

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG  
SCHULENBURG, TX  
May 7, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Tuesday, May 7, 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 Ahischlager. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Walker, Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, Police Sergeant, Rusty Roggenkamp, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included Darrell Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Alderman Elect, Roger Moellenberndt, Alderwoman Elect, Kathy Kleiber, Reverend Andrew Stafford, Bradley Loehr with BEFCO, Jerri Conrado and Tim Jenkins with Langford Community Management Services, Board of Adjustments Chairperson, Ona Marak, Planning and Zoning Commission Chairperson, Tina Bohlmann, Dennis Kleiber, and Iván 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.

Mayor Pro-Tem Veselka was unable to attend the meeting tonight due to an illness and will be recognized on his retirement at a later date.

Jerri Conrado and Tim Jenkins of Langford Community Management Services Inc. presented an overview of the City's TDA Comprehensive plan progress, key focus areas, and draft of recommendations to date and invited the City Council to Review the Preliminary Draft and Prepare for Final Review and Approval before June 30, 2024.

Ms. Conrado announced that this is a basic update to the old plan and this will be used to "launch into" a more detailed comprehensive plan as a part of the Resilient Community Program.

Ms. Conrado's colleague, Tim Jenkins, added that this would set the stage to go into a more comprehensive plan with new aspects of FEMA Hazard Mitigation risk management.

Ona Marak, Chairperson for the Board of Adjustments, presented a variance request from Section 6.11 of Appendix B of the Schulenburg Code of Ordinances to place a travel trailer on the property located at 312 St. John Rd., Schulenburg, Texas for housing on a temporary basis.

Mrs. Marak reported to Council that Ms. Pheobe Palmer wishes to move in a mobile home for her son to live in temporarily and then when he moves off to college, her son will take the trailer with him. The board granted moving in the trailer on a temporary basis until October 18, 2024 by a vote of 4-0.

Tina Bohlmann, Planning and Zoning Commission Chairperson, spoke to Council on a replat of a property located at 211 N. Main St.

Ms. Bohlmann professed to Council that Paul Rogers applied for a replat of the property that is approximately 147' in length and 87' in width. The replat will create two lots, both approximately 87' in length and 74' in width. The Commission met on April 16<sup>th</sup>, the plan is to demolish the existing house and build two new homes, one on each of the smaller lots. The Commission approved the plans by a vote of 5-0.

Alderman Wick asked if there was a timeframe for the construction to take place. Ms. Bohlmann said that was not discussed.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

- A. Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting held on April 15, 2024
- B. Payment of Current Bills

City Secretary, Mason Florus, invited Alderman Ahlschlager, Alderman Elect, Roger Moellenberndt, and Alderwoman Elect, Kathy Kleiber, to the front. Florus swore in Alderman Ahlschlager and the two new Council members. Alderman Moellenberndt replaced Alderman Stoner and Alderwoman Kleiber took Alderman Veselka's seat at the Council Dais.

Mayor Koopmann led discussion on nominating a new Mayor Pro-Tem.

Mayor Koopmann announced that it's been custom to nominate the longest tenured Council Member as the Mayor Pro-Tem. She said she spoke with Alderman Ahlschlager and he is interested in becoming Mayor Pro-Tem.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to nominate Alderman Ahlschlager as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on omitting Mayor Pro-Tem, Lary Veselka, from the signature card and replacing with the newly appointed Mayor Pro-Tem for all accounts held at the City's Depository Fayetteville Bank.

Mrs. Walker stated that City Council approved last year to include on all accounts the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, City Administrator, and City Secretary. Therefore, with the retirement of Mayor Pro-Tem Veselka, he will need to be removed from the signature card and be replaced with newly appointed Mayor Pro-Tem Ahlschlager.

Mrs. Walker announced that this action is important due to operations of the City and all checks processed require two signatures. As a part of the process, the bank will need to have minutes of the meeting showing action taken before they can proceed with updating paperwork. Mrs. Walker's recommendation is that Mayor Koopmann, City Administrator, and City Secretary execute signing of payroll and payables until the signature card is completed.

Mrs. Walker concluded, that the Mayor Pro-Tem should be nominated at the first meeting in June. However, due to the importance of their role, waiting until June would only have further delayed the changes the bank requires for the signature card.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to omit Former Mayor Pro-Tem, Larry Veselka, and add Current Mayor Pro-Tem, Clarence Ahlschlager, to the bank signature card. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker invited Bradley Loehr of BEFCO to the podium to discuss awarding bids on two upcoming projects.

