

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG  
SCHULENBURG, TX  
May 20, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, May 20, 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, Alderwoman, Kathy Kleiber, Aldermen, Greg Thomas, Frank Wick III, Roger Moellenberndt, 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, Pastor Lane Higgs, Mike Brotherton with Crowe LLP, Joanna Prihoda-Rogers with Cutright and Prihoda Architects, Cody Broun and Johnathon Keegan with FSS (Foundation Support Specialist), Cindy Wingo, and Iván Velasquez.

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

Mike Brotherton with Crowe LLP (Formally Belt Harris Pechacek) presented the Audit for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Mr. Brotherton went over the single audit first. He explained that the City had a single audit triggered because they received over \$750,000 in federal funds due to the Fire Fighter Radio Grant. Mr. Brotherton announced there were no findings.

Mr. Brotherton then discussed the main audit with the Auditor's Disclosure Letter. He announced there was no issue. He then discussed the Management Letter stating there were no new findings and no new issues and granted the City a "Clean, unmodified opinion."

Mayor Koopmann stated "So overall we're doing okay." Mr. Brotherton replied "Yes Ma'am." Mayor Koopmann commended Mrs. Walker and said she's doing a great job.

Joanna Prihoda-Rogers with Cutright and Prihoda Architects, took to the podium to update Council on the Civic Center. Mrs. Prihoda-Rogers reported that they are still on track to go out for bid the first week of June. It was reported that the mechanical engineer modified the plans to get rid of the oldest AC unit, because new codes require the City to upgrade the service to pump in enough fresh air to meet the capacity of the building.

Alderman Moellenberndt asked if there is a timeline for completion of the renovations. Mrs. Prihoda-Rogers said that's all up to the contractors and they will put timetables in as part of their bids.

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

- A. Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting held on May 7, 2024
- B. Payment of Current Bills

Mrs. Walker led discussion on awarding a bid to Foundation Contractor for work done at City Hall and exceeding the \$20,000 spending limitations.

Mrs. Walker professed to Council that water was getting under the building causing the foundation issues. The City jetted all drains and found another drain behind Sengelmann Hall that they will clean out. However, with the drainage issues hopefully fixed, the foundation is still sinking.

Mrs. Walker invited Cody Broun with FSS (Foundation Support Specialist) to present his proposal for the building repairs.

Mr. Broun explained they would use 27 galvanized steel piers. They'll drive the piers 40 feet down to bypass the clay soil and stabilize the building.

Alderman Ahlschlager asked how long the warranty is good for. Mr. Broun answered it's a lifetime warranty.

Mrs. Walker announced to Council that this would also be an optimal time to replace the sidewalks since they will have to be busted out anyway. There are several contractors in town right now that the City could work with to replace all the pebble sidewalks after the foundation work is done.

Alderman Wick asked if this will affect Mr. Dawson's building. Mr. Broun replied that Mr. Dawson's building is not on the same foundation so should not affect his offices.

Mrs. Walker added that FSS will perform a plumbing test before and after the work is done. Mr. Broun concluded that after the work is complete, his company will perform a free annual inspection for the first three years.

If approved tonight, the work can begin as soon as June 3, and total time should take 4-5 days.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to accept FSS' bid for \$65,187. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a first reading of a Resolution of the City of Schulenburg, Texas, approving a project for the Schulenburg Economic Development Corporation for a loan for \$200,000, to Andre Eye and Optical PLLC.

Mrs. Walker announced that recently the Schulenburg Economic Development Corporation met and approved a loan request from Andre Eye and Optical PLLC in the amount of \$200,000 to purchase equipment and job creation.

Approval requires the passing of two readings of a resolution. Mrs. Walker read the resolution.

Alderwoman Kleiber made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to approve the first reading. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker announced that SEDC President, Paddy Magliolo, was unable to attend tonight. As a result, item C, amending the 2023-2024 EDC Budget, will be postponed until the next meeting.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on purchasing four roll-off dumpsters. The City is looking to purchase 2 – 20 cubic yard and 2 – 40 cubic yard containers.

Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, professed to Council that the City is looking to stop offering 2-yard dumpsters to non-business because they become full too fast and are not able to be filled with wood and other construction material. Purchasing the 20-yard roll offs will provide citizens with a smaller option if they wish to rent a dumpster from the City.

Moeller also informed Council that this will be under budget because the business that the City originally budgeted a Compactor for changed their mind. As a result, those funds will go towards these four roll offs.

Alderman Wick made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to purchase the 4 containers for a total of \$23,062. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Resolution for Procurement for Grant Administration Services for Resilient Communities Program.

Mrs. Walker stated that City Staff recently advertised for Grant Administration Services for the Resilient Communities Program. The City received two proposals from Langford Community Management Services and GrantWorks.

After reviewing the two proposals, it is Mrs. Walker's recommendation to procure Langford Community Management Services.

Mrs. Walker then read the Resolution.

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

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

- Thank you to Chief Brenek for organizing hearing tests for all employees
- Conducted a budget meeting with all department heads
- Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> will have a pre-construction meeting for College St.
- Work should begin on the 28<sup>th</sup> reminder that College will be closed from 77 to Lyons
- Parks Departments mowed, sprayed herbicide on about 70% of the streets, and aeriaded fields
- Garbage Department ran their normal routes and hauled 12 roll offs and 7 sludge boxes
- Street Department installed two new pumps at DFA Lift Station and are retrofitting a trailer for the sign project
- Sewer Department installed a new panel at DFA Lift Station and jetted drain lines at City Hall
- Electric Department responded to several outages and trimmed trees

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

- Thank you to Darryl for taking the initiative and meeting with the department heads about budget. It will make planning go much smoother
- Going to utilize current contractors in town to repair the sidewalks in front of City Hall, want to complete this before the end of the budget year when we start on the Civic Center.
- Starting Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, "Little Kenny" Schramek will work with the other 4 high school boys. This year summer help will be focused on replacing all the posts and street signs in town.
- Attended an EDC Meeting
- There will be another EDC Meeting tomorrow

Mrs. Walker pointed out the EDC awarded \$7,500 to Bartos Investments (Owners of the Country Oaks Boutique). They also allotted over \$18,000 to the City for the street signs and \$264,000 for the College Street Project.

Mrs. Walker announced she will not be at the next City Council Meeting.

Alderman Ahlschlager asked when the City is going to start spraying mosquitoes. Mrs. Walker answered tomorrow.

Alderman Wick stated to Darryl that his crew is doing a great job.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38. The motion passed unanimously.