

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

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 5:30 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 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.

Mrs. Walker informed Council that she had spoken to PGAL. Their estimates for work to start on City Hall and the PD would be \$845,000. \$500,000 of that going to City Hall, \$345,000 towards the PD.

They made the comment that if we hire the same contractor for both buildings, the City could save money by completing both projects simultaneously. PGAL is estimating anywhere between \$8.8-11Million. However, the City will not have numbers until bids come in.

Staying on the remodels, Mrs. Walker notified Council that she spoke with Drew Whittington with Government Capital. He reported that the City has two options for financing the projects. The first is Certificates of Obligation, that usually goes anywhere between 15-25 years and is based on the ad valorem tax.

The other option is a General Election, and that would need to be called 84 days before the General Election dates of May or November.

As far as increases in rates, water and sewer are both going up \$1 per City Ordinance.

There is also a proposed electric increase of \$2.50 in customer charges for commercial and residential accounts with a \$25 increase in industrial. Also, there is a proposed \$1 increase in garbage that will be included in the updated schedule of fees.

Mrs. Walker announced as far as increases with expenditures, the City is budgeting for a 17% increase to employee health insurance, a 10% increase in property and liability coverage, and a 5% raise based off 3% COLA and 2% merit.

Other major cuts from Capital Projects were as follows:

In Sports Complex, the New Storage Building (\$42,000) and the Pavillion (\$52,968) were cut. Other organizations will try to obtain HOT Funds to fund these projects.

In Street, the reworking of Herder from 90 to N. Main (\$1,482,000) was cut. The City will add \$300,000 to the street budget and chip seal that stretch and other roads to maintain certain streets.

In Electric, Contracted Tree Trimming (\$40,000) was cut, the City will perform that work in house. The City also cut the Christmas Lights (\$30,000), the City will purchase those lights in this current budget with excess funds.

In Wastewater, Engineering was cut from \$100,000 to \$10,000 and the Shed at Kallus (\$42,000) was cut.

In Warehouse, the Catch Basin (\$20,000) was cut.

These cuts trimmed the deficit to \$1,747,000. There was a general consensus to balance the budget with reserves. Mrs. Walker reminded Council that as of her 2nd Quarter Investment Report, the City's reserves are healthy at about \$7.3 Million.

Council then discussed and approved admin's salaries.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to adjourn the Workshop at 9:09. The motion passed unanimously.