

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
October 21, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, October 21, 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, Pastor Lemae Higgs, Joshua Mendel, and Iván Velasquez.

Mayor Koopmann called role. Pastor Lemae said a prayer over the meeting and its members. Pastor Lemae also invited everyone to the Ministerial Alliance's Thanksgiving Service. It's going to be Sunday, November 17th, hosted by Pastor David Thompson at the Baptist Church. The Service is at 6:00 P.M. and there will be a meal afterwards. Mayor Koopmann led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Koopmann read a Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week.

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

- A. Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting held on October 7, 2024
- B. Payment of Current Bills
- C. 3rd Quarter Investment Report

Mrs. Walker led discussion on awarding Administrative Services contract for the preparation of the City's 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) CD application and subsequent Administrative Services Contract if funded.

Mrs. Walker explained the first step for applying for CDBG Funds is procuring administrative services. She continued that the City received two RFPs from Grant Works and Langford Community Management. A committee scored the packets and Langford scored the highest.

Mrs. Walker announced to Council that at the moment, there is not a definite project the City is aiming for. However, it will likely be something with water or adding to the GLO funds the City received for a drainage project.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to award Administrative Services to Langford Community Management . The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on hiring a Forensic Structural Engineer for the remodel of City Hall.

Mrs. Walker stated that the City reached out to two different firms, Terracon and Forensix Design. Mrs. Walker announced that the Forensix bid is \$500 higher, but she recommends them due to the fact that Terracon wants the building completely cleared out. Plus the two gentlemen representing Forensix have ties Schulenburg.

Mayor Koopmann asked if this analysis will tell us if the building is structurally sound. Mrs. Walker answered yes.

Alderman Thomas stated that he "Would like to save the building as much as we can if feasible."

Alderwoman Kleiber added that she would like to see a company with connections to the area.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to hire Forensix Design for \$9,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on setting a date, place, and time to conduct a walk-through of City Hall.

Alderman Wick asked if he could go one day by himself because he's not sure of his work schedule. Mrs. Walker stated that that's fine, she just wanted to see if everyone wanted to go at once so we would not violate the Open Meetings Act.

Mayor Koopmann stated that no action would be taken on this item, and she encouraged each Council Member to call City Hall and schedule an appointment to do a walkthrough.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on setting a date, place, and time for the Groundbreaking for the remodel of the Civic Center.

Again, Mrs. Walker proposed setting a time so the City could post a Possible Quorum Agenda.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to set the Groundbreaking Ceremony for Friday, October 25th between 9:30 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. at the Civic Center. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker invited Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, to lead discussion on purchasing a fuel storage tank with a 3,000-gallon storage capacity.

Moeller professed to Council that our new generators will use about 300-400 gallons every two days and we have 3 new generators. In addition, our fleet uses about 800-900 gallons every 10 days. As a result, to be better prepared, the City is looking at purchasing a 3,000-gallon tank for \$7,000 to have plenty of fuel to keep our generators running and plants functioning during freezing weather.

Moeller said he looked at a 10,000-gallon tank for \$39,000 but doesn't think the City requires that big of a tank.

Alderman Wick inquired why this wasn't brought up during the budget talks. Moeller answered that the generators are causing us to use more fuel than we anticipated and just want to be prepared. Moeller added that since the City is no longer boring under the railroad, we are shifting those budgeted funds for the tank.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to purchase the 3,000-gallon tank. The motion passed 4-1 with Alderman Wick voting against.

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

- Garbage Department hauled 4 open tops, 9 compactors, and 6 sludge boxes.
- Street department is working on Ave. A and B, they are bringing in a maintainer to blade the road and get it ready for chip seal.
- Parks Department executed 7 abatements, and are clearing the fence on the north side of the Cemetery. Once all the brush and dead trees are cleared, a new fence will be erected.
- After being approved by TxDOT, Sewer Department installed a tap on 1019 James.
- Electric Department replaced a service on Pierce St. and installed smart door closeouts on 957. In the event of an outage, this will allow for only half the line to be killed out as opposed to the whole feeder. They also took the digger truck to Houston to repair the hydraulics.
- The new waterline on the 77 project was successfully installed under the Exxon Mobil pipeline. We're now just waiting on a pressure test.
- There was a molasses spill near CO-OP, I coordinated with TxDOT and the Fire Department and we got it cleaned up.
- MC Fence is working on replacing fencing around the water towers.

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

- Mason, Chief Brenek, Darryl, and myself, attended TML Conference.
- There will be a pre-construction meeting for the Civic Center tomorrow.
- This Wednesday, attending a meeting with Strand to discuss numbers on the Babylon expansion.
- Attended an EDC Meeting, Darryl presented on the upgrades for College St. There was also discussion on the sidewalk in front of the new mural and the parking situation for Schulenburg Printing's workers.

Alderman Wick asked why the flags were not flying at the Police Station. Mrs. Walker said she's not sure, she will ask.

Mrs. Walker concluded stating that there was a Board of Adjustments hearing today at the Council Chambers for a variance at 718 N. Main. She will present the results at the next meeting.

Alderman Ahlslager made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to adjourn the meeting at 7:06. The motion passed unanimously.