

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG  
SCHULENBURG, TX  
September 15, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, September 15, 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, Frank Wick III, Roger Moellenberndt, and Clarence Ahlschlager. City staff present included City Administrator, Tami Walker, Police Seargeant, Tobey McFadden, Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller, Accounts Payable/Municipal Court Clerk, Julie Cernosek, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included Layne Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Mary Ramirez, Karen Kokes, Erin and Ryan Wotipka, Ona Marak, Lisa Rolirad, Jeanine Ulrich, Alycia Konvicka, and Micheal Ohnheiser.

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.

Under Presentations By Citizens, Mary Ramirez addressed Council. Ms. Ramirez stated that she lives at 120 Wolf street. She handed out Council pictures of the dead-end sign at the end of her street. She asked Council to consider moving the dead-end sign back to the corner of East Ave. and Wolf so vehicles can see it before they go down Wolf and have to turn around in her driveway.

Under Presentations By Citizens, Karen Kokes echoed Ms. Ramirez's concerns about the dead-end sign. Mrs. Kokes also said there are multiple vehicles speeding on East Ave. She also complained about the number of semi-trucks traveling on East Ave. and asked if the City could put up "No 18-Wheeler Signs."

There was no member representing Gardenia Janssen Animal Shelter in attendance to present to Council.

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

- A. Minutes for the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting held on September 2, 2025.
- B. Payment of Current Bills.

Mayor Koopman invited Accounts Payable/Municipal Court Clerk, Julie Cernosek, to lead discussion on Approval and Adopting Annual Municipal Budget Amendments to the General Fund for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and ending September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Mrs. Cernosek reported to Council that there were two major Budget Amendments.

1. \$75,682 was added to Office & Clerical Buildings and Improvement and \$75,682 was deducted from Street Contract Labor. This was due to unforeseen work as a result of the damages at City Hall (535 N. Main).
2. \$87,460 was added to VFW/Boys and Girls Club and \$87,460 was deducted from Street Contract Labor. This was due to unforeseen roof repairs on the VFW/Boys and Girls Club Building.

Mrs. Cernosek concluded that the Civic Center Line Item for Buildings and Improvements was over budget by \$175,053. This was due to the Civic Center Renovation. This is not an official budget amendment because the money was deducted from reserves.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to accept the Budget Amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on an Ordinance Adopting the Annual Municipal Budget for FY2025-2026, beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, and ending September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Walker read the Ordinance.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, stating " I move to set and approve the Ordinance Adopting the Annual Municipal Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026."

Alderwoman Kleiber announced that she "Seconded" the motion.

Mayor Koopman professed that " A motion has been made and seconded to set and approve the Ordinance to set and Approve the Annual Municipal Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026. I will now call the roll."

A roll call vote was conducted and the results are as follows:

Alderman Frank Wick III – Yes  
Alderman Roger Moellenberndt – Yes  
Alderman Clarence Ahlschlager – Yes  
Alderwoman Kathy Kleiber – Yes  
Alderman Greg Thomas – Absent

Mayor Koopmann continued that "The motion to approve the Ordinance to set and approve an Ordinance Adopting the Annual Municipal Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 passes on a 4 to 0 Vote."

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Ratifying the Tax Increase Reflected in the Adopted Annual Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, and ending September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Koopmann added that "This vote is in addition to and separate from the vote to adopt the budget. This vote is to acknowledge that the property tax increases the tax revenue support the budget for this fiscal year by \$224,120 or 30.7% and of that amount \$9,329 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year."

Alderwoman Kleiber made a motion, stating "I move to Ratify the Property Tax Increase Reflected in the Adopted Annual Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, in the amount of \$224,120 or 30.7% and of that amount, \$9,329 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year."

Alderman Wick announced that he "Seconded" the Motion.

Mayor Koopman professed that "A motion has been made and seconded to Ratify the Property Tax Increases Reflected in the Adopted Annual Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026." The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on an Ordinance Adopting the 2025 Tax Rate.

Mrs. Walker read the Ordinance.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, by stating "I move to approve by Ordinance the Property Tax Rate to be Increased by the Adoption of a Total Tax Rate of .24550 per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed value, which is effectively a 29.8% increase in the tax rate. And, to provide for an Interest and Sinking Fund for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026, upon all property, real, personal, and mixed, within the corporate limits of said City subject to taxation, an Ad Valorem tax of .24550 on each one-hundred-dollar (\$100) valuation of property, said tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purposes here set forth:

1. For the maintenance and operation of general government (General Fund), .18909 on each One Hundred Dollar (\$100) valuation of property and
2. For the Interest and Sinking Fund, .05642 for each One Hundred Dollar (\$100) valuation of property."

