

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
November 17, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, November 17, 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, Roger Moellenberndt, and Clarence Ahlschlager. City staff present included City Administrator, Tami Walker, Public Works Director, Darryl Moeller, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included Layne Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Reverend Andrew Stafford, Dr. Virginia Glass Berry, Jeanine Ulrich, and Michael Ohnheiser.

Mayor Koopmann called role. Reverend Stafford said a prayer over the meeting and its members. Mayor Koopmann led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Under Presentations by Citizens, Michael Ohnheiser addressed Council about concerns with bids for water and sewer lines.

Under Presentations by Citizens, Dr. Virginia Glass Berry addressed Council. Dr. Berry informed Council that she is a 1978 Graduate of Schulenburg High School and after forty years has moved back to Schulenburg.

Dr. Berry stated that she is also a member of St. James Baptist Church, and she invited the community to two upcoming events at the church.

The first is on November 26th, anyone who comes and shows their WIC or SNAP Benefits Card will receive a \$25 Walmart Gift Card. They plan on helping 100 families.

The second event is on December 7th, and it will be a Christmas Party for our local veterans.

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 November 3, 2025
- B. Payment of Current Bills

Mrs. Walker led discussion on awarding a bid for the Partial Selective Interior Demolition of City of Schulenburg City Hall (535 N. Main).

She reminded Council that the bid tabulation was included in Council's Packets. The bids were as follows:

- O'Donald Construction - \$261,728
- ServePro (Bastrop) - \$296,028
- WJC Constructors Services, LLC - \$250,000

- CZS Developers - \$101,076
- American Abatement - \$99,460

Mrs. Walker announced to Council that American Abatement is Double A rated, they are out of San Antonio, and have been in business since 2009. Staff reached out to three references for American Abatement, as of tonight, only one has responded. However, they had nothing but positive things to say about the contractor.

City Staff recommends awarding the bid to American Abatement. The scope of work in the bid stated that work will be complete by December 31st.

Mayor Koopmann inquired when they could start. Mrs. Walker answered immediately. If approved tonight, she will notify American Abatement tomorrow morning.

Alderwoman Kleiber added that she did her own research on the company and liked what she saw.

Alderwoman Kleiber made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick to award the bid to American Abatement in the amount of \$99,460. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on financing options for an Altec Bucket Truck for the Electric Department.

Mrs. Walker reminded Council that at the last meeting, Council approved the purchase of the truck, this is selecting a financing option. The two options were listed in Council's Packets.

Staff suggests the FMV Option of 5 annual payments of \$46,178.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to accept the FMV Option. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mrs. Walker announced that this will be a "come and go" meeting put on by Burditt to further elaborate on the survey results and the feedback from the first community meeting.

Mrs. Walker stated that she is needing a date and then an alternative date to take back to Burditt.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to set the date of the meeting for Wednesday, January 7th, and Monday, January 20th, as the alternative date. Both meetings will start at 5:30 P.M. and be take place in the Council Chambers. The motion passed unanimously.

Under Mayor's Comments, Mayor Koopmann wanted to congratulate Officer Haillee Vincent who got married over the weekend.

Alderman Wick wished to highlight the Schulenburg Volunteer Fire Department for their efforts at the recent structure fire that destroyed two houses on the 300 block of Summitt. Alderman Wick also thanked SPD, Fayette County Sheriff's Department, and Fayette County EMS for their assistance.

Alderman Thomas congratulated the Schulenburg Lady Horn Volleyball Team for reaching the State Semi-Finals. He also wished the Football Team the best of luck in their upcoming Area Playoff Game.

Public Works Director, Darryl Moeller's Report was included in Council's Packets. Alderman Wick stated that he already talked to Darryl, but he wanted to reiterate that at the structure fire, he noticed the electric guys were only working with a light on their helmet. Alderman Wick professed if there's anything the City can purchase to make sure the linemen have more light when they're working in the bucket, Council should budget for it for the upcoming year.

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

- The Amended Investment Report will appear on the next Agenda. The decrease in reserves of \$913,464.65 was actually \$948,649.01.
- Darryl and I attended the Rates and Resources Meeting in Austin
- Mason and I have been in meetings with the insurance brokers, we did budget an increase of 17%
- Bid opening for the water/sewer line projects
- Will notify PGAL tomorrow about American Abatement winning the bid
- Crews will pave College Street tomorrow
- Crews and contractor worked on a scheduled power outage this weekend. Outage took a little longer than expected and one customer called answering service 5 or 6 times.
- Another scheduled outage was supposed to take place today but it is being postponed until tomorrow
- Mason has sent out invitations for the City Christmas Party

Mrs. Walker wanted to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

Alderman Thomas wanted to remind the citizens to be patient, and when crews are doing the work if the citizens will acknowledge that the crews are conducting work as efficiently and safely as possible.

Mrs. Walker announced to Council that the City is looking into erecting a cover for the new electrical panels at the Sports Complex. It should be around \$6,000.

Mrs. Walker concluded stating that the Electric Department has completed hanging the Christmas lights.

Alderman Moellenberndt stated that he is happy that work is continuing to move forward at City Hall.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00. The motion passed unanimously.