

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

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, October 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, Greg Thomas, Frank Wick III, and Clarence Ahlschlager. City staff present included City Administrator, Tami Walker, Police Chief, Troy Brenek, Public Works Director, Darryl Moeller, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included Darrell Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, David Russell, Ryan O'Neill, and Harvey Kelly with Frontier

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 Koopman announced that Presentations Proclamations and Recognitions would be moved later in the meeting because Frontier was having technical difficulties loading their Power Point.

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

- A. Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Meeting held on September 15th, 2025
- B. Payment of Current Bills

Mrs. Walker led discussion on setting a date for a Community Meeting to discuss Parks & Recreation for the City of Schulenburg.

Mrs. Walker professed to Council that Burditt gave three dates they are available to present results from the Parks Survey and hear community input. The dates are Monday, October 20, Tuesday, October 21, and Wednesday, October 22.

Alderwoman Kleiber made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to set the Community Meeting for Wednesday, October 22nd at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers. The motion passed unanimously.

Under Mayor's Comments, Mayor Koopmann asked if Code Enforcement was going to start patrolling on the weekends, because she's seen residents doing work on Saturdays and Sundays trying to avoid a permit. Chief Brenek answered yes, Gina will be patrolling on the weekends but it will be sporadic so citizens won't notice a pattern.

Municipal Court Judge Kayla Peters', Chief Brenek's Police and Code Enforcement, Library Director, Thadious Polasek's, Fire Marshal, Steve Strickland's, and Public Works Director, Darryl Moeller's reports were all included in Council's Packet.

Chief Brenek did want to announce to Council that the pond at the Sports Complex has been stocked with fish. Chief continued that temporary fencing around the pond would have been rather expensive so the PD purchased inexpensive cameras to monitor the pond and help with deterring anyone from fishing while the new fish grow and populate.

Chief invited Council this Wednesday to the National Night Out. Several vendors will be in attendance along with facepainting and a petting zoo. The Schulenburg High School Band and the Matt Bonner Band will provide entertainment. SVFD and neighboring agencies will be in attendance along with possibly the DPS helicopter.

Mrs. Walker asked Public Works Director, Darryl Moeller, to elaborate on the recent outages. Moeller elaborated that there were two major power outages. The first on Monday morning, an insulator cracked and burned through the main wire causing an outage on the whole north and west sides of town.

The second outage on Wednesday, same feeder, a jumper wire burned in half, everything was correct and no signs of fault on the indicators just coincidences.

Moeller commended the guys for finding the problem quickly and getting power back as quickly and safely as possible. He added that the City did everything in house Daniel Hattfield is the new electric supervisor, Mike Salmon has been with the City for almost 3 years, Bralon Hutchison who has about 8 years' experience before coming to the City, and Ethan Cazares, who just graduated from Lineman School.

Under Presentations, Proclamations, and Recognitions, David Russell, Vice President of External Affairs for Frontier addressed Council.

Mr. Russell informed Council that Frontier met with City Staff back in April, and he, along with Ryan O'Neill, The Director of Construction and Engineering for the State of Texas for Frontier, and Harvey Kelly with Housley Construction, who is the lead contractor for the project, were in attendance tonight to answer any questions.

Mr. Russell explained that Frontier is constructing fiber in Schulenburg, bringing speeds up to 7 Gigs. The fiber will be about 60% aerial and 40% underground. The aerial will be mostly hung on existing poles, and the underground will all be bored, no City streets will be dug up.

Frontier is passing out door hangers that are printed in English and Spanish. There will be a few access ports called "Hand Holes" in some right of ways but they are going to be even with the ground. There will also be several "Fiber Hubs" that will sit above ground. Frontier is meeting with City Staff to try to find convenient locations where they are of least nuisance to citizens. Lastly, Mr. Russell stated that Frontier will also swap out poles that are not safe, and poles that do not belong to Frontier, they will contact the owner of said poles that are deemed unsafe.

The plan is to build out to reach 1,800 potential customers. And this will be paid for entirely by Frontier, no tax dollars are being used.

Mayor Koopmann inquired if fiber is cheaper. Mr. Russell said it's hard to say depending on the customer's speed they select, but 500 MB is \$39.99 a month to give Council an idea.

Mayor Koopmann asked about the Pole Attachment Agreement. Mrs. Walker replied that it was returned by Legal today, and has been sent off to Frontier for signatures. It will be on the next meeting's agenda.

Ryan O'Neill informed Council that 10 poles have already been replaced, and since most of the installation is aerial, installation will be quicker. He continued that construction can begin a week after the agreement is signed so the three or four aerial projects can be done in a month (end of November) and weather permitting, the underground will be complete by the end of the year.

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

- September 17th, attended a training in Austin
- September 18th, met with Frontier
- September 22nd, attended cyber security training in San Antonio
- September 24th, met with Strand about the expansion of Babylon
- September 26th met with Government Capitol on the financing of City Hall
- September 29th, power outage occurred and City Hall was without computers for a day and a half
- October 1st, second power outage, also met with GameTime, their pricing came in much higher than anticipated so the City is seeking alternative options.

Mrs. Walker then went over the 3rd Quarter Outages. There were 35 total.

Mrs. Walker then updated Council on City Hall. She stated that PGAL has been in town in City Hall (535 N. Main). They are investigating the back stating that there is still stress on the building as a result of the foundation work.

The LiDAR scan is complete and so is the environmental testing. Those results should be in in about 10 days. PGAL is working on the demolition bid package to be advertised. It is possible that a contractor be selected and demo work complete by the end of the year. PGAL will also advertise in the local newspapers so local contractors can place bids if they wish.

PGAL will conduct more scans after the demo is complete.

Alderwoman Kleiber asked about the PD. Mrs. Walker answered that all the testing has been complete at the PD as well.

The City is still working with the City Attorney and FSS on a settlement for the damages caused.

Mrs. Walker mentioned that there are citizens wanting to enter City Hall (535 N. Main). However, the City is not allowing anyone in the building other than employees and hired contractors and consultants for liability reasons.

PGAL is also reaching out to the neighbors of the building.

Lastly, Mrs. Walker echoed Chief's invitation to the National Night Out this Wednesday.

Alderwoman Kleiber inquired if there were any bookings at the Civic Center so far. Mrs. Walker replied not yet.

Mrs. Walker announced to Council that tomorrow is her 34th anniversary with the City. Council congratulated Mrs. Walker. Mayor Koopmann added that it's been a pleasure working with her and looking forward to the years to come. Mayor added that the work you've put in and the knowledge you possess you should be very proud.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27. The motion passed unanimously.