

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

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday October 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, 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 Sergeant, Terry "Rusty" Roggenkamp, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included Darrell Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Michael Ohnheiser, 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.

Under Presentations by Citizens, Michael Ohnheiser addressed Council about the City's drainage. Mr. Ohnheiser stated that "before the City spends \$3.29 Million on drainage" they need to address the "wall by the Rodeo Arena" and "put in some box culverts."

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

- A. Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting held on September 16, 2024
- B. Payment of Current Bills

Mrs. Walker led discussion on setting a date for the Annual Christmas Party and discuss the meal.

She informed Council that the City has looked into Sengelmann Hall and the KC Hall. The City has utilized Sengelmann Hall the past couple of years. If the City uses the KC Hall, we will have to contact a caterer.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to have the City Christmas Party at Sengelmann Hall, Thursday December 5th.

Municipal Court Judge, Kayla Peters', Chief Brenek's Police and Code Enforcement, Library Director, Thadius Polasek's, and Fire Marshal, Steve Strickland's reports were all included in Council's Packets.

Mayor Koopmann invited Alderman Wick to present the latest Expo Center Committee Report.

Alderman Wick reported that the committee met on October 1st at 5:30 P.M. There were 8 people in attendance and items that were discussed were the following:

- Possibly installing Astro Turf in the arena

- Electrical work, making sure they go through the City
- Thinking of ways to generate revenue from the building that can be kicked back to the City

Mayor Koopmann stated that she was contacted recently about the Expo Center and Mrs. Walker has been conducting research on the building. Mayor thanked Alderman Wick for attending.

Mrs. Walker said there has been discussion about students who have nowhere to keep show animals in City Limits, to be able to house them at the Expo Center. Mrs. Walker also stated that recently, it's not known what group last used the facilities but the trash wasn't taken out and there was dirt on the floor.

There are also currently 18 plugs at the Expo Center that are not working. Most of them are out in the weather. The City is looking at GFCI outlets to solve that problem.

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

- The new restrooms at the Sports Complex are locked after the vandalism they received. There's a porta potty at Field 5 for patrons to use.
- Street sweeping has resumed around town.
- The City is in talks with a site where we can purchase red dirt for the baseball fields. The City could haul the dirt ourselves and save money.
- The City is working on cleaning up graffiti that was discovered in Wolters Park.
- Garbage Department hauled 8 open tops and 7 boxes of sludge.
- Sewer Department replaced a bearing at Kallus.
- Water Department repaired leaks at 1037 Eilers and at the Texan.
- Street Department is working at Avenues A and B.
- Electric Department hung a service at 957 and James Ave.

Moeller also announced that he attended a walkthrough for the generators. At 806 James, 280 feet of 3-inch line was replaced. Babylon Sewer Plant passed their inspection performed by TCEQ. On 77 on the south side of town, 4,100 feet of 6-inch pipe has been installed including 15 service lines and 7 fire hydrants.

Moeller concluded mentioning the high load that ripped down communication lines by Falcon View. Moeller thanked Greg Janda for assisting the City with getting a hold of Sparklight to raise the line off of the highway.

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

- The waterline at James Ave. and the railroad tracks is going from 65 feet of boring under the railroad to 85 feet and the price increased significantly. The plan is to now tie in the existing lines, installing 2 valves and bore under Wolters Ave. next year. Mrs. Walker stated that she met with the water department and thanked Darren and Jason for their input on the situation.

- On September 18th, attended an Airport Meeting
- Darryl and I attended a Texas Watering Board Meeting in Caldwell
- On September 30th, received RFP for admin services for applying for CBDG Grants. The City received a bid from Grant Works and Langford and will score the packets soon.
- On October 3, Mason, Darryl, and I attended a meeting with another insurance broker to learn about their benefits packages.
- On October 4, I signed the Executive Settlement Agreement at the Ground Storage Tank at Henderson Hill.
- Public Works moved approximately 250 boxes down stairs at City Hall. About 100 of those will be shredded. The rest will be sorted by RCI for retention. They will do their field work the first week of November.
- The Forensic Structural Engineer sent over a report October 4th.
- Several vehicles do not have decals at the moment but the City is working on that.
- The EDC is working with the Chamber on the mural. BEFCO is surveying the area to install a sidewalk.

Mrs. Walker reported the following on the Civic Center:

- October 22, there will be a pre-construction meeting.
- October 23-25, Hodges will begin moving in.
- October 25, there will be a ground breaking ceremony.
- October 28, is the official beginning construction date.
- March 7th, 2025, is the date that construction is scheduled to be complete.

Mrs. Walker informed Council that there were 54 total outages for the 3rd quarter of 2024. The bulk of these being issues with lift stations.

Mrs. Walker concluded that she recently celebrated her 33rd anniversary at the City. Mayor Koopmann and Council thanked Mrs. Walker for her service and dedication to the City.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.