

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
July 16, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 4:00 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, and Clarence Ahlschlager. City staff present included City Administrator, Tami Walker, Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, Police Chief, Troy Brenek, Accounts Payable / Municipal Court Clerk, Julie Cernosek, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included David Carpenter, Dianna Zimmermann, Meagan Webb, David Marsh, Paul Zapalac, Rodney Kalich, Mike Zweschper, Scott Gresham, and Stanley Pesek.

Mayor Koopmann called role.

Mrs. Walker welcomed everyone and announced that the City wanted to hear from the organizations and community partners to hear about their projects and needs and Council would listen to their presentations and take into consideration.

David Carpenter with the Schulenburg Historical Museum presented to Council. Mr. Carpenter stated that the museum had 924 guests in 2024 and many who visit in the museum also stay in local hotels and other short-term rentals. At this time, the Museum is not asking for an increase in their HOT Funds allotment.

Megan Webb with the Children's Advocacy Center presented to Council. Ms. Webb stated that the organization works with children who are victims of crimes. The service covers Bastrop, Lee, and Fayette County. In the past the City has donated \$500.

David Marsh with CARTS presented to Council. Mr. Marsh stated that CARTS is a public agency mostly funded through interlocal agreements. Any amount the City could give would help.

Paul Zapalac with the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce presented to Council. Mr. Zapalac stated that the main goals of the Chamber this year is revamping their website and growing their social media presence. The Chamber is requesting \$93,723.

Rodney Kalich of the Sauasagefest presented to Council. Mr. Kalich explained they also want to improve their website by integrating it with the Chamber's. The Sauasagefest is requesting \$28,000.

Amanda Kridel with Senior Connections presented to Council. She stated that the group has opened two satellite sites, one in Flatonia and one in Weimar. She announced what started at 35, has grown to 370 members. In 2024, the service served 5,000 meals and this year they are on pace to serve 7,000. She stated that they are closing on their new building and it will be renovated in two phases. She informed Council any donation would be appreciated.

Mike Zweschper with the Schulenburg Festival presented to Council. He stated that the main cost increasing for the Festival is advertising and an emphasis this coming year will be on promotional products to obtain more sponsorships.

Stanley Pesek with the Schulenburg Knights of Columbus presented to Council. Mr. Pesek is in charge of the Festival Softball Tournaments sponsored by the KCs. Mr. Pesek is not requesting any additional funds because the number of teams that participate are slowly declining year after year.

Mrs. Walker announced that any other numbers wanting to be discussed would really not be beneficial until a decision on City Hall is made. That vote will be August 4th.

Council was informed that there is some excess money left over from other projects that the City could put towards projects before September 30. Some ideas were the Parks Assessment, Sports Complex Pavillion, and Christmas Decorations.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to adjourn the meeting at 6.36. The motion passed unanimously.