

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG  
SCHULENBURG, TX  
February 18, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 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, Greg Thomas, Frank Wick III, Roger Moellenberndt, and Clarence Ahlschlager. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Walker, Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, Police Sergeant, Tobey McFadden, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included Darrell Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Planning and Zoning Chair Person, Tina Bohlmann, Mike Ohnheiser, Robert Moore, Marsha Caine, 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.

Mayor Koopmann read a Proclamation honoring Black History Month. Council then took a photo with representatives from the Schulenburg Black History Month Celebration Committee and presented a \$500 check for hall rental for the celebration.

Mayor Koopmann Requested that items F and G be pulled off of consent agenda so they could be discussed.

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

- A. Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting held on January 27, 2025
- B. Minutes from the Special Meeting held on February 10, 2025
- C. Minutes from the Swimming Pool Workshop held on February 10, 2025
- D. Payment of Current Bills
- E. Annual Racial Profiling Report provided by Chief Brenek

Mayor Koopmann invited Planning and Zoning Chair Person, Tina Bohlmann, to present on a replat at 623 Anderson.

Ms. Bohlmann professed to Council that Garrett Pettit, is wanting to run a catering business from a building on his property. As a result, he is wanting to split the lot so the building has a separate address (which would be off of Wolters).

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

Ms. Bohlmann then turned Council's attention to another replat at 501 and 505 N. Main. This is Anytime Fitness and the former hair salon, both owned by Chip Bubela. The addresses are

currently one commercial property. Mr. Bubela is wanting to split the properties so the salon at 505 N. Main could be sold without incident.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Approving the Signatories on the new Bank Account for the GLO Contract #42-065-096-E828 Project.

Mrs. Walker explained that the bank needs the signatories named in the minutes to complete the opening of the new account. Mrs. Walker recommends Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, City Administrator, and Accounts Payable/Finance be named as signatories.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to name Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, City Administrator, and Accounts Payable/Finance be named as signatories to the new interest-bearing account. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on the Long-Range Plan for the Schulenburg Public Library.

Mrs. Walker elaborated that this is a 5-year plan put together by Library Director, Thadious Polasek, and necessary for him staying compliant and applying for grants.

Alderman Wick made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to accept the Library's Long-Range Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Approving the Municipal Maintenance Agreement between the City of Schulenburg and the cities in the Yoakum District and the Texas Department of Transportation.

Mrs. Walker informed Council that this is an agreement between TxDOT and cities laying out who is responsible for what in terms of maintenance. Mrs. Walker added that the agreement was included in Council's packets and will continue the partnership with TxDOT whom the City has a good working relationship.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to approve the agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on moving the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting due to Texas Independence Day.

Mayor Koopmann said she would not be able to attend if the meeting is moved to the next day. However, she doesn't mind if Mayor Pro-Tem Ahlschlager is willing to run the meeting.

Alderman Wick made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to move the meeting to Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 P.M. at the Council Chambers. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Brenek's Police Department/Code Enforcement, Library Director, Thadious Polasek's, and Fire Marshal, Steve Strickland's reports were all included in Council's packets.

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

- Put in a new system at Well 9 replacing antiquated equipment, replaced a 6-inch valve at N. Main and Bohlmann, worked on the water pressure issue at Meadow Creek, and met with the plumber at the school for their water tap.
- Electric Department executed a pole changeout on Simpson, installed the transformer for the school, replaced a pole on Pierce, and received the Digger Truck back and it's back in service.
- Sewer Department, installed a bubbler at the County Barn Lift Station, and installed two motors at the Boneyard Lift Station.
- Street Department patched pot holes, primed Avenues A and B, and put out the flag for Presidents' Day.
- Garbage hauled 15 compactors, 6 open tops, and 6 boxes of sludge.

Moeller added that this evening starting at 10:00 P.M., we are starting our freeze protection program with the guys checking heaters throughout the night until Friday.

Mayor Koopmann asked if Senior Connections will have their water shut off. Moeller replied he spoke with them and they are supposed to let the pipes drip. Also, with everything being inside, they should be fine.

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

- February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Darryl, Glenn Polasek, and I met with Brad Cutright and Joanna Prihoda about the AC units at the Civic Center, we will have an update this Thursday.
- February 5<sup>th</sup>, attended a Rates and Resources Meeting in Austin
- February 10<sup>th</sup>, conducted a staff meeting with the Administration Group, also attended the Special Meeting and the Pool Workshop.
- Met with President of the Festival Association, Mike Zweschper, to discuss possible improvements to the Rodeo Arena.
- February 11<sup>th</sup>, met with Gregory Hallmark with SAFEbuilt, an inspection company, on possibly utilizing their services.
- February 12<sup>th</sup>, met with Joanna Prihoda about the Downtown Restroom. The building is not climate controlled and as a result, the City is noticing a mold and mildew issue. We did budget \$100,000 for the remodel.
- Three contractors looked at City Hall, Chris Kahanek will review their bids and provide the City with a recommendation.
- February 14<sup>th</sup>, met with members of the GLO, Befco, and the grant writers, for our kickoff meeting for the \$3.89 million project. January 2028 is the deadline for the project.

Mrs. Walker announced that City Hall Staff has been conducting cross training. Kenny has been learning accounts payable since Julie will be out with a medical procedure, Mrs. Walker will be covering City Secretary duties while Mason is out with the birth of his child, and Johnnie is being

brought in from the outside to help out up front. Johnnie is currently working on his degree for business and is really helping out City Hall at this time.

Alderman Wick wanted to thank all the guys on the outside, especially the garbage department as they are “ always happy and waving.”

Mayor Koopmann wanted to thank Council for attending the Historical Marker Dedication at Stevens Chapel United Methodist Church.

Mayor also read a thankyou letter from the Schulenburg Historical Museum. The City donated two of the Sesquicentennial Banners to the museum to be preserved for future generations.

Alderwoman Kleiber asked when the projected completion date is for the Civic Center. Mrs. Walker answered that she’s attending a meeting this Thursday and will discuss and have a better time frame after said meeting, but they are moving along fairly quickly.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to adjourn the meeting at 6:59. The motion passed unanimously.