

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
July 23, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, July 23, 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, Greg Thomas, Frank Wick III, Roger Moellenberndt, and Clarence Ahlschlager. City staff present included City Administrator, Tami Walker, Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, Library Director, Thadious Polasek. Accounts Payable / Municipal Court Clerk, Julie Cernosek, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included Chief, Darren Guentert, 1st Assistant Chief, Drew Brossmann, and Paul Zapalac of the Schulenburg Volunteer Fire Department, and Erin Wotipka.

Mayor Koopmann called role.

Drew Brossmann with SVFD addressed Council. Mr. Brossmann stated that the main increases the Fire Department were proposing are vehicle maintenance and the contributions to the pension plan.

Mr. Brossmann went over recent purchases of vehicles, radios, and their annex building they purchased with the help of grant money. As a result, the fire department is requesting an increase in the City's portion of the pension from \$1,000 per man to \$1,400 per man. He informed Council that the City has not increased the pension since 2013.

The balance of the Fire Protection Fund was inquired. Mr. Brossman informed Council the department likes to save that money to purchase the truck that doesn't leave the city limits since that is a truck purchased by City utility customers' donations.

Mr. Brossmann asked where that account is held.

Mrs. Walker answered that the money sits in TexPool because it pays higher interest than banks.

Library Director, Thadious Polasek, addressed Council.

Mr. Polasek informed Council that the notable increases were going to be a \$1,500 increase for a computer consultant and \$1,000 increase in utilities because the Library increasing their internet speed will use more electricity.

Erin Wotipka with And Then A New Day, addressed Council.

She stated that she started her organization in 2016, to provide programs and services to adults with special needs who age out of public schools. As her business has grown, she has realized

the lack of accessibility for the handicap who try to traverse on the sidewalks outside her buildings.

She informed Council that she is working with TxDOT to try to obtain grant funds for sidewalk renovations. She is bringing it to Council's attention if they can budget funds towards sidewalks in the future.

Mrs. Walker invited Operations manager, Darryl Moeller to discuss projects and big-ticket items in public works.

Moeller informed Council that a Ford Ranger and a Man Lift will be spread out and charged to multiple departments.

Other major Items discussed were as follows:

Sports Complex

- Tree planting
- 40X40 Pavillion
- Playground equipment
- Sprinkler system for the boy's field

Wolters Park

- Wood chips for the playground
- Tree planting
- Rodeo Arena fence

Civic Center

- Security Cameras

Cemetery

- Tree Trimming

Street

- Herder from 90 to N. Main
- Street Sweeper Payment
- Concrete Saw
- Limestone
- Roller

Electric

- Tree Trimming
- Smith Electric services
- Double Circuit Feeder
- ¾ Ton pickup
- Christmas Lights

Water

- East Avenue Waterline

Wastewater

- Security cameras at Kallus and Babylon
- Generators at lift stations
- Propane tanks (for generators)
- East Ave. to Prime Products sewer line replacement

Warehouse

- Two heaters
- 2,000-gallon unleaded fuel tank
- Electronic door locks with keypads

Garbage

- Downtown trash containers
- Concrete slabs for dumpsters
- Limb and leaf grinding
- Straight Truck payment
- Mac Truck payment

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45. The motion passed unanimously.