

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
August 5, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, August 5, 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, Police Chief, Troy Brenek, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included Darrell Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Joshua Mendel, 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.

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

- A. Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting held on July 15, 2024
- B. Minutes from the Budget Workshop held on July 16, 2024
- C. Payment of Current Bills

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 Iron Oak Apparel, LLC.

Mrs. Walker explained that Iron Oak, a clothing company owned by Schulenburg natives, purchased two of the Old Baumgarten Matula buildings. The business will consist of a warehouse and storefront at 635 and 637 N.Main.

Mrs. Walker read the Resolution.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Municipal Advisory Agreement between the City of Schulenburg and Government Capital Securities Corporation.

Mrs. Walker asked Council to recall the last budget meeting where Drew Whittington from Government Capital Securities Corporation (GCSC) presented several options to finance City projects. This is an agreement for him to be the City's Municipal Advisor.

Mrs. Walker continued that Legal reviewed the agreement and GCSC has agreed to Legal's modifications. She concluded that if the City worked with a financial advisor in the past, GCSC

will inform said advisor that the City is terminating their agreement. Mrs. Walker said the City hasn't used an advisor since 2018-2019.

Alderwoman Kleiber declared that she has firsthand experience working with GCSC and Mr. Whittington, and they will "help immensely."

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Resolution for the purpose of financing a pre-owned truck for Public Works.

Mrs. Walker explained that in the last budget workshop, it was discussed that the City would buy a pre-owned ¾ ton pickup, with minimum milage, from Chuck Brown Ford. This is a Resolution with Government Capital to finance the vehicle.

Mrs. Walker read the Resolution.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on the 2024 Proposed Tax Rate and setting a Public Hearing on the Tax Rate.

Mrs. Walker professed to Council that due to the City being debt free, we now see a drop in our tax rate. Based on the information provided, the Voter Approval Rate is .18793. Mrs. Walker added this is a decrease from .19342 from last year.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to accept the Voter Approval Rate of .18793. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker invited City Secretary, Mason Florus, to approach Council about a Cyber Liability and Data Breach Response Interlocal Agreement between the City of Schulenburg and Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.

Florus explained to Council that TML Risk Pool, the City's current property and general liability insurance provider, is creating a separate Cyber fund. As a result, the Pool now requires the City to enter into an interlocal agreement for 2024-2025 coverage. The current plan the City has, Core, will be \$1,000 a year. The other option, Core+, is also available. It provides more coverage for \$1,250 annually. Florus concluded that if the City did not enter into the interlocal agreement, the City's cyber coverage through TML would cease on September 30th, 2024.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to enter into the agreement and upgrade to the Core+. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on changing the meeting date from Monday September 2nd, due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to move the first September Council meeting to Tuesday, September 3rd, at 6:30 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Court Judge, 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.

Alderwoman Kleiber stated that she's noticed a lot of loose dogs around town. She asked Chief what is the ordinance for dogs in town.

Chief replied that they need to be secured some kind of way. He added that the PD gets a lot of calls about animals and they do the best they can.

Chief also announced to Council that they are working on an ordinance to prohibit citizens from blowing yard clippings into the streets.

Chief is getting with Darryl and adding stop signs on N. Main and Schulz and N. Main and West Ave., and installing speed bumps on August St. between James Ave. and St. John Rd.

Chief professed to Council that now that we are full staff, Officer Mike Krenek will start as the School Resource Officer August 13th. Chief reminded Council that the School will pay 75% of Krenek's salary and the City will provide the remaining 25%.

Chief concluded stating that the Festival went well. There were no citations issued and no major incidents in town. There was one vehicle stolen but it was recovered quickly.

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

- College Street is done and all the lines and crosswalks are painted
- M&C Fonseca started laying pipe today
- Thank you to all the guys for all their hard work preparing the Sports Complex and Park for the Festival

Alderman Wick wanted to thank whoever cleaned the Sports Complex because he said right after the tournament was over, it looked great. Moeller said the KCs hired a crew to clean the complex.

Alderman Moellenberndt added that College Street looks great.

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

- Myself, Darryl, and Glenn Polasek, rode to Del Valle to look at storage containers. The City is going to purchase one for \$5,500 to store items from City Hall during the renovation. The container should be delivered Wednesday.
- August 1st, Staff grilled hamburgers for all employees.
- Most of the Summer Help's last day was Friday, August 2nd. Thank them for their hard work and replacing the over 300 street signs in town.
- This Thursday or Friday Myself, Darryl, and Glenn Polasek, will go through and score the Civic Center bids. There were three bids ranging from \$1.3 to \$1.5 Million. The bids also varied in construction time from 130 days to 240 days. At the August 19th meeting, I will provide a recommendation to Council.
- Thank you to all the guys for preparing for the Festival.

Alderman Moellenberndt wanted to Thank Chuck Brown Ford for providing City Council vehicles for the Festival Parade.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20. The motion passed unanimously.