

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG  
SCHULENBURG, TX  
August 19, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, August 19, 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, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included Layne Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Pastor Lemaie Higgs, Joanne Prihoda-Rogers with Cutright & Prihoda Architects, Chase Hodges, Cindy Wingo, Joshua Mendel, and Iván Velasquez.

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

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

- A. Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting held on August 5, 2024
- B. Minutes from the Budget Workshop held on August 6, 2024
- C. Payment of Current Bills
- D. Second 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 invited Joanne Prihoda-Rogers with Cutright & Prihoda Architects to present to Council on awarding bid for the Civic Center.

Mrs. Prihoda-Rogers informed Council that they hosted a pre-bid meeting that was mandatory before bids could be turned in August 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 P.M. Three contractors turned in bids.

- K&T Construction Co. Inc, out of Victoria
- Hodges Construction, out of Smithville
- Gaeke Construction, out of Giddings

Mrs. Prihoda-Rogers stated that her firm worked with K&T and Gaeke in the past, and are currently working with Hodges. She added that she would highly recommend either of the three contractors.

Mrs. Walker interjected that herself, Alderman Ahlschlager, Project Manager, Glenn Polasek, and Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, scored the bids with Hodges Construction scoring the highest.

Mayor Koopmann asked Chase Hodges how long he has been in business. Mr. Hodges answered that he started his company 8 years ago, but he's been a professional structural engineer for 15 years.

Alderwoman Kleiber made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to accept Hodges' bid for \$1,249,500 and a construction time of 130 Days. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Moellenberndt inquired when construction would begin. Mrs. Pihoda-Rogers replied that the contractor has 45 days from when the bid is awarded to start construction. Mrs. Walker added that the City is financing the Civic Center so there are a few things to wrap up with the funding aspect as well.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on setting a Budget Public Hearing for the FY 2024-2025. Mrs. Walker recommended Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at the Council Chambers.

Alderman Wick made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to accept Mrs. Walker's recommendation and set the Budget Public Hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Amending an Ordinance Revising and Setting Rates for Water and Sewer Services within the city.

Mrs. Walker elaborated that City Staff discussed these changes with Council at the budget workshop. Water rates will increase by \$2 to aid with the leak detection equipment, and sewer rates will increase by \$1 for minimum customer charge. Mrs. Walker then read the ordinance.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to accept the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Amending an Ordinance Revising and Setting Rates for Garbage Services within the city.

Mrs. Walker announced that the customer charge was increasing \$3. There will be a \$2 increase for additional totters, a \$2 increase to small commercial, and limb and leaf curbside pickups will now be \$40 per load. Mrs. Walker then read the ordinance.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on adopting Appendix A – Schedule of Fees in addition to the City's core services.

Mrs. Walker explained to Council that the fees presented are then ones discussed and agreed upon from the budget workshops.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to accept the Appendix A – Schedule of Fees. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- Electric Department worked on multiple outages; they're also wrapping up the work at Choke Canyon BBQ
- Street Department installed speed bumps on August St. between James Ave. and St. John Rd.
- The new garbage truck's steps were modified to be safer for riders
- 11 open tops and 8 boxes of sludge were hauled
- Sewer Department worked on a clarifier that was down
- Water Department worked on water leaks along 77 and throughout town
- Parks Department worked on irrigation system leaks and started trimming trees

Mayor Koopmann asked if this new garbage truck is longer than the others. Moeller answered yes, it holds about 5 more tons so hopefully it'll last the whole route. It also has larger tires to prevent tearing up the streets.

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

- August 6, attended the last budget workshop
- August 7, Chief Brenek attempted to attend a meeting at the Gardenia Janssen Animal Shelter. However it was canceled.
- August 9, scored the Civic Center bids
- August 14, met with Chase Hodges

Mrs. Walker also noted that she has been talking to Drew Wittington about the financing options, 3 supervisors are attending a training tomorrow and Wednesday, there will be an EDC Meeting this Wednesday, and she has been talking to Ryan Kalina, a Forensic Structural Engineer, about City Hall.

Mrs. Walker concluded by saying that in an effort to give the guys some break from the heat, crews will start purging City Hall and either disposing or storing items.

At 6:59, Council adjourned into an Executive Session to discuss the following pursuant to Government Code, Section 551.071 – Legal consultation with attorney where the duty of attorney under the rules of professional conduct conflict with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

- (a) Pending or contemplating litigation or settlement offer regarding Henderson Hill Ground Storage Tank project.

Council adjourned out of Executive Session at 7:21.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to agree to pay the settlement stated in the settlement document, and authorize the City Administrator to execute said document. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22. The motion passed unanimously.