

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
November 4, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday November 4, 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, 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 Layne Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Reverend Andrew Stafford, Bruce and Joann Lebeda, Karen Hoskins, Helen Niesner, Joshua Mendel, and Iván Velasquez.

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

Mayor Koopmann read a Proclamation in recognition of Audio Video Plus on 40 years of business.

Mayor Koopmann read a Proclamation for Parents as Teachers.

Mrs. Walker presented the results from the Zoning Board of Adjustments. The board met on October 21, for a variance request for Chapter 14, Schedule 5, Table A of the Schulenburg Code of Ordinances setback from 25' to 10' on the front side and from 25' to 5' on the back side for the purpose of constructing a metal building with 300 sq ft. for office space and remainder being warehouse located at 718 N. Main Street, Schulenburg, Texas 78956.

Mrs. Walker reported that there was a motion and a second, and the variance passed 4-0.

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

- A. The minutes from the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting held on October 21, 2024
- B. Payment of Current Bills

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a voluntary annexation proceeding to enlarge and extend the boundary limits of said city to include the following territory, to wit: that certain tract or parcel of land containing 1.000 acre situated in the Ygnacio Almansur League A-120, in Fayette County, Texas, and being a portion of that tract described as 11.909 acres in a deed from Helen Balcar to Delores Grieve dated October 23, 2018, and recorded in Volume 1877, Page 968 of the Official Records of Fayette County.

Mrs. Walker professed to Council that this is the land containing the new EMS Station 4. The City has encountered several obstacles but is now at the point of approving the annexation.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on an Ordinance amending the Schedule of Fees effective as part of the FY 2024-2025.

Mrs. Walker informed Council that General Code, the company that codifies our ordinances, request we pass the schedule of fees with an ordinance rather than a part of the Annual Budget. Mrs. Walker also stated that the Sports Complex Committee met yesterday and they are looking to make an amendment to the Field Rentals.

Since some organizations conduct up to 18 practices a month on City Fields, the Committee is recommending at \$250 Monthly Field Rental Fee.

Mrs. Walker then read the Ordinance.

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

Municipal Court Judge, Kayla Peters' and Library Director, Thadious Polasek's reports were included in Council's Packets. Chief Brenek's Police and Code Enforcement Reports were handed out to Council at the meeting. There was no Fire Marshal Report for October.

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

- Civic Center remodel is underway, the crews are really working hard and already have everything demoed
- The 77 Waterline Project is done with the water portion. All services are connected and all the water was tested and came back good. Crews are now working on sewer lines and storm drains.
- The Digger Truck is currently out of service. It will cost \$23,000 to repair.
- The Old Side Clarifier went down today at Babylon. Public Works is replacing a bearing that went out. The City had to rent a sky lift since the Digger Truck is out of service.
- Sewer Department is collecting samples three times a week to give Strand better data for the Babylon Expansion Project.
- Electric Department has started putting up Christmas Lights.
- McCoys Tree Surgery is in town and will be clearing limbs around our electric lines for the next 5-6 weeks.
- Garbage Department hauled 9 compactors, 23 open tops, and 5 boxes of sludge. 14 of the open tops were from City Wide Clean Up.
- Water Department assisted Nicor with a fire line for their expansion, conducted backflow inspections, and assisted M&C Fonseca with tie-ins.
- Parks Department are trimming trees and fertilizing fields.

Mayor Koopmann asked if the Digger Truck is old. Moeller responded that it is older, but there are very few miles/hours on the truck and the little bit we use it for, it's still a very good truck and we would like to keep it as long as possible.

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

- Attended the pre-construction meeting for the Civic Center
- Darryl and I attended at TxDOT Zoom Meeting
- Mason and myself have been meeting with Higgenbotham, an insurance broker to get rates for employee's health, dental, vision, life, and supplemental insurance.
- Contacted Strand and informed them that this is an opportune time to visit Babylon while one side of the plant is down.
- Attended the Ground Breaking at Civic Center
- Shred-it arrived at City Hall last week and hauled off about half the boxes that were upstairs.
- RCI is here today and will continue processing documents for retention through Wednesday.
- Megan and I represented the City at Trick or Treat Around the Track last Sunday.
- Mayor, Darryl, and myself, attended the State of the LCRA Luncheon.
- Congratulations to the Chamber on their successful Wine Walk
- Will meet with City Staff, Fire Marshal Strickland, and representatives from Nicor tomorrow, about their fire suppression needs as they plan their expansion.

Mayor Koopmann announced that Saturday, she attended the Historical Marker Dedication for the P. Breymann Building (now Packard Law Center) along with Alderwoman Kleiber and Alderman Moellenberndt.

Chief Brenek announced to Council that his department was awarded two grants from the Office of the Governor. One for bullet resistant shields and one for body worn cameras.

Chief also invited Council and the public to the annual meet and greet this Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. There will be representatives from multiple first responder agencies. The PD will be handing out Pizza and sliders.

Chief concluded stating that Officer Alvarez has resigned from the department.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05. The motion passed unanimously.