

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG  
SCHULENBURG, TX  
November 18, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, November 18, 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 Chief, Troy Brenek, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included Darrell Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Reverend Andrew Stafford, 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 thanked Reverend Stafford for the invitation to the Ministerial Alliance's Thanksgiving Service. She commended the Alliance for a good service and thanked them for all the work they do in the community. Alderwoman Kleiber was also in attendance and also commented on how beautiful the service was.

Mayor Koopmann read a Proclamation in recognition of Small Business Saturday.

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

- A. The minutes from the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting held on November 4, 2024
- B. Payment of Current Bills

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program for the 2025-2026 TxCDBG Application.

Mrs. Walker explained that this is necessary to begin the process for applying for CDBG Funds for the 2025-2026 period.

Mrs. Walker continued that a project is not selected yet. However, this is phase 1 of the process and CAPCOG has determined the following as first priority projects – (Homeless Facilities, Flood Drainage Improvements, Water/Sewer Improvements, Street Improvements, Fire Station/Equipment, Health facilities) – that could earn the City a maximum of 50 points.

Mrs. Walker then read the read the Resolution.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Federal Grant Procurement Policy and Procedures for the City of Schulenburg.

Mrs. Walker reminded Council that they previously approved the participation in the Resilient Communities Grant Application. In order for the City to proceed, we need to approve the Procurement Policy and Procedures for Federal Funding.

Mrs. Walker continued that the last update to this policy was in 2020. So that Langford Community Management Services can submit that application, the City needs to approve the policy and procedures. Mrs. Walker included the policy in Council's packets.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on installing a Fire Sprinkler System at the Civic Center.

Mrs. Walker professed to Council that recently, her, Darryl, and Fire Marshal Strickland were meeting over another matter when the Civic Center renovation came up. Now that the Civic Center is expanding capacity, it now requires a sprinkler system. However, since the building is not being structurally changed more than 50%, it's technically grandfathered in and would not require sprinklers.

Mrs. Walker said regardless, it's her recommendation to move forward with installing the system. Mrs. Walker added that Hodges is working on getting numbers but none are available as of this meeting, she is looking for direction. There was a general consensus that Council wants to sprinkle the building but wanted to wait on pricing.

Mayor Koopmann announced that Item C would be tabled until the next meeting.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Resolution Prohibiting the Use of Tik Tok by City Employees and adding sections to the Employee Handbook or/as a separate policy as required by Senate Bill 1893 Tik Tok Use.

Mrs. Walker informed Council that cities are required by Senate Bill 1893 to have this policy in place by November 20. Since the City does not have a "master social media policy" this will be a stand-alone policy. The policy prohibits the application Tik Tok on any City issued phones, tablets, and any other electronic devices.

Mrs. Walker then read the Resolution.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on the 2025 Holiday Calendar.

Mrs. Walker elaborated that for the last several years the City has followed the County's Holiday Calendar. She stated it's more streamlined when government offices are aligned.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to adopt the Calendar as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- Parks Department disked the Rodeo Arena and prepared it for an event there, put out and took down flags, and helped install a water meter at the Sports Complex.
- Sewer Department installed two taps, a chunk of concrete chipped away at the I10 Lift Station, a contractor came in and made repairs.
- Garbage Department hauled 7 open tops, 11 compactors, and 10 boxes of sludge.
- Street Department assisted with the Babylon Clarifier and assisted on 2 water leaks.
- Electric Department worked on outages, putting up Christmas Lights, and the Christmas Tree Downtown.
- Water Department assisted with the sewer taps and worked on water leaks.
- The Mechanic worked on a garbage truck, an electric truck, and the streetsweeper.

Moeller explained on the latest electric outage the line was on "one shot" since contractors were in town trimming around trees. It's safer but when an outage occurs the whole line goes down instead of individual transformers.

Moeller informed Council that the 77 project is almost complete. All the water, sewer, and storm drain lines are complete. A little bit of concrete work is all that's left. The Civic Center is coming along very nicely. Everything is demoed, and the contractor is starting the remodel.

Moeller concluded stating that last Friday, contractors were working for Pilot hit lines causing gasoline to run into our sewer system. Moller and several Public Works workers worked from 5:00 P.M. to 3:30 A.M. pumping out all of the gas out of I10 Lift Station.

Alderman Wick stated that a citizen contacted him and he wanted to thank the Electric Department. There were two outages back-to-back and he wanted to commend the department on their fast response.

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

- Attended a Rates and Resources Meeting through LCRA.
- Met with Joanna Prihoda-Rogers with Cutright & Prihoda Architects, on the paint, trim, stain, countertops, and tiles for the Civic Center. Decisions need to be made by the end of the week.
- Christmas Party invitations are sent out.
- Steps Forward Program by LCRA is looking for projects. As of now not sure what the City will apply for, possibly landscaping at the Civic Center.
- Met with Jeff Thompson in regards to the sign at the Sports Complex.

- Forensic Structural Engineers were at City Hall today, they feel like the structure is sound but would like to remove the black tin and marble to inspect.
- Kenny and I are working with ISO, for the City's fire rating.
- I read my minutes live on the radio Saturday, talked to Dan Mueller live on the air about the flags out along 77 and 90.
- Appreciate Darryl and the guys that assisted with the issue from Pilot

Mrs. Walker concluded stating that if anyone from Council wishes to view the samples for the Civic Center, please let her know so the City can post a possible quorum. The samples will be available at the Council Chambers this Friday starting at 2:00 P.M.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:07. The motion passed unanimously.