

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
April 6, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, April 6, 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, Greg Thomas, Frank Wick III, Roger Moellenberndt, 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, Tina Bohlmann, Chairperson of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Teresa Brown with Gardenia Janssen Animal Shelter, Kim Bartos, Tiffany Reid, Erin and Ryan Wotipka, Ona Marak, Jeanine Ulrich, Paddy Magliolo, and Eamon McCourt.

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, Teresa Brown with the Gardenia Janssen Animal Shelter, addressed Council.

She began by explaining the difference between a municipal shelter and a non-profit shelter. She stated that Gardenia Janssen is a non-profit shelter. Ms. Brown claimed that the 175 dogs and cats that the shelter received last year were from the City of Schulenburg. She stated that after the shelter goes through the \$5,000 annual donation from the City, they will be forced to bill the City for each animal intake.

Under Presentations, Proclamations, and Recognitions, City Secretary, Mason Florus, announced that the owner of the property at 1014 Simpson Street didn't attend the Board of Adjustment Hearing. They will have a reschedule. As a result, there will be no report for this Council Meeting.

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 March 16, 2026
- B. Minutes from the Special Meeting held on March 24, 2026
- C. Payment of Current Bills

Mayor Koopmann invited Chairperson of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Tina Bohlmann, to present to Council on a replat of the property located at 236 St. John Road for the purpose of splitting the property.

Ms. Bohlman announced to Council that the property owner is wanting to bring in a modular home for their daughter to live. So they are splitting the property so there aren't two dwellings on

one lot. It is in the Mobile Home District, there was no opposition, and the request was passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Kleiber made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to allow the replat splitting the property. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Koopmann led discussion on the future plans and financing of City Hall (535 N. Main) and the Police Department (607 Upton Ave.).

Mayor stated that this is only a discussion item. However, anymore prolonging this will only make it more difficult so tonight is the last time to "get all of your questions out" and discuss.

Mayor thanked City Administrator, Tami Walker, for compiling a "Help Sheet" which was essentially a FAQ with supporting documentation for Council to have a condensed few pages of important information.

Mayor read from the sheet, highlighting that the City has spent \$220,448.61 so far on City Hall.

Alderman Thomas stated that he hears the concerns from the citizens and it is not to be ignored. He said his knowledge and understanding of City business has grown in the 6 years he's been on Council. He's trusted the process and is asking the citizens too as well.

Alderman Ahlschlager stated that the "voters tell us what to do." He will listen to the constituents.

Alderman Moellenberndt professed that Council listened to the citizens when they didn't want a new complex by the interstate. However, staying on Main Street will be an expensive undertaking.

Alderman Wick asked his fellow Council Members to not vote solely based on the few people that attend the meetings.

Alderwoman Kleiber said that she is ready to get something done. She said she personally called the City of Rockport and Seguin, where PGAL worked on City buildings and she heard very positive feedback. She concluded she wanted to make a decision, stick to it, and "get the ball rolling."

Mayor Koopmann thanked Council and the citizens in attendance. She then asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak.

Ryan Wotipka asked Council if they were going to hire a Construction Manager at Risk. Ms. Walker replied that talking to PGAL they were considering but that decision has not been made yet. Staff will discuss that going forward.

Paddy Magliolo professed to Council that they wished to do what the people want. He stated that he feels like the people have spoken, and they want it Downtown, but they think \$15 million is too much.

Eamon McCourt announced that last meeting his opinions were "emotionally charged." However, he did his research, he appreciates Council's leadership and will take Alderman Thomas' Advice and trust the process.

Jeanine Ulrich stated that she believes that Council was presented a low, medium, and high option that was already "padded." She's not sure why Council is taking the already inflated high option.

Erin Wotipka addressed to Council that it all boils down to Council relaying the information to the citizen. She would like to see more means of communication for this topic.

Mayor announced that the vote will take place at the next Council Meeting (April 20th).

Under Mayor's Comments, Mayor Koopmann wanted to remind everyone about Sausagefest this Saturday. She was also approached by the Fayette County branch of the America 250. They are wanting to plant 250 trees in Fayette County in honor of America's 250th birthday. She wanted Council's feedback if that would be something they were interested in.

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 asked to address Council. He stated that the information that Ms. Brown with the Gardenia Janssen Animal Shelter presented was not totally correct. Chief stated that her number was from all individuals that have a Schulenburg address. According our Animal Control Officer's numbers, the City of Schulenburg only turned over 74 animals last year.

Alderwoman Kleiber asked if there were any no truck signs on Black Street from trucks leaving Contech going back towards Highway 77. Chief and Darryl said they do not think so but they will look into it.

Alderman Wick told Darryl Moeller to thank his guys for their work on East Ave. He also wanted to thank the Water Department for going house to house and assisting flushing lines once the new watermain was online.

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

- Prepared the help sheet and gathered more information about City Hall and the PD for tonight's meeting.
- Billy Nunn was hired fulltime as our residential building inspector. We are still using BV for commercial inspections

- Glenn Polasek retired. Billy will be taking on some of his responsibilities
Alderman Ahlschlager made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11. The motion passed unanimously.