

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
March 3, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 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 Sergeant, Tobey McFadden, Public Works Director, Darryl Moeller, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included Darrell Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Chairperson of the Board of Adjustments, Ona Marak, Debbie Preece, Diana Mikesky, and Rodney Kalich with Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce, Paul Howard and Scott Perry with Burditt, and Elaine Hernandez.

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.

Chairperson of the Board of Adjustments, Ona Marak, presented to Council the results of a hearing held on February 24th. The hearing was in regards to a Variance from Section 5 of Chapter 14 of the Schulenburg Code of Ordinances and place a mobile home on a property that is 52' in width located at 1106 Pierce Street, Schulenburg, Texas.

Mrs. Marak informed Council that the only non-board member in attendance was the property owner. There was no opposition, and the Board approved the request 5-0.

Paul Howard with Burditt presented to Council the final findings from the Park Consultation and previewed the masterplan.

Alderman Thomas arrived at 6:35 and took his place at the Council Dais.

Mr. Howard professed to Council that community input was great with 343 surveys returned along with participation at the open house.

Mr. Howard reported that the 4 core priorities Burditt identified via high responses are listed below:

- Trails/Walkability – 55%
- Modernized Playgrounds – 54%
- Splash Pads – 44 %
- Picnic/Shaded Areas – 39%

He also noted that 62% of responders stated that a public pool was “Very Important” and 26% answered a pool is “Somewhat Important.”

Burditt projected that total capital investments for the concept drawings in the master plan are as follows:

- Wolters Park (Including the Pool) – Approximately \$9.06 Million
- Pool - Approximately \$4.16 Million
- Sports Complex - Approximately \$2.9 Million

Mr. Howard concluded his presentation by informing Council that with inflation, these prices could increase up to 6% each year.

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

- A. Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting held on February 17, 2026
- B. Payment of Current Bills
- C. Second reading of a Resolution of the City of Schulenburg, Texas, approving a project of the Schulenburg Economic Development Corporation for a loan of \$100,000, to Iron Oak Apparel. LLC.

Mayor Koopmann invited Rodney Kalich with the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce to lead discussion on a HOT Funds Request for the Sausagefest provided by the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Kalich informed Council that this year Sausagefest will have more family events and a car show. He also stated that last year, 18 area non-profits earned \$29,000. That was down with bad weather and other area competing events. However, there are no other local events scheduled this year and as long as the weather is nice, there should be a great crowd.

Mr. Kalich concluded stating that Sausagefest is requesting \$24,000 in HOT Funds. Mayor Koopmann reminded Council that they budgeted \$20,000 for Sausagefest.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to grant Sausagefest HOT Funds in the budgeted amount of \$20,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker invited City Secretary, Mason Florus, to lead discussion on the next several items related to the Election.

Florus led discussion on a notice for General Election for Municipalities – City of Schulenburg.

Florus announced to Council that this is the notice required by The Secretary of State, and lets the City meet all the requirements including the Spanish posting. Once passed, he will post on the bulletin board, City Website, and eventually the newspaper.

Alderdwoman Kleiber made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to accept the Notice of General Election. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Florus led discussion on a Contract for Election Services to be provided by the County Elections Administrators Office.

Florus explained to Council that the City has contracted with the County for years now and they run the elections. The contract is the same as in years past and pricing depends on number of voters.

Alderwoman Kleiber made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to accept the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Florus led discussion on an Agreement to Conduct Joint Elections between SISD (Schulenburg Independent School District) and the City of Schulenburg.

Florus informed Council that again it has been common practice that the City and School both contract with the County and hold a joint election for voter's convenience.

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

Florus led discussion on Changing the Regular Scheduled Meeting date of May 4th due to the period of Official Canvassing of the Election Results.

Florus explained to Council that the state mandated dates to Canvas an election are May 5th through May 13th. Florus said there is a myriad of options Council could decide. However, staff suggests that moving the May 4th meeting one day forward to Tuesday, May 5th.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to move the May 4th meeting to Tuesday, May 5th, at 6:30 in the Council Chambers. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on Setting a Date for a Special Meeting for Representatives with Crowe LLP to present the Audit for Fiscal Year 2025.

Mrs. Walker reminded Council of the new requirements of having the Audit done by March 31st. A special meeting will have to take place before that date to stay in compliance with the State. Staff suggests Tuesday, March 24th at 5:30.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to conduct a special meeting Tuesday, March 24th at 5:30 in the Council Chambers. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Resolution of Approval and Support of the City Council of the City of Schulenburg, Texas Concerning Grant Funds.

Mrs. Walker then read the Resolution for a Grant in conjunction in Operation Lone Star.

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

Mrs. Walker led discussion on a Suspension Resolution for CenterPoint Gas Rate Filing and Authorizing Membership of the City into Cities Served by CenterPoint Gas coalition and suspending the effective date of CenterPoint's proposed increase.

Mrs. Walker then read the Resolution.

Alderwoman Kleiber made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager to accept the Resolution and temporarily suspend the proposed increase. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker led discussion on selecting financing and remodeling options of the buildings of City Hall (535 N. Main) and the Police Station (607 Upton Ave.).

Mayor Koopmann professed to Council that she is of the opinion to plan for higher than lower. She echoed that these buildings won't have "gold plated ceilings" but will be aesthetically pleasing and functional.

Mrs. Walker interjected that Burditt, another consulting firm, tonight described that they are forecasting a 6% increase in price each year. The longer Council waits, the more expensive it will be.

Alderwoman Kleiber stated that she would also like to plan for higher rather than lower, adding that any excess can be put towards other projects.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ahlschlager, to fund the project via a Certificate of Obligation for up to \$14 Million with any excess funds being obligated for a wastewater treatment plant expansion and water well construction. The motion passed unanimously.

Under Mayor's Comments, Mayor Koopmann thanked Council for their decision on City Hall and the PD. She knew it was a tough decision and a big undertaking. Mayor also thanked Public Works for putting out the Flags for Presidents' Day.

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 Packets.

Mayor Koopmann asked about the piping at the Rodeo Arena. Moeller answered that that is for the fencing and chutes. This was budgeted and will be conducted with financial aid from the Festival Association.

Mayor asked about the guys jetting at Senior Connections. Moeller answered yes, there is an issue there, there is also a sewer issue on 77 on the south side. The guys are going to dig it out and fix it right so the problem doesn't persist.

Alderman Wick asked about East Ave. Moeller replied that WJC is going to tackle the waterline first, then the sewer line, and then the County is going to assist the City in chip sealing the street.

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

- City Staff is still busy working with Auditors
- Utility bills saw an increase this month. The billing cycle was from January 15th through February 15th during two freezes.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18. The motion passed unanimously.