

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

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, July 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, Alderwoman, Kathy Kleiber, Aldermen, Frank Wick III, Roger Moellenberndt, and Clarence Ahlschlager. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Walker, Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, Police Sergeant, Rusty Roggenkamp, Police Officer, Reyden Svatek, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included Layne Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Pastor Lemae Higgs, President of the Schulenburg Festival Association, Mike Zweschper, Joshua Mendel, and Iván Velasquez.

Mayor Koopmann called role. Pastor Lemae 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 Moellenberndt, to accept Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, and D. The motion passed unanimously.

- A. Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting held on July 1, 2024
- B. Minutes from the Budget Workshop held on July 9, 2024
- C. Payment of Current Bills
- D. Quarterly Investment Report - Second

Mrs. Walker invited Schulenburg Festival Association President, Mike Zweschper, to present to Council the Festival's request for Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds.

Mr. Zweschper passed out packets to Council. He described a 12% increase in the advertising budget, 15% increase in the signage budget, and other details of the Festival. Mr. Zweschper requested \$60,000 in HOT Funds from Council.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to bestow \$60,000 in HOT Funds to the Festival Association. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Resolution regarding a contract for the purpose of financing a new police vehicle.

Mrs. Walker read the Resolution from Government Capital.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on allowing AEP to use the Expo Center as a Staging Area for storm response.

Mrs. Walker informed Council that in 2017, AEP used the Expo Center as a Staging Area in response to Hurricane Harvey. Mrs. Walker stated that due to our central location, AEP is looking to use the Expo Center again. Mrs. Walker added that AEP originally wanted a five-year contract but the City asked for 3. AEP agreed to all of the City's terms and the agreement was included in Council's Packets.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to accept the three-year agreement with AEP. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- Thankfully Hurricane Beryl didn't cause much damage in our area, we had a few trees down on CR 229, and one tree fell on a main cross-country line causing an outage for a few hours but the guys restored power as quickly as they could
- Water Department located lines on 77 in preparation for the project. M&C Fonseca is hopefully starting in the next couple weeks
- Parks Department have been doing abatements
- Garbage department hauled 14 roll offs and 6 sludge boxes
- Sewer Department has been meeting with DFA and El Tampiqueno on the expansion of Babylon Sewer Plant.

Moeller concluded by saying that weather permitting, College Street should be paved this Saturday.

City Administrator, Tami Walker, informed Council that there was a memo from Chief Brenek in Council's Packets. The memo was in regards to switching the City's yield signs to stop signs throughout town.

In said memo, Chief explained that traffic in town has increased and this would be a great time to streamline the process while summer help is replacing all the street signs. He is utilizing the ordained general powers of chief of police (12.02.002). Chief also stated he will inform the public upon completion of the project and no enforcement will occur until an agreed upon leeway time has been reached.

Mrs. Walker also reported the following to Council:

- Met with the adjuster from FSS
- July 10, met with ServePro
- July 11, met with Cutright and Prihoda at The Civic Center. They hosted a pre bid meeting. Five different contractors were in attendance
- July 12, met with the TML adjuster at City Hall

Mrs. Walker also informed Council that today she had a phone call with the City Attorney. He also plans on reaching out to FSS today.

Mrs. Walker professed to Council that the structural engineer got back with her and he's referring the City to a forensic structural engineer.

Mrs. Walker gave a reminder that there will be a budget workshop tomorrow at 4:00.

Alderman Wick inquired how the move to the City Hall Annex is going.

Mrs. Walker replied that it is a little cramped but staff is making it work. Mrs. Walker did address that there are still copious amounts of records at City Hall that need to be in moved into climate-controlled storage once City Hall is being remodeled.

Mayor Koopmann asked if the roll offs outside of City Hall will be removed before the parade. Mrs. Walker answered yes.

Alderman Moellenberndt questioned when the Civic Center remodel will begin. Mrs. Walker replied that the bids will be opened August 1st. At the 2nd Council Meeting in August, we should be able to select a contractor.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.