

CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
June 10, 2026

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 5:00 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, Roger Moellenberndt, and Randy Mican. City staff present included City Administrator, Tami Walker, Public Works Director, Darryl Moeller, Finance Director, Kenny Schramek, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included Marissa Anderson with CCA, Dianna Zimmermann and Armen Herzik with The Schulenburg Historical Museum, Amanda Kridel with Senior Connections, Tiffany Reid, Cindy Kloesel, Frank Rechert, Kim and Kenny Bartos with Gardenia Janssen Animal Shelter, Scott Gresham with the Schulenburg Festival Association, Diana Mikesky, Paul Zapalac, and Rodney Kalich with the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce, and Stanley Pesek with the Schulenburg Knights of Columbus.

Mayor Koopmann greeted everyone in attendance and invited individuals to come up to the podium to present for their organizations.

Marissa Anderson with Combined Community Action (CCA) addressed Council. Ms. Anderson stated that the organization is requesting \$2,500. She informed Council that their meals on wheels program served 4,608 meals to 33 older adults in Schulenburg. CCA also provided Schulenburg residents with \$67,568 in utility assistance.

Armen Herzik, President of the Schulenburg Historical Museum addressed Council. Mr. Herzik stated that the museum is requesting \$25,500 in HOT Funds. Last year, the museum saw 725 visitors. 78 of those were out of state, 23 were international, and 138 stayed overnight in Schulenburg. The additional funds would aid in creating more displays, advertising, and beginning renovations to the next-door building (The New York Store).

At 5:10, Alderman Wick entered Council Chambers and took his seat at the Dais.

Tiffany Reid with Gardenia Janssen Animal Shelter, addressed Council. She reported that in 2025, the shelter took in 1,754 animals. 175 those were from Schulenburg, and 85 were brought in by the City's Animal Control Officer.

Alderman Wick inquired if these numbers were from residents inside the City Limits. Ms. Reid answered yes. The shelter is asking for \$14,000. She claims that the expenses in 2025 resulted in \$804,620, about \$459 per animal.

Scotty Gresham with the Schulenburg Festival Association addressed Council. He stated that the Festival is again asking for \$60,000. He cited that they are not asking for more money than last year because they obtained more sponsorships for the 2026 Festival.

Diana Mikesky with the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce addressed Council. She stated that the Chamber is requesting \$105,388 in HOT Funds and the Sausagefest is requesting \$27,775.

Mayor Koopmann asked how much the City allotted last year. Ms. Walker replied the City bestowed \$80,000 for the Chamber and \$20,000 for Sausagefest.

Ms. Mikesky stated to Council that the increase was due to increase in advertising prices. She showed Council examples of murals that the Chamber wants painted on a building here in town, and also discussed a potential partnership with the Schulenburg EDC about signs similar to ones in Hallettsville that point to local points of interest.

Amanda Kridel with Senior Connections addressed Council. She thanked the City for everything they've already contributed. She passed out renderings of the new building. She stated that the building will have a commercial kitchen and be available for rent, bringing back to life a building on Main Street for the community to utilize, not just Senior Connections.

Stanley Pesek with the Schulenburg Knights of Columbus addressed Council. He is requesting \$8,700 in HOT Funds for the Schulenburg Festival Softball Tournament. Mr. Pesek stated that the Knights are asking for \$8,700 but with field rentals and hiring SPD for security, most of the money comes back to the City.

Mr. Pesek reported there will be 10 co-ed teams Friday and about 16 men's and 16 women's teams slated to play Saturday. The money raised with the tournament will be donated to St. Rose School's Athletic Program.

Scotty Gresham with the Schulenburg Festival Association returned to the podium. He passed he was now speaking for the Festival on behalf of the Rodeo Arena. Mr. Gresham passed out plans for the new Rodeo Arena which would be all new fences, chutes, and running allies for barrel racing. The main arena will be condensed to meet more modern rodeo standards as the original arena was constructed in the 1960s. The total costs will be \$320,000.

The Festival is asking for the City to partner on supplying \$50,000 for a metal cover to be over the south pens to give shade to the animals.

Mr. Gresham concluded that the demolition of the old fencing and chutes will begin the week after this year's Festival.

Mayor Koopmann thanked all the organizations' representatives for attending the meeting.

Mayor turned her attention to capital projects for the City. She asked what major projects and equipment the City is looking for.

Ms. Walker interjected that this year with the renovation to City Hall being a major undertaking, the City is looking at more of a “bare bones” budget. She added that the past few years the City balanced the budget with reserves. She does not want to do that this year.

Public Works Director, Darryl Moller, listed the following projects and equipment to consider:

- Waterline on 77 from East Ave. going east
- Sewerline from Herder to 77
- Sewerline on East Ave. going into the trailer park with about 18 connections
- Herder St. street rehab from 90 to the railroad tracks
- Babylon expansion (at least the engineering)
- Water well
- Two compactors for DFA
- Digger truck

Alderman Mican inquired about the burring of the limbs at the Leaf and Limb Site. Mrs. Walker said she followed up with the City of Weimar and Moulton. Weimar gets permission from TCEQ and Moulton is on private property.

Alderman Mican suggested burning once a month and or moving the pile to the High Hill Yard. Moeller said he'll look into it and ask TxDOT if they can burn in High Hill since the yard is right next to the Interstate.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to adjourn the workshop at 7:24. The motion passed unanimously.