CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
March 24, 2026

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in a Special Meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 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, Frank Wick, Roger Moellenberndt and Clarence Ahlschlager. City staff present included City Administrator, Tami Walker, Police Officer, Juan Castilleja, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included, Wade Thompson with Government Capital Securities, Allan Lawrence with Crowe LLP, Ona Marak, Erin Wotipka, Jeanine Ulrich, Eamon McCourt, Paddy Magliolo, Michael Garcia, Lisa and Craig Goodlander.

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

Mayor Koopmann invited Allan Lawrence with Crowe LLC to present to Council the Audit for Fiscal Year 2025.

Mr. Lawrence stated that the auditor's responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements while using a risk-based audit approach.

Mr. Lawernce's firm issued an unmodified opinion, which is a clean opinion. The two findings were as follows:

1. Economic Development Corporation Financial Activity Not Recorded in Accounting System
2. Ineffective Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting and Period-End Close

Mr. Lawrence said this is common in smaller cities. The only other suggestion is that the City issue a separate debt service fund.

Mayor Koopmann asked, compared to other towns, are we where we should be. Lawrence answered yes. Mayor Koopmann then asked, since the City earned a clean opinion, we are in good shape financially. Lawrence replied yes.

Mr. Lawrence concluded stating that the findings are easily correctable.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to accept the Audit for Fiscal Year 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Koopmann led discussion on a Resolution Authorizing Publication of Notice of Intention to Issue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2026 and Authorizing Certain Other Matters Relating Thereto.

Mayor Koopman announced that if members in the audience wished to speak, she would allow comment on this agenda item.

Eamon McCourt addressed Council. He stated that he is in favor of remodeling the buildings but the price of $15 Million "Concerns me." He believes that it could be done cheaper. He was on the committee to renovate St. Rose School and it cost $2.2 Million.

Paddy Magliolo said he echoed Eamon's comments and added that we are a small city that doesn't have an unlimited budget.

Jeanine Ulrich addressed Council. She said she completely supports the remodel because "Something has to be done." However, the $15 Million seems more than necessary.

Mayor Koopmann professed that she advised Council to "cushion" the amount. With the current war there is no telling what prices are going to be. We are a water well behind. The added costs were to cover drilling a new water well ($1.5 Million) and cost of issuance.

Wade Thompson of Government Capital Securities interjected that the wording is " Not to exceed $15 Million." The final cost can always be less. He added the only thing Council is voting on tonight is to post notice. The repayment on the certificates do not have to come from taxes alone. The City can used a myriad of ways to pay off the notes.

Erin Wotipka stated that people are feeling the way they're feeling because she thinks there is a lack of communication.

Alderwoman Kleiber asked what is the guarantee that if the amount was lower that citizens still wouldn't petition. She concluded stating that "We're tax payers too." Where ever there is a chance to save money, we (Council) are going to save money.

Mrs. Walker added that local contractors and vendors supplying materials will try to be used to save costs.

Alderman Wick asked the public, after what was discussed here tonight, what are y'all going to tell the people?

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to table the item until the April 6th meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:17. The motion passed unanimously.