Mr. Loehr presented the bid tabulations for the College Street Paving & Drainage Improvements at College at US 77.

Mr. Loehr announced that there was a bid opening on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. There were three bids received ranging from \$279,867.51 to \$445,804.25. The lowest responsible bidder was WJC Construction Services at \$279,867.51 with an Additive Alternate of adding an additional 2" of limestone base and asphalt pavement. For a total of \$284,451.96.

Mr. Loehr stated that WJC has a good working relationship with the City. They completed the Russek Street project and are currently working on James Ave. Council asked Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, which he prefers. Moeller answered that due to the heavy traffic he recommends the additional 2" base and asphalt. It was also noted that the SEDC is contributing \$264,000 towards the project.

Alderman Wick made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to accept WJC's Additive Alternate Bid of \$284,451.96. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Loehr remained at the podium and discussed the bid tabulations for the US 77 Water Line Improvements from Kallus St. to South of Bruce St.

Mr. Loehr professed to Council that the City received two completed bids with Drainage Add Alternate of \$1,046,436 and \$1,102,128.50. The lowest responsible bidder was M&C Fonseca Construction Co. Inc.

Mr. Loehr stated that the City has a good working relationship with M&C, they have done a portion of the downtown sidewalks, drainage, and Wolters Ave. improvements by the Main Pump house, and curbing on Keuper.

The work will be on the lines located on the East side of 77 and then past the Y, the line is located on both sides of the Highway. A total rehab will be made to said lines. There is also one block of sewer lines that will be repaired also.

Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, added that even with the additional drainage, the total project is still underbudget.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to accept the Drainage Add Alternate Bid from M&C Fonseca Construction Co. Inc. for \$1,046,436. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on an Accreditation Agreement between the Schulenburg Police Department and the Texas Police Chief's Association Foundation.

Mrs. Walker announced that this is a way for our department to participate in "Best Practices" established by TPCAF. And, to adhere to these guidelines, the Accreditation must be passed by Council.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to accept the agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Resolution to apply for grant funds from the Office of the Governor for Body Worn Cameras and naming the Mayor as the certifying authority to submit grant.

Mrs. Walker explained that at the February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Council Meeting, Council passed a resolution for a grant from the Office of the Governor. The Governor's Office responded back to the City asking that some language in the resolution be modified to better fit the parameters of the grant. Mrs. Walker then read the resolution.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Local Park Grant Program Resolution Authorizing Application to Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.

Mrs. Walker professed to Council that in order to apply for funds, we are required to pass a Resolution authorizing the City to apply and participate in the Local Park Grant Program. After she read the Resolution, Mrs. Walker elaborated that this grant could be worth up to \$750,000. It's been 25 years since the City was awarded this grant for Wolters Park. The Playground, The Swimming Pool, and the Park Restrooms, are all options if the City were to be awarded.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to accept the Resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Court Clerk, Kayla Peters,' Chief Brenek's Police 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:

- Water Department laid 745 Feet of new water line on College; they'll do tie-ins tomorrow.
- Darren and Kenny attended a training put on by Kampstrup, to learn more on our water meters and their data collection system
- Parks Department Prepared the Fields and performed 3 abatements
- Street Department cleaned out and shaped up ditches up and down Baumgarten St.
- Wastewater Department installed a new pump, new pipes, and a new SCADA System at the DFA Lift Station
- Electric Department worked on a lot of outages, including the big one on Sunday, they worked with LCRA with a tripped breaker at the Substation

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

- Mitchell Blaschke of the Wastewater Department has terminated with the City
- City Staff conducted an interview and hired an individual for wastewater and he started Friday. The City still has an open spot for a wastewater operator
- Myself, Darryl, and Staff have been meeting with individuals on what to do with the red dirt on all the ball fields. It's been about 15 years since all the red dirt was overhauled
- Darryl and I have been meeting with Bradly with BEFCO on the two projects out for bid
- Been continuing working with the attorney on the Ground Storage Tank at Henderson Hill

Mrs. Walker thanked Aldermen Veselka and Stoner for their service and wanted to Welcome Alderman Moellenberndt and Alderwoman Kleiber. She said she is looking forward to working with them and she thanked them and Alderman Ahlschlager for their eagerness to serve.

Mayor Koopmann echoed Mrs. Walker's sentiments towards Alderman Ahlschlager and the two new Council Members.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27. The motion passed unanimously.