Alderwoman Kleiber announced that she "Seconded" the Motion.

Mayor Koopmann stated that "A motion has been made and seconded to approve by Ordinance the Property Tax Rate be Increased by the Adoption of a Total Tax Rate of .24550 per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assed value, which is effectively a 1.3% increase in the tax rate over the No New Revenue Tax Rate. I will now call the roll."

A roll call vote was conducted and the results are as follows:

Alderman Frank Wick III – Yes  
Alderman Roger Moellenberndt – Yes  
Alderman Clarence Ahlschlager – Yes  
Alderwoman Kathy Kleiber – Yes  
Alderman Greg Thomas – Absent

Mayor Koopmann concluded, “ The motion to approve by Ordinance the 2025 Tax Rate to be Increased by the Adoption of a Total Tax Rate of .24550 per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed value, which is effectively a 29.8% increase in the tax rate with the following roll call vote passes on a 4 to 0 vote.”

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Adopting an Investment Policy Resolution for the City of Schulenburg.

Mrs. Walker read the Resolution.

Alderman Wick made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to accept the Resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on the 2025-2026 Schulenburg Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) Board of Directors.

Mrs. Walker explained to Council that the proposed Board is as follows:

President – Mark Friedrich  
Vice President – Sylvia Mendoza  
Secretary – Wendy Fietsam  
Treasurer – Edward Glass

Board Member – Ona Marak  
Board Member – Clarence Ahlschlager

Advisor – Tami Walker  
Advisor – Coy Romine  
Advisor – Jordan Mahac

Legal Counsel – Carl “Bo” Dawson

Mayor Koopmann inquired if there is a certain number of people that make up said board. Mrs. Walker answered there's 7 board members and the number of advisors is unlimited and they can step in as long as they've served for at least a year.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to accept the 2025-2026 SEDC Board of Directors as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Approving the 2025-2026 Schulenburg Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) Budget.

The breakdown of the budget was included in Council's Packets. The SEDC is presenting a balanced budget with \$524,184 in anticipated income and expenses.

Alderwoman Kleiber made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to accept the 2025-2026 SEDC Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Approving a Notice of Fee Increases from SEnergy for their Regulatory/Agency Tracking and Compliance Support (ATCS) Service.

Mrs. Walker explained to Council that the City works closely with SEnergy (Powered by Schneider Engineering) for Regulatory and Compliance support. Due to recent laws passed by the Texas Legislature (89<sup>th</sup> Session), other additional regulations that impact MOU's (Municipal Owned Utilities) require SEnergy to inform the City of the increase in fees.

A letter was included in Council's Packets elaborating on these increases. They will go into effect on during the January 2026 billing cycle. The fee is increasing from \$750 a month to \$1,000 per month.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Klieber, to accept the rate increases. The motion passed unanimously.

Operations Manager, Darryl Moeller's Report was included in Council's Packet.

Mayor Koopmann asked if the Herder upgrade was complete. Moeller answered that the portion that included the large outage is complete. However, the whole project will take about 4-6 weeks depending on how many crews the contractors can spare for the project.

City Administrator, Tami Walker, updated Council on the following:

- Monday September 8<sup>th</sup>, Mayor, Darryl, and I met with GameTime on potential playground grants. Also signed PGAL Agreement for 535 N. Main. Will begin environmental report. City can assist with running cameras through the piping to offset costs.
- Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup>, had a Zoom meeting with the Auditors.
- Thursday September 11<sup>th</sup>, conducted a round table discussion with the Mayor, Chamber, and EDC.
- Friday September 12<sup>th</sup>, the pond at the Sports Complex was electroshocked.

On Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, Darryl and I will attend a training in Austin. On Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mason and I will attend Cyber Security Training in San Antonio.

On Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, Colorado Valley will be in City Hall changing over phones. The PD has already transitioned and eliminated several lines, saving the City money. These new phones are more compatible and will be simple to transition into the renovated City Hall.

Mrs. Walker also informed Council that the park surveys have been collected. The goal was to receive between 300 and 350. 306 surveys were completed online and 25 hard copies were turned in. The QR Code will still be live for a period of time. Mrs. Walker also announced that she will be on a conference call with Burditt tomorrow. We are also planning a community meeting to discuss the survey in October or November.

Alderwoman Kleiber inquired if PGAL has an estimated timeline to complete their study. Mrs. Walker answered that there is no firm timeline at this time. However, they are not just providing consulting, they are also providing architecture, engineering, and planning services for the interior and exterior.

Alderman Ahlchlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15. The motion passed unanimously.