the bricks may be painted and some sidewalk will have to be cutout to improve handicap access.

Mrs. Prihoda-Rogers concluded saying the kitchen will simply contain a fridge and a sink along with numerous electrical outlets for roasters. Capacity should be around 450. The drawings should be completed in May and the firm will advertise for bids in June.

Alderman Ahlschlager 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 March 18, 2024
- B. Payments of Current Bills
- C. Quarterly Investment Report – First Quarter

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Resolution authorizing submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Mitigation-Resilient Communities Program Project Application to the General Land Office (GLO) and authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's Executive Officer and Authorized Representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Community Development & Revitalization Program.

Mrs. Walker professed to Council that the City is seeking these funds to develop a new comprehensive plan. Our old Comprehensive Plan expired in 2013. This would be to update parks, zoning, streets, and utilities, and forecast growth.

Mrs. Walker then read the resolution.

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

Municipal Court Clerk, Kayla Peters,' Police Chief, Troy Brenek's Department and Code Enforcement, Library Director, Thadious Polasek's, and Fire Marshal, Steve Strickland's reports were all included in Council's packets.

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

- Flag Poles are erected at the sign at the Texan
- The guys all worked hard to prepare and clean up for Sauagefest
- City crews wire brushed and primed the handrails Downtown in preparations for the Steps Forward Program
- Construction on a new waterline will start tomorrow on College Street before College St. is redone
- The poles are ordered for the new street signs the EDC ordered

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

- Landscaping will be the final step at the sign by the Texan to complement the flagpoles
- The City is pursuing a Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant to redo the restrooms at Wolters Park. \$150,000 will possibly be allotted to new playground equipment
- At the Field 5 Restrooms, City crews discover the soap dispenser ripped off the wall and people "using the restroom" in the corner and not in the stall. Mrs. Walker added that it's hard to take care of restrooms when citizens and visitors do not respect them.
- After careful consideration, the pool will not be open this summer. The pool will close down after the Sharks' season is over
- Myself, Mayor, and Darryl are in a meeting tomorrow to discuss funds for a drainage project from the GLO

- The City did not receive the grant for the Mobile License Plate Readers
- Chief is planning on putting on an Active Shooter Training May 17th and 18th
- The Roof at the Library has been repaired
- 50 kids participated in the Library's Easter Egg Hunt
- The Orphan Train Exhibit should arrive at the Library tomorrow
- Chief is interested in re-applying for the COPS Grant
- The two new police vehicles are being taken to Gonzales to be outfitted

Mayor Koopmann asked when the handrails were installed.

Mrs. Walker said she couldn't say exactly off the top of her head, but thinks the ones from City Hall, east towards Anytime Fitness were installed around 2017 or 2018.

Mrs. Walker concluded that the City made a few changes to management. Lance Woytek is now Street and Garbage Supervisor, Johnnie Demel is now Parks Supervisor, and Glenn Polasek is now the Construction Coordinator. Glenn's main responsibilities will include working with contractors and coordinating and managing all Public Works projects.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.