

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG  
SCHULENBURG, TX  
January 6, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, January 6, 2025, 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, Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, Police Chief, Troy Brenek, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included Darrell Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, 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.

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

- A. The minutes from the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting held on December 2, 2024
- B. Payment of Bills on December 16, 2024
- C. Payment of Current Bills

Mrs. Walker led discussion on upgrading software program related to the functions of Financials and Customer Relationship Management with Tyler Technologies Migration Services.

Mrs. Walker announced to Council that she is a firm believer in not falling behind in technology, and that includes to the City upgrading to ERP Pro 10 (The City is currently using version 9).

Mrs. Walker continued that as of right now, Tyler Technologies (the parent company of the software) is about 18-24 months out on installation but it could be as soon as 12-18 months. This is not a budgeted item but to secure the City's spot in line, the City must make a down payment of \$29,200. The full price is not publicly available because of Tyler's non-competitive clause. However, Mrs. Walker invited Council to view the quote if they wished.

The City has used Tyler since 2001. This new version will be cloud based to streamline record retention and will have more availability for customers to view and manage their utility bills.

Alderwoman Kleiber stated that she is familiar with Tyler and can attest they are a good company. She also continued that if we get too far behind, it will cost more in the future.

Alderman Wick asked if the customers will still be able to receive their utility bills in the mail. Mrs. Walker replied yes.

Alderwoman Kleiber made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to move forward with the updated software and put a down payment of \$29,200. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on replacing Housing Committee Representative Lois Carroll with Rose Woods.

Mrs. Walker stated that she was contacted by Mrs. Linda Veselka that Ms. Carroll passed away, and her position needed to be filled. Mrs. Veselka contacted Ms. Woods and she agreed to serve on the committee.

Mayor Koopmann asked if this would make the committee complete. Mrs. Walker replied that to her knowledge, yes.

Alderman Wick made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to appoint Rose Woods to the Housing Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on rescheduling the Regular Scheduled Meeting set for February 17<sup>th</sup> due to Presidents' Day.

Mrs. Walker announced that the second meeting in February falls on Presidents' Day and would need to be rescheduled.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to reschedule the meeting for Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Chief Brenk did add that Servpro donated \$15,000 to the department for a K-9.

Chief professed to Council that on December 11, he and Officer Byron Powe traveled to the Bandera area to work with dogs and select one. Chief continued that she will stay in Bandera, for now, and Officer Powe will attend 3 weeks of classes working with her before she will be put into service for the SPD. Her name will be announced soon and she will be 2 years old when she begins her service.

Servpro's donation covered costs for the dog, schooling, a kennel, and an alarm for the vehicle.

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

- Electric Department Hired back Richard Sellsted as Electric Supervisor. They're working on a rotten poles list that will be tackled once the Digger Truck is repaired. They also

worked on lights at the ballfields, the lights at the new sign at the Sports Complex, as well as meeting with DFA and the School on their expansion projects.

- Sewer Department cut down some cleanouts, parts are in for the Clarifier so that should be operational by this Wednesday.
- Mechanic worked on the Sweeper Truck replacing all the brooms, worked on the Garbage Truck, and replaced springs on the haul trailer.
- Water Department repaired water leaks at the Sports Complex, the Community Gardens, and on James Ave. They also conducted Backflow testing with various businesses in town, laid 200 feet of 2-inch line at the Civic Center, and made some repairs at Well 9.
- Parks Department have been working on the Men's Downtown Restroom, cleared the fence line at the Cemetery, and boom-axed 77 between the Old Family Dollar and Lucy's.
- Garbage Department hauled 24 compactors, 10 open tops, and 13 sludge boxes.

Public Works also cleaned and re-painted the inside of the Warehouse, and hauled yellow dirt just north of the Texan in preparation for a waterline replacement.

Starting at 10:00 P.M. tonight, the guys are going to turn on the heaters at various lift stations and plants in preparation for the freeze.

WJC should finish up the bore under 957 and have the plumbing inspection complete.

Lastly, Moeller stated that there will be a walkthrough tomorrow with MC Fonseca for their completed project on 77.

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

- 4<sup>th</sup> quarter saw 47 outages
- Food Pantry announced that they received 103 pounds of food and \$30 cash in donations from the City Christmas Party.
- Staff will be meeting with the forensic structural engineer in preparation for the upcoming workshop on Monday, January 13.
- I submitted landscaping at the Civic Center, and for the Warehouse and Sports Complex signs as part of the LCRA's Steps Forward Program.
- The \$3 Million GLO project is in motion as all the necessary paperwork has been submitted.

Mrs. Walker concluded stating that January 15<sup>th</sup> is the first day for applicants to file for the ballot for the general election. Positions open this year are Mayor, and Alderman Places 1 and 2.

Mayor Koopmann announced that on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00, Stevens Chapel United Methodist Church invited her to their Historic Marker Dedication. Mayor also extended the invitation to Council.

Alderman Moellenberndt inquired if Mrs. Walker was satisfied with the progress on the Civic Center. Mrs. Walker replied that "we're getting there." Mrs. Walker elaborated that the City is communicating change orders to save money to the architects and the project manager. She hopes that communication between the project manager and contractors continue to improve.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to adjourn the meeting at 6:58. The motion passed unanimously.