

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
September 16, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Tuesday, September 16, 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, Accounts Payable/Municipal Court Clerk, Julie Cernosek, Police Sergeant, Tobey McFadden, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included Layne Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Pastor Lemae Higgs, 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.

The recognition of Police Sergeant, Tobey McFadden, was delayed due to him responding to a call.

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

- A. Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting held on September 3, 2024
- B. Payment of Current Bills

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Resolution regarding a contract for the purpose of financing a Dump Truck for Public Works.

Mrs. Walker elaborated that this would be financed through Government Capital Corporation. This is for a non-CDL dump truck. Passing this Resolution would start the process, the City would see no expenditures on the truck until after October 1. Mrs. Walker then read the Resolution.

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

Accounts Payable/Municipal Court Clerk, Julie Cernosek, led discussion on approving and adopting Annual Municipal Budget Amendments to the General Fund for the Fiscal Year, 2023-2024 beginning October 1st, 2023 and ending September 30th.

Mrs. Cernosek presented the following:

1. \$6,000 to Swimming Pool from Civic Center to work on pool pumps
2. \$10,000 to Library from Civic Center for roof repairs
3. \$8,600 to Wolters Park from Civic Center for replacing gutters at the Pavilion

Other notables included:

1. Office and Management Department is over the budgeted amount due to City Hall (535 N. Main) foundation repairs that led to water damages, and moving costs in the amount of \$77,739.77.
2. Office and Management monies paid back to the Texas Comptroller due to a claim filed by a business in the amount of \$48,152.44. The overpayment to the City of Schulenburg was the result of a business that filed a refund for taxes from 2020-2022.
3. Police Department is over the budgeted amount in the amount of \$142,656.26 due to the purchase and financing of three new cars. The purchases were offset by the financed monies received and for insurance monies received from a wrecked vehicle.
4. The Street Department is over the budgeted amount due to the rebuild of College Street. This unbudgeted project totaled \$304,704.90, with funds donated by the Schulenburg Economic Development Corporation in the amount of \$264,000 and the City of Schulenburg paying the difference of \$40,709.40.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to accept the Budget Amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Koopmann then returned to Item 6, Presentations, Proclamations, and Recognitions, and recognized Police Sergeant, Tobey McFadden, on his ten years of service with the City of Schulenburg. Mayor Koopmann and McFadden posed for a picture and Council thanked Sergeant McFadden for his service.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on an Ordinance Adopting the Annual Municipal Budget for FY2024-2025, beginning October 1st and ending September 30th.

Mrs. Walker read the cover letter and Ordinance. The final budget number is \$19,852,652.

Alderwoman Kleiber made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to set and approve the Ordinance Adopting the Annual Municipal Budget for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 . The motion was voted on by the following roll call:

Alderman Greg Thomas – Absent
Alderman Frank Wick III – Yes
Alderman Roger Moellenberndt – Yes
Alderman Clarence Ahlschlager – Yes
Alderwoman Kathy Kleiber – Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Ratifying the Tax Increase Reflected in the Adopted Annual Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, beginning October 1st, and ending September 30th.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to Ratify the Property Tax Increase Reflected in the Adopted Annual Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, in the amount of \$31,432. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on an Ordinance Adopting the 2024 Tax Rate.

Mrs. Walker read the Ordinance.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to approve by Ordinance the Property Tax Rate to be increased by the Adoption of a Tax Rate of .18793 per one-hundred (\$100) of assed value, which is effectively a 2.9% decrease in the tax rate over the No New Revenue Tax Rate. The motion was voted on by the following roll call:

Alderman Greg Thomas – Absent
Alderman Frank Wick III – Yes
Alderman Roger Moellenberndt – Yes
Alderman Clarence Ahlschlager – Yes
Alderwoman Kathy Kleiber – Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Adopting an Investment Policy Resolution for the City of Schulenburg.

Mrs. Walker informed Council that each year the City is required to adopt by resolution the Investment Policy. This Policy meets all requirements and is in compliance with Chapter 2256 of the Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA). Mrs. Walker then read the Resolution.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on approving the 2024-2025 Schulenburg Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) Board of Directors.

The Board is as follows:

President – Paddy Magliolo
Vice President – Mark Friedrich
Secretary – Wendy Fietsam
Treasurer – Edward Glass
Board Members – Sylvia Mendoza, Ona Marak, and Clarence Ahlschlager
Advisors – Iván Velasquez and Tami Walker

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Approving the 2024-2025 Schulenburg Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) Budget.

The SEDC's Budget was presented in Council's packet and is totaled at \$532,196.

Alderwoman Kleiber made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to accept the SEDC's Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker read Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller's, Report to Council:

- Garbage Department hauled 5 open tops and 6 sludge boxes.
- Street Department cleaned out a ditch on Bruce Street, patched the roof at Senior Connections, patched over repaired water leaks on N. Main and on South Street, and patched pot holes around town.
- Mechanic fixed an oil leak on a mower, fixed a hydraulic leak on a garbage truck, helped with two pumps at lift stations, and serviced multiple police cars and firetrucks.
- Electric Department worked on breakers at Kallus Sewer Plant, installed a pole on 957, shredded out at High Hill Yard, installed lights in the Library, and fixed streetlights.
- Parks Department performed routine grounds maintenance and sprayed herbicide around the Rodeo Arena, Expo Center, and the Civic Center. They also moved out the rest of the furniture from the Civic Center.
- Wastewater Department collected samples, weedeated at all the lift stations, and replaced a drain valve at the contact chambers.
- Water Department executed line locates, pulled a pool motor, closed a hydrant at August and Kessler, and met with Mercer at Well 9 for problems with the generator and breakers.

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

- Been making final preparations to approve the Budget
- Will attend an EDC Meeting this Wednesday
- Darryl and I are going to attend a Texas Water Development Board Meeting
- Working with Langford on CDBG Funds for the 2025-2026 award year
- Finalized the settlement agreement on Henderson Hill on Friday the 13th

Mrs. Walker announced that there will be a mural painted on Schulenburg Printing's wall. The City was approached about providing assistance. The City will provide the lift to assist. The mural will be on the north wall at the corner of Anderson and Upton. The mural will be visible from Highway 90.

Mrs. Walker also stated that the Civic Center is cleaned out and ready for construction to begin.

Mrs. Walker concluded saying that the Forensic Structural Engineer is still inferring that City Hall is in "not too bad of shape." They are coming for a third visit to get a plan together. City crews have removed all the glass from the conference room and foyer and demoed the front counters.

Alderwoman Kleiber asked if public input surveys regarding the Public Pool would be inserted in this month's bills. Mrs. Walker answered yes.

Mayor Koopmann announced that she was invited and attended Reverend Stafford's church service this Sunday. It was a celebration of his 28th year of being a pastor. Mayor Koopmann wanted to publicly thank Reverend Stafford for his years of service as an Alderman, and his involvement with the African American Community.

Alderwoman Kleiber stated that she wanted to commend Mrs. Walker and Julie for preparing the Budget. Alderman Wick thanked Mason for preparing the Council Packets. All of Council echoed their appreciation.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23. The motion passed unanimously.